

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

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Hoffman Estates (Tickets \$60 each)

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

BOOK OF JAMES

A SIX-WEEK IN-DEPTH STUDY

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

GUATEMALA PROJECT

Thanks to Rod and Emma for their recent trip to Guatemala and their first-hand report of HOME – the incredible project that cares for and educates orphans. There is a separate flyer describing this great work.



NLDC
New Life Drama Company

Sketch Drama
with a Life Message
Sep 23 @ 10:00 AM

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"/>	Robert G. ▶ Neck Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	<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

“No change of job, no increased income, no new home, no new electronic device, or no new spouse is going to make things better inside of you.” —Matt Chandler

METRICS THAT MATTER (08/19/18)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 34 GIVING ▶ \$855 GUESTS ▶ 3
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

THIS IS HOW I FIGHT MY BATTLES

Surround Outcome - VICTORY



Israel was experiencing hostilities with the king of Aram (Syria). The principle source of these hostilities continued in the form of invading bands or plundering parties who would make border raids against the Jews rather than an invasion of an organized Syrian army.

Elisha and His PROPHETIC GIFT

2 KINGS 6:8-14



- Each time the Syrians would make a raid into Israel their plans were spoiled through the revelation given by God to Elisha.
- Elisha would inform the king of Israel who would then take precautions against their invasions.
- The king of Aram learns that it is Elisha who is forewarning the king of Israel, so he sends his army of soldiers to arrest Elisha.
- The King of Aram sent an entire army with the obvious intention of putting Elisha to death.

Surrounded by ENEMY TROOPS

2 KINGS 6:15-16



¹⁵When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked. ¹⁶“Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” Gehazi, Elisha’s servant, arose early to discover the waiting army. The city was surrounded, and to the natural eye there was no hope of deliverance. He could only ask his master, Elisha, “what shall we do?”

- Elisha's answer is one repeated throughout the Scriptures on numerous occasions. When faced with overwhelming odds, when to the natural eye it looks as though all hope is lost, God's Word commands us boldly: Fear not!
- Elisha was not bold to declare "fear not" just to calm his servant's nerves. Fear is a spiritual force that can work against the plan of God.
- It was important that Gehazi not fear and limit the ministry of angels.
- Elisha had reason not to fear. His faith rested in spiritual reality. Gehazi was limited by natural perception.

Strategy for VICTORY

2 KINGS 6:17



And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

- Elisha's servant got an eyeful. At first the only thing he could see was the enemy, which likely left him no other response than fear and anxiety.
- But then immediately, he became tuned in to a game-changing spiritual reality: more was at his disposal and working for him than he could imagine.
- What his physical eyes could see were no match for what he couldn't see.
- Elisha's prayer helped him see the innumerable hosts of angels that far outnumbered the legions that were backing King Aram.



Elisha Blinds THE ARAMEANS

Those that have come to kill him are being led to the King of Samaria. When they arrive, the king asks the prophet if the prisoners should be killed. "No way," says Elisha. "Prepare a feast for them and let them go back to their country."

So he prepared a great feast for them, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they returned to their master. So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel's territory. *2 Kings 6:23*

SEP 2018 EVENTS

SUN
02

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER

Worship / Young Adults / Communion / "The Door of Deliverance"

SUN
16

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER

Worship / Grapple Group Event / "The Door of Worship"

MON
03

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

TUE
18

Tuesday Bible Study



TUE
04

Praise Team REHEARSAL

SUN
23

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER

New Life Drama Company

SAT
08

20TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY Mercy Community Church

6:00 p.m. Celebration / Guest Speaker: Terry Black

TUE
25

Tuesday Bible Study



SUN
09

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER

Worship / "The Door of Opportunity"

SUN
30

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER

Worship / "The Door of Ministry"

TUE
11

Tuesday Bible Study



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