

WELCOME TO

We honor you...if it's your first visit or you have been here on several occasions. We believe you are a gift from God and strive to provide:

- A warm welcome
- Biblical teaching
- Uplifting music

Know that we are here to help you know *Jesus better!*



MOTHER'S DAY

Join us as we
honor our ladies at JCC on
Sunday, May 12!



**MARCH FOR
JESUS**

**THANK YOU
JESUS**

MAY 18, 2024 @ 10 AM

FATHER'S DAY JUNE 16

Dedication: Serious about living out a role as a father figure for family, for those that may not have a father or have lost one.



POWER TODAY



May 5 » The Promise of Power
 May 12 » Mother's Day
 May 19 » Tongues, Fire, and Wind
 May 26 » Everybody Needs This

Prayer REQUESTS

▶ SALVATION

- Walter Miner III Gearen Family Tom M. Stein Family
 Ryan K. Tyler M. Mandy W. Dave. O

▶ HEALTH ISSUES

- Art B. » Health Issues Yalda Samano » Cancer
 Armando » Back Issues Walter Miner III. » Health Issues
 Mandy W. » Cancer Zach D. » Sobriety
 Merle » Health Issues Paitn » Return to God
 Carlos V. » Health Issues Meztzi » Return to God
 Angie & Family » Life Issues Jeffrey » Healing
 Bob A. Healing/Kidney Ivy » Healing
 Camilia S. » Cancer/Leg Angela A. » Healing
 Robert G. » Health Issues
 Kevin K. » Health Issues
 Lucille S. » Health Issues
 Augustin A. » Sobriety



METRICS THAT MATTER (05/05/24)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 37 GIVING ▶ \$3,098 GUESTS ▶ 0
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 14 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

MOTHER'S DAY

Why We Need More Godmothers

Generational Labels are TOXIC to the Christian Faith

What is the definition of a GAP? – a break or space in an object or between two objects. An unfilled space or interval; a break in continuity.

- a. A break or opening; as in a fence or wall, or military line; breach.
- b. In relationships – the difference between the current and desired states of influence and support.
- c. In the Bible – someone to stand in the “gap”. God was giving the opportunity for repentance.
- d. A gap describes the difference or distance between the way things are and the way they should be, which is why we are so important to each other. The gaps we have in our faith, relationships, careers, marriages, and even parenting were designed to be filled by each other.

Godmothers or Spiritual Mothers are meant to fill in the gaps.

Not a new concept...

Originated in the first century church during heavy persecution – **Godparents** acted as spiritual gatekeepers and guides.

- a. A person or persons who presents a child at baptism and promises to take responsibility for their religious education.
- a. Not always a religious thing, especially today, but they still act as a role model emotionally, practically and spiritually.

Godmothers are fierce protectors – **Hosea 13:8** =
Like a bear robbed of her cubs, I will attack them
and rip them open.

a. Godly mothers protect and fight for their
children. This is still needed.

*Spiritual mothers believe the best of their daughters
while knowing they will need help to get there – speaking
life, strength and course correction to see it happen. You
don't have to be “old” to be a Godmother – you only have
to be more spiritually mature. This requires wisdom.*

Wisdom

– comprehensive knowledge that is put into
practice (working knowledge – walking through).

5 “Wise Gal” (and Guys) Points in being a Godparent

- 1** Wisdom **Starts** with the **FEAR** of the **LORD**. – Psalm 111:10
- 2** Wisdom comes from **Discipline** and **Education**.
– Proverbs 29:15; Ecclesiastes 7:25
- 3** Wisdom comes from **LISTENING** to the **WISE**.
– Proverbs 4:1, 5-7
- 4** Wisdom helps us lead a **Christian lifestyle**.
– Proverbs 2: 20-21
- 5** Wisdom **saves us** from **acting out in evil** ways.
– Proverbs 2: 10 – 15

*Let go of generational titles and differences so
that we can embrace (together) the divine wisdom that
comes from CHRIST ALONE!*

God is calling you to “adopt” – answer the call!

Women's Bible Study Journaling the Word



It's fun – It's Bible Study!

You are invited to a once-a-month Bible Journal Class at my house on the **THIRD THURSDAY** each month, February-May. Each session would consist of a study topic, discussion, prayer, and time for creative journaling... ultimately you choose your journal as you please—then continue to add to your journal through the week. (*Sharing what you have done is optional.*)

Session

Prayer & Sharing 10 minutes

Topical study 10-15 minutes

Discussion 5-10 minutes

Journal work 25-30 minutes



If interested, please sign up on the clipboard in the vestibule and indicate whether evening or daytime would work best for you: **Thursday 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.**

Blessings,

Pastor Phylis



MARCH FOR JESUS

2024 THEME:

THANK YOU JESUS

MAY 18, 2024 @ 10 AM

Power Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Celebrate the Lordship of Jesus Christ with a procession of praise through the streets of our city as we join together with like-minded believers.

***Shuttle bus available for those who cannot walk**

***Promotional merchandise available**

***Time of fellowship, evangelism, and prayer after the march**



For information, visit www.elginareamarchforjesus.com



The music playlist can be found at: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/OP3JkENLmBdugJChPR6zYJ?si=84c4fe7d6ba4871>

Please sign up with Deborah Perez by May 8 th

DO THE *Next Thing*

From an old English parsonage down by the sea
There came in the twilight a message to me; Its
quaint Saxon legend, deeply engraven, Hath, it
seems to me, teaching from Heaven. And on
through the doors the quiet words ring Like a low
inspiration:

DO THE *Next Thing*

Many a questioning, many a fear, Many a doubt,
hath its quieting here. Moment by moment, let
down from Heaven, Time, opportunity, and
guidance are given. Fear not tomorrows, child of
the King, Trust them with Jesus, do the next thing

Do it immediately, do it with prayer;

Do it reliantly, casting all care;

*Do it with reverence, tracing His hand Who placed it
before thee with earnest command. Stayed on*

*Omnipotence, safe 'neath His wing, Leave all results,
do the next thing*

Looking for Jesus, ever serener, Working or
suffering, be thy demeanor; In His dear
presence, the rest of His calm, The light of
His countenance be thy psalm, Strong in His
faithfulness, praise and sing.

STAR FORCE • ACADEMY •

A Five-Week VBS Session

JUNE 27 — AUGUST 2

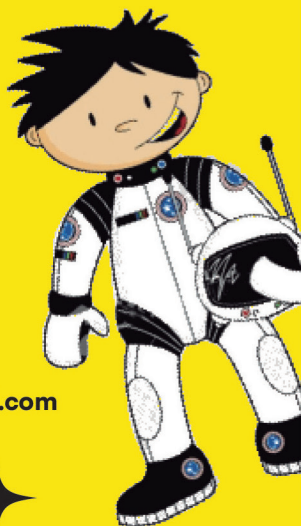
**Every Thursday from
10:00-2:00**

(there won't be class on July 4)

**For Pre-school through
6th grade**

**Kid's experience & live out
God's word. Amazing
resources & endless flexibility.
Rocking music!
MOST IMPORTANTLY: JESUS**

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CELEBRATE RECOVERY



Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered ministry for everyone! At any given time in life, we may struggle with a hurt, a habit, or some type of a hang-up. The majority of attendees struggle with life's issues which may include but are not limited to, anger, loneliness, broken relationships, a general sense that something is wrong, divorce, loss of loved one, loss of a job, issues that are symptoms of being an adult child.

In addition, obsessive thoughts and compulsive behaviors, alcohol, drug, and sex addiction, love and relationship issues as well as codependency may be addressed and effectively dealt with in an environment of love, acceptance, and total anonymity. The kingdom of God requires us to come together to work through our issues so that we may become full of Christ's love and live in freedom from these binding issues.

Celebrate Recovery is based on the beatitudes and twelve steps. It consists of a small group gathering. Participants will receive a booklet for the studies.

Instructor:
Deb Perez
Orientation
Thursday, May 9
7:00 p.m.

