

CONGRATULATIONS!

Keri Wozniak has auditioned and has been selected to join the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra to play the bassoon. Way to go Keri!



INDEPENDENCE DAY / JULY 4
THANK GOD FOR OUR FREEDOM!

Ladies' Breakaway

— Sun, July 10 —
(FOLLOWING THE SERVICE)

CHRIS TOMLIN PRESENTS
WORSHIP NIGHT
IN AMERICA

SAT, JULY 16
SEARS CENTRE ARENA

BIBLE STUDY (OFF CAMPUS)



If you are interested in attending the Bible Study at Kimberly's, please contact her. There are four sessions in July: July 07; 14; 21; and 28—all are Thursday evenings.

CONNECTION CARD Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card in order to "MEASURE" our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.



You've Got What it Takes...

Jul 03 » To Get Through This
 Jul 10 » To Do Something Great
 Jul 17 » To Hear From God
 Jul 24 » To Take Your Next Step
 Jul 31 » Guest Speaker

PRAYER REQUESTS

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| Breanna V. | ▶ Health Issues |
| Lily M. | ▶ Dementia |
| Anabelle G. | ▶ Lung Cancer |
| Noe F. | ▶ Health Issues |
| Elizabeth S. | ▶ Health Issues |
| Kenny D. | ▶ Neurological Damage |
| Trevor W. | ▶ Deployed to Afghanistan |
| Danny L. | ▶ Peace Corps Assignment |
| Ralph H. | ▶ Fluid in the brain |
| Moe M. | ▶ Lung Cancer |
| Ruth S. | ▶ Undiagnosed Health Issues |
| Mary H. | ▶ Mobility Issues |
| Suzie S. | ▶ Health Issues |
| Peggy H. | ▶ Rheumatoid Arthritis |
| Lotz Family | ▶ Grief/Loss of Parents |
| Barb D. | ▶ Bone Cancer |
| Phyllis L. | ▶ Health Issues |
| Donald S. | ▶ Addictions |
| Wes. S. | ▶ Post-Surgical Healing |
| Kevin K. | ▶ Post-surgical healing |
| Jennifer M. | ▶ Health Issues |
| McKenzie Z. | ▶ Acute Leukemia |
| Persecuted Christians | ▶ Hostilities/Suffering |

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If my sinfulness appears to me in any way smaller or less detestable in comparison with the sins of others, I am still not recognizing my sinfulness at all."—**Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

06/26/16

METRICS
THAT MATTER

42

ATTENDANCE

\$1,286

GIVING

5

GUESTS

10

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

**You've Got
What it Takes...**

TO GET THROUGH THIS

BACKGROUND In I Kings Chapter 17, we find a widow woman, a single mother, who was raising her son in immense poverty. She's at the end of her rope and she finds herself losing hope in the middle of a drought. Israel has turned her back on God: King Ahab and Queen Jezebel have replaced the only true God with idol gods. So God has sent a drought on the land, a drought so severe that brooks even dried up, plants withered away, soil became eroded, and the sun's dry heat made it almost impossible to walk.



THE BROOK HAS DRIED UP WHEN...

- There is an absence of godly leadership for our nation.
- Evil is being called good.
- Our police officers are being targeted for doing their job.
- Philadelphia closes 23 schools; spends \$400 million for a new prison.
- Not a week goes by without murders/mayhem on the streets of Chicago.

**I've got news for you JCC—even in the
middle of a drought God will still send somebody
your way, right in the nick of time.**

THE WIDOW OF ZARAPHETH



- Gentile woman gathering sticks at the gate preparing to die because she thought the drought would consume her and her son.
- God sent a prophet her way to tell her she's got what it takes to get through the drought!
- I know...the brooks have dried up, but God has sent me to tell you: "You've got what it takes to make it through!"
- Even in the drought your life can make a difference.
- You can make a difference in your school or school system.
- You can write a book and help someone with depression because the plot is already in your head.

Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son." *1 Kings 17:13*



- Don't look down on what you have to work with.
- God can make a lot with our "little".
- We have always been a people that can do much with so little!
- What you need to deal with the **drought is already in the house!**
- All you have to do is bake it. Put some pressure on it. Add a little water. A little heat.



GOD'S PROMISE



For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: "The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land." *1 Kings 17:14*



- God promises provision to back up His promise.
- She respects tradition; she is not stuck on traditionalism.
- She does not judge Elijah on his appearance.
- You serve a living God that has a proven track record.
- You may have "dry brooks" in your life, but if you put God to the test, surely rain will fall.

• I came to tell you...
"You've got what it takes!"





1 KINGS 17:8-16



⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him: ⁹ “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” ¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” ¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.” ¹² “As surely as the Lord your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.” ¹³ Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son.” ¹⁴ For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: “The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.” ¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah. *1 Kings 17:8-16*