

**HOOP FOR PEACE**  
FEATURING

-- NEHEMIAH

-- CELEBRITY BASKETBALL

**BABY SHOWER**

A baby shower for Noelle (Emma's niece) & Tom is scheduled on Friday, September 9 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at JCC. She is registered at Walmart and Babies R Us. Please let Emma know if you plan to attend.

– THE JESSE WHITE TUMBLERS

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28**  
1:00–5:00 P.M. @JUDSON UNIVERSITY

**FALL BIBLE STUDY**

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.

*This 12-week series will meet each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
Kick-off day: 09/13/16 - Sign up with Emma*

**BIBLE STUDY (OFF CAMPUS)**

If you are interested in attending the Bible Study at Kimberly's, please contact her. There are four sessions in September: 08; 15; 22; and 29—all are Thursday evenings.

**CONNECTION CARDS**

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.

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card

**CONNECTION CARD**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# 3 Things I Wish You Knew About God

Aug 07 » He Is Not Mad at You  
 Aug 14 » He Wants to do Great Things in Your Life  
 Aug 21 » Guest Speaker: Nehemiah Heckler  
 Aug 28 » He Wants to Bless You

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lily M. ▶ Dementia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annabelle G. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trevor W. ▶ Afghanistan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ralph H. ▶ Fluid in the brain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moe M. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lotz Family ▶ Grief	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barb D. ▶ Bone Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donald S. ▶ Addictions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer M. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>

### ▶ URGENT PRAYER

Peggy H. ▶ Rheumatoid	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary S. ▶ Post-Surgical Healing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer M. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul S. ▶ Undergoing Chemotherapy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>		

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Nothing is wasted—no mistake, no failure, no pain, no experience—(good or bad) has to be wasted. They can all be used to be better and stronger.” –T.D. Jakes*

08/21/16

42 ATTENDANCE    \$359 GIVING    8 GUESTS  
 10 VOLUNTEERS    0 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

**METRICS** ▶ THAT MATTER

# 3 Things I Wish You Knew About God

GOD WANTS TO  
BLESS YOU

<sup>22</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>23</sup> “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: <sup>24</sup> ““The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”” *Numbers 6:22-26*

## What is a Blessing?

A spoken word or decree that agrees with God’s intentions to confer good upon a person or circumstance. It is a prophetic word that positions the person addressed for increased influence, supernatural turnarounds, limitations broken, dreams awakened, missed opportunities redeemed, and divine doors opened wide.

### Blessing in Israel

- The Israelites routinely blessed each other both in greeting and in saying good-bye.
- They frequently spoke blessing over others and all their activities.
- There were blessings for the safe birth of children; fertility of crops; increase of herds; defeat of enemies; and long life.

## What Does Blessing Look Like?

### The Book of Ruth

- Ruth prays a blessing on her two foreign daughters-in-law, asking God to grant them the security of a new marriage. *Ruth 1:8-9*
- When Naomi and Ruth return to Israel, Boaz invokes a blessing for Ruth’s well being because of her faithfulness to Naomi. *Ruth 2:11-12*
- When Ruth brings home a supply of grain she gleaned from Boaz’s fields, Naomi prays God’s blessing on Boaz.
- Boaz and Ruth eventually marry, and the villagers who witness the occasion ask God to bless the couple with children and prosper their household. *Ruth 4:11-12*
- At the birth of their child, the women bless God for dealing bountifully with Naomi. *Ruth 4:14-15*

# What is the Purpose for Blessing?

<sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—  
<sup>2</sup> so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.  
<sup>6</sup> The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. <sup>7</sup> May God bless us still,  
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him. *Psalms 67:1-2;6-7*

- The purpose of the blessing is to bring salvation to the nations.
- The blessing of the LORD will also result in financial prosperity.
- Extreme blessings manifested in your life will bring all of this to pass.

## The Blessing of Healing

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.  
<sup>24</sup> News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. *Matthew 4:23-24*

**I decree a blessing over you that God will heal you physically, that you will walk in divine health and that God will use you to heal others.**



# Decree Blessings

OVER YOUR HOUSEHOLD

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<sup>2</sup> so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.  
<sup>6</sup> The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. <sup>7</sup> May God bless us still,  
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him. *Psalm 67:1-2; 6-7*

## ◆ Decree #1: Love

I decree a blessing over you that God will grant you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God's love so that you can love and worship God and love others.

## ◆ Decree #2: The Grace of God

I decree a blessing over you that you will grow in the grace of God and be a person of grace and truth, and that His grace will give you the power and favor to fulfill your identity.

## ◆ Decree #3: The Power of the Holy Spirit

I decree a blessing over you that you will be full of the power of the Holy Spirit, be activated in the gifts of the Spirit and shift the spiritual atmosphere by His holy presence wherever you go.

## ◆ Decree #4: Identity

I decree a blessing over you that you will know who you are in Christ: that you are the righteousness of God in Christ; that you are God's friend, God's child; and that as His Bride, you are called to reign in life together with Jesus forever.

## ◆ *Decree* #5: **Christlike Character**

I decree a blessing over you that you will be transformed from glory to glory into the image and character of Christ, growing and demonstrating the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

## ◆ *Decree* #6: **God's Kingdom**

I decree a blessing over you that you will seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and will preach the Gospel of the Kingdom with signs and wonders following.

## ◆ *Decree* #7: **Healing and Blessing**

I decree a blessing over you that God will heal you physically, that you will walk in divine health and that God will use you to heal others.

## ◆ *Decree* #8: **Family**

I decree a blessing over all your relationships, beginning with your family: that God would bless your marriage and the fruit of your womb; that He would bless your children, your grandchildren and your friendships in His Church and in the marketplace; and that your entire family would be saved.

## ◆ *Decree* #9: **Prosperity**

I decree a blessing over your finances, that God will break the spirit of poverty off you and your bloodline and that you will prosper financially; that God would bless you with the power to gain wealth; and that you would advance His Kingdom with your generosity.

## ◆ *Decree* #10: **Destiny**

I decree a blessing over you to be led by His Spirit and His Word, that you will know and obey His will and that you will fulfill your prophetic destiny.

# SEPT 2016 EVENTS

<b>SUN</b> <b>04</b>	<b>Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER</b> <b>Worship / Communion / Young Adults</b>	Notes _____ _____
<b>MON</b> <b>05</b>	<b>LABOR DAY</b> <i>Holiday</i>	Notes _____ _____
<b>TUE</b> <b>06</b>	<b>Praise Team</b> <i>REHEARSAL</i>	Notes _____ _____
<b>THU</b> <b>08</b>	<b>Bible Study / Off-Campus</b> McHenry	Notes _____ _____
<b>FRI</b> <b>09</b>	<b>Baby Shower / Noelle</b> JCC Fellowship Hall	Notes _____ _____
<b>SUN</b> <b>11</b>	<b>Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER</b> <b>Worship / Grapple Event - TBA</b>	Notes _____ _____
<b>TUE</b> <b>13</b>	<b>THE PURPLE BOOK</b> Sin & Salvation	Notes _____ _____
<b>THU</b> <b>15</b>	<b>- Bible Study / Off-Campus</b> McHenry	Notes _____ _____
	<b>- Operation Christmas Child / Countdown</b> Evangelical Free Church / Crystal Lake Alex Nsegimana from Rwanda	_____

<b>FR-SAT</b> <b>16-17</b>	<b>Garage Sale at Rodney's</b> 491 River Bluff Road – Elgin	Notes _____ _____
<b>SUN</b> <b>18</b>	<b>Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER</b> <b>Worship</b>	Notes _____ _____
<b>TUE</b> <b>20</b>	<b>THE PURPLE BOOK</b> Lordship & Obedience	Notes _____ _____
<b>THU</b> <b>22</b>	<b>Bible Study / Off-Campus</b> McHenry	Notes _____ _____
<b>SAT</b> <b>24</b>	<b>Love Elgin Day</b> Sharing God's Love with Elgin	Notes _____ _____
<b>SUN</b> <b>25</b>	<b>Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER</b> <b>Worship</b>	Notes _____ _____
<b>TUE</b> <b>27</b>	<b>THE PURPLE BOOK</b> Repentance & Baptism	Notes _____ _____
<b>THU</b> <b>29</b>	<b>Bible Study / Off-Campus</b> McHenry	Notes _____ _____