

**DÉCOR**

Thanks to Phylis and Rod for giving our building a fresh look and feel for the autumn season...

**BIBLE STUDY (Off Campus)**

Study is scheduled at Kimberly's in September: Thursday, September 28.

**EARTHQUAKE**

Pray for those whose lives have been devastated by the earthquake in Central Mexico. Dozens have perished in this seismic event.

**HURRICANE MARIA**

Pray for the inhabitants of the islands in the Caribbean. They have had multiple-hurricanes.



Invite your friends to experience this compelling and inspiring skit drama team.

**NLDC**  
New Life Drama Company

**Oct. 08, 2017 | 10:00 AM**



Send **GOOD NEWS & GREAT JOY!**

*Launch date: Oct. 15, 2017*

**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.



# FAITH IS ...



- Sept 03 » Believing that Everything is Based on Promise
- Sept 10 » Accepting that God's Work Has Made Me Clean
- Sept 17 » Accepting His Gift of Unchanging Love
- Sept 26 » Believing that God is Not Disillusioned With Me

## PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>	Rick W. ▶ Pinched nerve	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Misty L. ▶ Headaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tommy F. ▶ Healing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Varney Family ▶ Grief	<input type="checkbox"/>

## ▶ URGENT PRAYER

Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cindy ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gerry G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ed G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terry P. ▶ Cancer/spleen	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Bob Z. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Bill M. ▶ Biopsy	<input type="checkbox"/>

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“The best gift you can give a human being is an introduction to a God who loves them.” —Bill Hybels*

09/17/17

**METRICS** ▶ THAT MATTER

<b>34</b>	ATTENDANCE	<b>\$242</b>	GIVING	<b>0</b>	GUESTS
<b>17</b>	VOLUNTEERS	<b>0</b>	DECISIONS FOR CHRIST		

# FAITH IS ...



## BELIEVING THAT GOD IS NOT DISILLUSIONED WITH ME

“God is not disillusioned with us. He never had any illusions to begin with.”  
—Luis Palau

## A QUESTION OF IDENTITY

- » Sin is not who we are.
- » My mistakes do not identify me.
- » My identity is “Child of God.” “Beloved.”

Notes:

## UNDERSTANDING GOD'S VIEW

- » God sees in us the beauty He gave us.
- » He is not intimidated by our weaknesses.
- » He sees the power of sin as dissolved by the cross. Therefore, He magnifies our beauty and giftedness. He rejoices over us with singing." *Zephaniah 3:17*

Notes:

## ACCEPTING GOD'S GIFT

- » God does hate sin.
- » But that's only part of the picture. He has incomparable love for us.
- » His love is all-encompassing.
- » Because of that love, he made a way for us to escape the bondage of sin.

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## HOPE FOR THE FUTURE



- » Our souls are weary with the weight we put on ourselves.
- » Self-criticism and self-judgment make a heavy load.
- » Motivating with fear and shame does not work.
- » Shame keeps us stuck.
- » God motivates us by giving us knowledge of who we really are.
- » Awareness of His unconditional kindness brings hope.
- » Grace and love bring healing.
- » Only then, do we have strength to move on.



Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## THERE IS FREEDOM IN ACCEPTING THE TRUTH OF GOD'S GRACE

God grant me the serenity to accept  
the people, I cannot change, the  
courage to change the one I can, and  
the wisdom to know it's me.



*Author unknown, variation of an excerpt from The Serenity Prayer*