

Ladies' Breakaway

— Sun, July 10 —

(FOLLOWING THE SERVICE)

JCC PHONE DIRECTORY

There will be two versions of the directory—an electronic version which will be mailed to your email address (if you have supplied us with one), as well as a printed version which you can obtain from our ushers. Our Thanks to Kimberly Lancaster and Adrián Pérez for doing a great job on this!



CHRIS TOMLIN PRESENTS WORSHIP NIGHT IN AMERICA

SAT, JULY 16
SEARS CENTRE ARENA

★ YOU ARE INVITED ★

BBQ & BIBLE STUDY

Tues, July 19 (at the Huerta's)

BBQ - 6:30 P.M.
BIBLE STUDY
7:30 P.M.



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: 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

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

"We need to have faith in what the Bible says, but we have to be careful that we aren't trying to force God to do what we want. That is arrogance rather than humility. God loves us, but we cannot demand things of him as though our faith is in charge rather than God." —Eric Metaxas

07/03/16

METRICS
THAT MATTER

35

ATTENDANCE

\$2,178

GIVING

2

GUESTS

10

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

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

TO DO SOMETHING GREAT

¹¹ The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. ¹² When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior." *Judges 6:11-12*

God didn't call us to hide—he called us to thrive!

AN ANGEL VISITS GIDEON



- Israel is in disarray. Gideon is among a nation who has stopped moving forward.
- The ongoing incursions by Midian have intimidated the people of God.
- Israel lives in an environment of fear and hopelessness. They need a turnaround.
- An angel comes to seek Gideon out—to give him God's perspective. He gives Gideon a new name: Jerubbaal which means, Baal fighter.
- Gideon has a new identity. It was there all the time, but now it is being brought out in the open.



GIDEON'S RESPONSE

"Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian." *Judges 6:13*

"Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." *Judges 6:15*



- Gideon tells God what he doesn't have.
- We need to thank God for what we do have.

////// WALKING WITH JESUS MEANS HOLDING YOUR POSITION

²⁵ That same night the LORD said to him, “Take the second bull from your father’s herd, the one seven years old. Tear down your father’s altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. ²⁶ Then build a proper kind of altar to the LORD your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second bull as a burnt offering.” ²⁷ So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the LORD told him. But because he was afraid of his family and the townspeople, he did it at night rather than in the daytime.

————— *Judges 6:25-27* —————



- Gideon is told by God to take two bulls to the site of the stronghold.
- He is instructed to tear down the altar of Baal and cut the Asherah beside it. He was to sacrifice to God on top of the stronghold.
- He was told to use the wood from the idols to burn the burnt offering.
- Gideon is told to use the same wood that was used to build idols to burn the bull sacrifice.
- Gideon’s step-by- step obedience moves him from fear to fearlessness.

⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, ⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

————— *2 Corinthians 12:5-10* —————

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This covers all of the topics that were covered before by our Home Bible Studies. It can easily be taught in twelve sessions.

**FEED MY
STARVING
CHILDREN**



Are you interested in making a difference?
Would you be willing to invest your time to
prepare meals for undernourished children?

Spots go fast, so it's important to secure
your place as soon as possible.

A SERVE EVENT

TUESDAY, JULY 26

8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

at the Feed My Children Facility
1072 National Parkway, Schaumburg

SIGN UP WITH EMMA...