



OUR CONDOLENCES...



to Sam Branscum and the Holcomb families at the loss of Sam's cousin—Katie Holcomb. Katie and her unborn baby passed away on August 26. Katie is survived by her husband, Seth, and her parents. Katie had just started teaching in Mountain Grove, Missouri.



HOSPICE CARE...



Judi Gearen, Gabe's mother has been in hospice care at Delnor Hospital for a week. Continue to pray for her that she may have peace and may the presence of Jesus surround her in a special way at this time.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

BOOK OF JAMES

A SIX-WEEK IN-DEPTH STUDY

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

GRAPPLE GROUP EVENT / MAIN EVENT

09/16/18 (following the service)

Gravity ropes, rock climbing, mini-golf, video games...

Must turn in your \$20 to Sam by 09/09/18.



NLDC
New Life Drama Company

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

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.

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

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.



OPEN DOORS

Gateways to Your Future



- Sep 02 » About Open Doors
- Sep 09 » The Door of Deliverance
- Sep 16 » The Door of Opportunity
- Sep 23 » New Life Drama Company
- Sep 30 » The Door of Ministry

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"/>	Brad H. ▶ Post-op Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barb S. ▶ Kidney Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kim W. ▶ Post-op Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maria C. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paula W. ▶ General Health	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seth H. ▶ Wife/baby passed away	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Conviction is not merely an opinion. It is something rooted so deeply in the conscience that to change a conviction would be to change the very essence of who you are.” —Ravi Zacharias

METRICS THAT MATTER (09/02/18)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 34 GIVING ▶ \$1,990 GUESTS ▶ 1
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

OPEN DOORS

Gateways to Your Future

The Door of Deliverance

An
open
door...

- Is a boundless opportunity.
- Is a chance to do something worthwhile.
- Is a grand opening into a new adventure.
- Is an unimagined chance to do something good.
- Is a way to make your life count for eternity.
- Is a possibility for being useful to God.

Open Doors - Unmistakable Intersections of Life

Open doors are the great adventures of life. The represent the great intersections of life:

- A burning bush – Moses
- A voice – Samuel
- A wrestling angel – Jacob
- A dream – Joseph
- Handwriting on the wall – Daniel
- A talking donkey – Balaam
- A fleece – Gideon

Israel's  Door
of Deliverance



¹ Then the Lord said to Moses, ² “Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon. ³ Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.’ ⁴ And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord.” So the Israelites did this.

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Exodus
14:1-4



The GOD of Baal-Zephon

God's plan most often is hard to understand. Why would God take Israel to a cul-de-sac in the desert, then inspire Pharaoh to reclaim his recently moved-out slaves?

- God led them to Baal-Zephon—on purpose.
- He wanted Pharaoh to think that Israel was “hemmed-in” with no way out.
- That would make him more determined to reclaim his slave labor.
- God's plan was unique: he called them out so that He could confront all of Egypt's might and in one mighty blow destroy them forever.
- There are two reasons why He did it: First, so that His glory, and power might be seen by both, the **ISRAELITES** and the **EGYPTIANS**. And secondly, to teach the Israelites to put their complete **FAITH** and **TRUST** in Him!

Israel's Response

When Israel saw Pharaoh's army giving chase and closing in, they became panic-stricken. They saw the situation as out of control. Then they said to Moses, “Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt?” Exodus 14:11

God's Iron-Clad Promises

Promise 1

“Today you will see the salvation of the Lord.”
Exodus 14:13

Promise 2

“The Egyptians whom you see coming up to attack you from behind, you will never see again after today.” **Exodus 14:14**

Promise 3

“I will fight this battle for you.”
Exodus 14:14

²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.” ²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. ²⁸ The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. **Exodus 14:26-28**