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### REOPENING

JCC now has in-person gatherings: Sunday 10:00 am JCC has live streaming: Sunday 10:15 am JCC Prayer Event: Wednesday @ 6:30 pm



### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

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Bonnie Taylor The Memorial Service for Bonnie Taylor has been scheduled for Saturday, August 29 at 1:00 PM at Jubilee Christian Centre.



### **BOXED LUNCHES**

A luncheon is planned following the Memorial Service. To ensure an accurate count for the luncheon, please contact Phylis by phone, text, or Facebook by Thursday, August 20, to let her know how many boxed lunches you will need.

Thank you for providing this information in a timely manner!

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### LUNCHEON

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A luncheon will be served following the Memorial Service. It will take place under the tent that will be adjacent to the patio at the Huerta's.

# WITE714

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### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

SALVATION

		Stein Family
Jason G. Ray	H. Gearen Fa	mily Kirk Aricioglu
Brian H. Kar	en W. Rick L.	Dave S.
Benjamin G. Che	eyenne W. Hike F.	Bato R.
Ryan K. Tyl	er M. Tom M.	
HEALTH ISSUES		
Suzie S. » Health Issues	Don H. » Health Issues	Larry C. » Stroke
Kenny D. » Nuerological	Tommy P. » Anxiety	Erik P. » Health Issues
Shirley K. » Health Issues	Noe F. » Health Issues	John V. » Health Issues
Sam H. » Cardiac Issues	Shirley P. » Neuropathy	Herlinda R. » Health Issues
Ruth H. » Health Issues	Becky J. » Cancer	
Phyllis L. » Health Issues	Addison G. » Fibrosis	
Jean G. » Health Issues	Macario A. » Kidney Failure	
Michael D. » MS	Robert G. » COVID-19	
Craig B. » Leukemia	Rob R. » COVID-19	
Art B. » Health Issues	Barb S. » Health Issues	

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"If you're looking for an excuse, you'll always find one.

If you're looking for an opportunity, you'll always find one."

—Mark Batterson

METRICS THAT MATTER (08/16/20)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 31 GIVING ▶ \$542 GUESTS ▶ 1 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 12 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

# WINNING IN THE DARK

Gideon was an average Israelite, terrorized by a nomadic enemy (the Midianites), who, like grasshoppers, destroyed the resources of the nations they subdued. The account of Gideon opens in Judges Chapter six with Gideon hiding while threshing his wheat. There was no valor or courage in his life at this time. He trembled as a coward in hopes of not being noticed by the enemy. Gideon was **fear-driven**.

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- The Angel of the Lord calls out Gideon to be a deliverer for his people.
- · He sees himself as weak and incapable.
- The Angel of the Lord gave him prophetic words that he would be a great warrior and would destroy Midian.
- He offers a sacrifice.
   The sacrifice is consumed by fire.
- · He is intrigued.



### STRONGHOLDS TOPPLED /



That night the Lord said to him, "Take your father's bull, and the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it and build an altar to the Lord your God on the top of the stronghold here, with stones laid in due order. Then take the second bull and offer it as a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down." Judges 6:25-26

### HOW DO YOU WIN IN THE DARK?



Together with his servants, Gideon destroys the Baal worship center on his father's property.



He offers up the second bull as a proper sacrifice to the Lord.

#### **^**∕ THE MIDIANITE THREAT

The Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon. He summoned warriors to gather to confront the Midianites. He asks for signs.

- · The sign of dew on the fleece/dry ground.
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- · God then pares the number of warriors from 32,000 to 300.
- · All who are afraid were dismissed—10,000.
- · God insists on further paring—a drinking test.
- · Gideon is left with 300 men.





And the Lord said to Gideon, "With the 300 men who lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hand, and let all the others go every man to his home." Judges 7:7

### DEFEATING THE MIDIANITES

That same night the Lord said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, for I have given it into your hand. But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant. And you shall hear what they say, and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp. Judges 7:9-11

## - HOW DO YOU WIN IN THE DARK?

They were given uncommon weapons:

### - A TRUMPET - A WATER PITCHER - A LAMP

When they blew the 300 trumpets, the Lord set every man's sword against his comrade and against all the army. And the army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel meholah, by Tabbath. Judges 7:22

GIDEON WAS NO LONGER FEAR-DRIVEN.. HE BECAME A MIGHTY MAN OF VALOR!

