

HUGE THANKS...

The Summer Calendar has been filled with service, fellowship, service and growth opportunities. Thank you for your faithful participation at: Feed My Starving Children, REGROUP, Testimony Night, Praise & Worship Night, Ladies' Tea Party...

GRAPPLE
EVENT

**TREASURE
HUNT** SUNDAY
AUGUST 19
Following The Service



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

**BOOK OF
JAMES**

A SIX-WEEK IN-DEPTH STUDY

CLASSES BEGIN ON
TUE, SEPT 11 @ 7:00 PM

Mercy Community Church / Streamwood



20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Hosted by Pastors Auldon/Olieth Lightbourne

— Guest Speaker: Terry Black —

09/08 SAT 6:00 PM - Service: 780 S. Bartlett Road

09/09 SUN 12:30 PM - Service: 780 S. Bartlett Road

09/09 SUN 6-9 PM - Banquet: Stonegate Centre
2401 W. Higgins Road

mercyclcommunitychurch.com Hoffman Estates (Tickets \$60 each)

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.



THIS IS HOW I FIGHT MY BATTLES

- Aug 05 » Guest Speaker:
Stan Scism
- Aug 12 » 7 Words that Will
Change Your Worship
- Aug 19 » Surround Sound
– Praise
- Aug 26 » Surround Outcome
– Victory

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The devil is not terribly frightened of our human efforts and credentials. But he knows his kingdom will be damaged when we begin to lift our hearts to God.” —Jim Cymbala

METRICS THAT MATTER (08/12/18)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 34 GIVING ▶ \$756⁵⁷ GUESTS ▶ 1
VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

THIS IS HOW I FIGHT MY BATTLES

Surround Sound – Praise 2 Chronicles 20:1-26

THE BACKSTORY

These verses relate a story in which there was the real possibility that Israel would face extinction. Jehoshaphat feared as he realized the multitude had gathered against them. It appeared that the enemy marching on them would surely destroy them.

- Jehoshaphat was afraid.
- 2 Chronicles 20:3 tells us that when Jehoshaphat became afraid, he “turned his attention to the Lord” and prayed.

• **What makes the difference is what the person does in the face of fear.**

Sometimes God allows impossible problems into our lives in order to move us to a place of surrender.

JEHOSHAPHAT'S Response

- Jehoshaphat sought the Lord with a fast.
- His earnest prayer led to a word from the Lord via the Holy Spirit who spoke it to Jahaziel, who in turn spoke encouragement to the people as a prophet.

- 1 Fear not.
- 2 The battle is the Lord's.
- 3 Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.
- 4 TOMORROW...watch the Lord move.

The problem led to prayer which brought prophetic hope.



Jehoshaphat **DEFINES THE ISSUE**

- He recognized that the problem wasn't the forces coming at them, but the spiritual forces behind the troops.
- He took a spiritual approach to a spiritual problem. The people came together confronting a **physical reality** with a **spiritual dynamic**.

Expressions of PRAISE

¹⁸ And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground; the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the Lord, worshipping the Lord.



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¹⁹ Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with voices loud and high.



NAFAL



SHACHAH

²¹ And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise, the Lord, For His mercy endures forever.



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SHABACH

2 Chronicles 20:18-19; 21

THE CRAZIEST WAR TACTIC

- Surround Sound

- Singers selected to be the "attacking" force.
- God used the weapon of praise to diminish the opposing armies.
- Praise is not limited to the physical realm. Praise works across the physical and penetrates spiritual strongholds.

Some battles are not for us to fight, but rather we are to stand firm and let the Lord fight our battles.

⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, ⁶ and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled. *2 Corinthians 10:4-6*

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A SIX WEEK ENGAGING AND COMPELLING BIBLE STUDY THAT ZEROES IN ON PRACTICAL ACTION IN THE LIFE OF FAITH. IT LOOKS LIKE THE BOOK OF PROVERBS DRESSED UP IN NEW TESTAMENT CLOTHES.

BOOK OF JAMES

TUE 09/11	The Test of Trials	James 1:1-27
TUE 09/18	The Test of Favoritism	James 2:1-13
TUE 09/25	The Test of Good Works	James 2:14-26
TUE 10/09	The Test of Speech	James 3:1-12
TUE 10/16	The Test of Relationships	James 3:13-5:6
TUE 10/23	The Test of Prayer	James 5:7-20