

Ladies' Tea Party



SUNDAY
JULY 29
(FOLLOWING THE SERVICE)



MEN'S NIGHT OUT

TUE 07/31

Bowling Event – 7:00 p.m.
@ Elgin Bowling Lanes

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

TUE 07/31

Anna Shea – 7:00 p.m.
@ South Barrington

Join us for a *Celebration of Days* (un-birthday bash)
NO MORE DECADES

25,449 days

For Phylis Danlap-Huerta

Save the Date
08/04/18 - 3:00-7:00 p.m.
@ 677 Luda St. Elgin IL

GET WELL WISHES

Kim Wozniak
had outpatient knee
surgery.

GET WELL WISHES

Barb Smith – admitted to
Sherman Hospital for general
health and kidney issues.

NEXT SUNDAY

Mark your calendar for
Stan Scism
Missionary, author, teacher

Stan Scism
Guest Speaker

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.

PSALM 23

GOD IS...

SHEPHERD | RESTORER | GUIDE | HEALER | FUTURE

Jul 01 » Shepherd
 Jul 08 » Restorer
 Jul 15 » Guide
 Jul 22 » Healer
 Jul 29 » Future

PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benjamin G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tommy F. ▶ Healing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barb S. ▶ Achilles tendon	<input type="checkbox"/>

▶ URGENT PRAYER

Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Z. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barb G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave ▶ Weak Heart	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ken R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brad H. ▶ Post-op Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maria C. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barb S. ▶ Kidney Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kim W. ▶ Post-op Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“What Christ does when He ransoms us is He redeems our darkest moments for His purposes and snatches it out of the hand of the enemy so that shame gives way for the glory of God.” —Matt Chandler

METRICS THAT MATTER (07/22/18)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 26 GIVING ▶ \$266 GUESTS ▶ 1
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

GOD IS...

MY SHEPHERD | RESTORER | GUIDE | HEALER | FUTURE

GOD IS MY FUTURE

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23:6

David knew God as a *shepherd*, as a *restorer*, as a *guide*, as a *healer*, and as the *God of his tomorrows*.

He is confident of his future.

He has experienced God at so many levels that he is convinced that the best is yet to come. *The story of Abraham shows us that we can trust God with our tomorrows.*

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. *Genesis 12:1*

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. *Heb. 11:8*

"Give me your tomorrows. *Live the rest of your life putting your future into my hands, one day at a time. Commit your life to a promise: I will bless you, guide you and lead you to a place that you never imagined."*

Abraham is a **PATTERN MAN**

He is an example or model for us to "pattern" after. We are to live our lives patterned after him. He is known as the Father of Faith.

The apostle Paul tells us that all who believe and trust in Christ are the children of Abraham.

³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. *Matthew 6:31-34*

Only God Can Redeem **YOUR YESTERDAYS**

“I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.” *Isaiah 43:25*

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace. *Ephesians 1:7*

¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. *Col. 1:13-14*

We gladly give all our yesterdays to the Lord, turning over to him our past sins. We trust him for forgiveness of all our past failures, doubts and fears. So, why don't we do the same with our tomorrows?

Only God Can Secure **YOUR TOMORROWS**

The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

Isaiah 58:11

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

Psalms 32:8

Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.

Proverbs 3:5-6 MSG

All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

Psalms 25:10

Highlights of **ABRAHAM'S LIFE**

1. He was born and raised in Ur of the Chaldees, a city located in the land of Mesopotamia
Gen. 11:27-29; Acts 7:2-4
2. Prior to his conversion, Abram was a worshiper of idols *Josh. 24:2* God appeared to him, and Abram became a believer *Acts 7:2*
3. He was commanded by God to leave Mesopotamia for a new land that God had promised to show him at age 75. *Gen. 12:1; Acts 7:3*
4. He receives a seven-fold promise from God *Gen. 12:2-3*
5. He arrives in Canaan, is promised the land by God, and builds an altar at Bethel *Gen. 12:5-9*
6. He goes to Egypt during a famine in Canaan, and lies about his wife Sarai. *Gen. 12:10-20*
7. He returns to Bethel and again worships God *Gen. 13:4*
8. He separates from his nephew Lot after an argument over land grazing rights *Gen. 13:5-13*
9. God again promises to give him the land of Canaan *Gen. 13:14-17*
10. He moves to Hebron and builds an altar to God *Gen. 13:18*
11. He is promised a son and to become the father of a great nation *Gen. 15:1-5*
12. He believes God and is declared righteous due to his faith *Gen. 15:6*

13. He enters into a blood covenant with God

Gen. 15:7-11

14. In a dream God reveals to him that his descendants would serve in a foreign land for 400 years, but then depart with great substance *Gen. 15:12-17*

15. He is now given the boundaries of the land.

Gen. 15:18-21

16. At the advice of his barren wife Sarai, he marries Hagar, her Egyptian handmaid with the hope that he could father a son through her *Gen. 16:1-3*

17. Soon after conception, and following an argument, Hagar is sent to the desert by an angry Sarai.

Gen. 16:4-6

18. God appears to Abram when he was 99 years old and changes his name to Abraham *Gen. 17:1-5*

19. He again is promised both seed and soil.

Gen. 17:6-8

20. Abraham is visited by the Lord and two angels, who again reassure him of Isaac's birth, now to occur in less than a year *Gen. 18:1-15*

21. He moves to Philistia and, as he had once done in Egypt, lies about his wife *Gen. 20:1-2*

22. Isaac is born when Abraham was 100 years old *Gen. 21:1-8*

23. He offers up Isaac on Mt. Moriah at God's command *Gen. 22:1-10*

24. He is ordered to kill a ram in place of Isaac. *Gen. 22:11-13*

25. He calls the name of that place Jehovah-jireh *Gen. 22:14*

26. The Abrahamic Covenant is now reconfirmed. *Gen. 22:15-19*



RESPONDING TO AN APPEAL FOR HELP

Dear Friends,

Michael Cole, Pastor of *The Worship Center* in Dixon informed me this week that they are facing a serious financial challenge as they approach August. They are two months behind on their church mortgage due to the loss of several key donors in their congregation.

Pastors Cole have been a great resource for JCC through the years. They have enriched us with the Word of God, the prophetic word, and the word of faith. In this their time of need, it is only fitting that we respond to their appeal with a resounding “Yes”.

This morning there will be an additional basket to receive our special offering for *The Worship Center*. Give as you are able to. It will work a miracle at both ends—the giving end and the receiving end. The receivers will be amazed at what Jesus can do with “two loaves” and “five fish”. It will literally feed a multitude. In this case, it will bring them current on their mortgage payments.

Thank you | FOR RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PROMPTING ON THIS!

BOB HUERTA, LEAD PASTOR
