

SUNDAY 08/14/16

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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 EHE



SUNDAY, AUGUST Invite your family and friends!

GOOD NEWS!

Jennifer Marconi continues to make

better-than- exptected 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!

MIRACLE! CENTUR

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.

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

Jonah RODINGTON CARD 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.

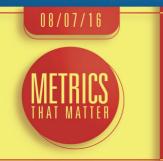


AUGUST TEACHING SERIES

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

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	Breanna V.	Health Issues
	Lily M.	▶ Dementia
(A)	Anabelle G.	▶ Lung Cancer
	Noe F.	▶ Health Issues
	Elizabeth S.	► Health Issues
	Kenny D.	▶ Neurological Damage
	Trevor W.	▶ Deployed to Afghanistan
GE	Danny L.	▶ Peace Corps Assignment
A STATE OF	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 "If you succeed at loving imperfect people, then it becomes THE WEEK plausible that somebody could love imperfect you." -T.D. Jakes



31 ATTENDANCE \$605 GIVING



DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

Things I Wish You Knew About God

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

⁴Then 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." ⁵He 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." *Génesis 15:4-5*

¹What 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
- The storm of anxiety *Isaiah 40:10*
 - **3** The storm of difficult trials 2 Corinthians 4:17
 - 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.

⁴Rather, 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