



FROM PASTOR COLE

Thanks for your recent offering that helped to bring The Worship Center up to date on its mortgage payments. We were able to obtain a five-year mortgage extension and we plan to have a mortgage burning in five years!



RESIDUAL GARAGE SALE

Thanks to all who donated items to the Residual Garage Sale this weekend!

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 today.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

BOOK OF JAMES

A SIX-WEEK IN-DEPTH STUDY

CLASSES CONTINUE ON
TUE, SEPT 18 @ 7:00 PM



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.

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



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"/>	Kim W. ▶ Post-op Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paula W. ▶ General Health	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seth H. ▶ Wife/baby passed away	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maria C. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brianna V. ▶ Bell's Palsy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>		

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Before the truth can set you free you need to recognize which lie is holding you hostage." —Ravi Zacharias

METRICS THAT MATTER (09/09/18)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 33 GIVING ▶ \$1,003⁵⁷ GUESTS ▶ 1
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.



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Galatians 6:10

A Barricaded Future *Am*

After some wrong choices, God used a number of things to inspire Naomi to return to Bethlehem:

- The deaths of her husband and sons. As a widow, it was clear she no longer had a protector or provider.
- God used Naomi's sadness to cause her to be desperate to return to Bethlehem.
- God used grief, loneliness and poverty to inspire Ruth to seek a destiny among her mother-in-laws' people. It took all of that brokenness to prepare a platform for God to display his grace to an unknown.
- God used all of the above to bring her to Bethlehem in order to unfold her destiny.

◆ Hearing *is* Believing

When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. Ruth 1:6

- What was it that caused Naomi to decide to return to Bethlehem?
- Was it a mood-swing or the sorrow of multiplied losses?
- Naomi had an epiphany—"There is a door of opportunity!"

Faith *is* Contagious

¹⁶ But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." ¹⁸ When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. Ruth 1:16-17

- Ruth makes a full-blown commitment. It is not based on how much she likes her mother-in-law.
- It's deeper than that. This daughter of Moab has made a covenant with the Lord God that she will no longer worship Chemosh or other idols, but she will only worship the Lord God.

A New Season - Opportunity Abounds

And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor."

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Ruth 2:2

- She went to the field of Boaz, a judge and a ruler of the city. She gleaned in the field. Boaz met her and showed her favor.
- Her provision was connected to the field of God.
- He provided unharvested stalks of grain.
- They pulled out some of the barley heads.
- They dropped some of the grain for her on purpose.

◆ The Threshing Floor

- Ruth looks to Boaz as a kinsman redeemer.
- Boaz promises to work on her behalf.
- She goes home with great expectations.

The Outcome

⁹ Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon. ¹⁰ I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from his hometown. Today you are witnesses!"

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Ruth
4:9-10

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New Life Drama Company



Join us for an exciting time of compelling skit drama that presents the gospel, captures the attention of the young, the old and the in-between.

SUNDAY
September 23

10:00 AM @
Jubilee Christian Centre