

THE NEXT STEP?

Is *The Purple Book* the next step for you?

From students and scholars to parents,

kids, rock stars, and professional athletes, people all over the world are doing *The Purple Book*. It is designed to help new believers and longtime followers of Jesus stand firm and grow strong in the Christian life.



GUEST SPEAKER

N E H E M I A H

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21



NEHEMIAH

Invite your family and friends!

GOOD NEWS!

Jennifer Marconi continues to make

better-than-expected strides in her recovery. Doctors are telling her that calcium is reaching the bones at a faster rate than they anticipated and her recovery is on track!

T H A T I S A 2 1 S T C E N T U R Y M I R A C L E !

UNDERWENT SURGERY

Mary Sharp underwent back surgery at Midwest Orthopedics in Sycamore on Friday. Continue to pray for her recovery that God would bring her through this critical time.



BIBLE STUDY (OFF CAMPUS)



If you are interested in attending the **Bible Study at Kimberly's**, please contact her. **The last session of August will be on 25—Thursday evening.**

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.



3 Things I Wish You Knew About God

AUGUST TEACHING SERIES

Aug 07 » He Is Not Mad at You
 Aug 14 » He is an Anchor for our Lives
 Aug 21 » Guest Speaker: Nehemiah Heckler
 Aug 28 » He Wants to Bless You

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
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
Paul S.	▶ Health Issues
Barb S.	▶ Health Issues
Jennifer M.	▶ Health Issues
McKenzie Z.	▶ Acute Leukemia
Olvera Family	▶ Grief
Persecuted Christians	▶ Hostilities/Suffering

QUOTE OF THE WEEK "If you succeed at loving imperfect people, then it becomes plausible that somebody could love imperfect you." -T.D. Jakes

08/07/16

METRICS THAT MATTER

31 ATTENDANCE \$605 GIVING

3 GUESTS 10 VOLUNTEERS

0 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

¹⁷ Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. ¹⁸ **God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged.** ¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, ²⁰ where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek. *Hebrews 6:17-20*

Two Unchangeable Things

The Word of His Promise

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” ⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” *Genesis 15:4-5*

¹ What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ² If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³ What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” *Romans 4:1-3*

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. *2 Corinthians 1:20*

**God fulfilled his Word,
like He always does, but to
give Abraham’s heirs assurance,
He also gave them an oath.**

The Oath / Above-and-Beyond Encouragement

People swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. *Hebrews 6:16*

Why both a **promise** as well as an **oath**?

— Because of storms that come —

- **1 The storm of temptation**
1 Corinthians 10:13
- **2 The storm of anxiety**
Isaiah 40:10
- **3 The storm of difficult trials**
2 Corinthians 4:17
- **4 The storm of defeat**
Luke 22:32
- **5 The storm of termination**
Romans 14:8

- God knew there would be “promise” fatigue.
- Generations removed from the original promise would lose hope and begin to doubt.
- God knew that in difficult trials people would become weary.
- God expected that in painful times people would lose heart.
- He not only gave us a promise, but He gave us an oath as well.

⁴ Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; ⁶ in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love;

2 Corinthians 6:4-6

“None of these things move me...”

Acts 20:24