



THANKS...

to Peggy Knoepfle and Sue Boucher for the incredible job they did this week in decorating the foyer and auditorium—wow!



★ **PRAY31** ★
A MONTH OF PRAYER FOR AMERICA

We invite you to pray for our country through PRAY31. 31 days of focused prayer for America. Obtain your prayer atlas this morning.



Spirit **LIFE**
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GROWING A CHURCH FROM 15 TO 5,000
October 5-7, 2016 / Alsip, IL



ACADEMICS / ADMINISTRATION
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Pastor Dan Willis
with ♦ Benny Hinn
♦ Dog the Bounty Hunter
♦ Bebe Winans



OCTOBER 16 / LAUNCH DATE FOR



A small shoebox can teach a child about the love of God, lead him or her to faith in Christ, inspire pastors, and plant new churches. What goes into the box is fun. What comes out is eternal. Be a part of changing lives through the power of a simple gift.



BIBLE STUDY (OFF CAMPUS)

If you are interested in attending the Bible Study at Kimberly's, please contact her. There are two sessions in October: 6 and 20—Thursday evening.

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.

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.



OCTOBER TEACHING SERIES

EMPOWERED...

Oct 02 » To Live the Baptized Life
 Oct 09 » To Receive the Holy Spirit
 Oct 16 » Guest Speaker
 Oct 23 » To Expect Miracles
 Oct 30 » To Live a Fruitful Life

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 ▶ 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. ▶ Arthritis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary S. ▶ Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer M. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul S. ▶ Chemotherapy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Mary Ellen H. ▶ Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The reality is that our God is good; its who he is—a giving God, a blessing God, an encouraging God, a nurturing God, an empowering God. This is the God who willingly waits for your call.” -Bill Hybels

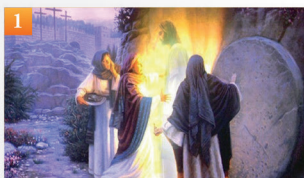
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METRICS ▶ THAT MATTER

29 ATTENDANCE \$1,145 GIVING 0 GUESTS
 10 VOLUNTEERS 0 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

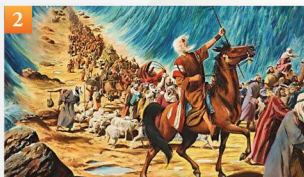
I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. *Galatians 2:20*

4 NEW TESTAMENT WORD PICTURES THAT HELP US UNDERSTAND BAPTISM



BURIAL & RESURRECTION

⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. *Romans 6:4-5*



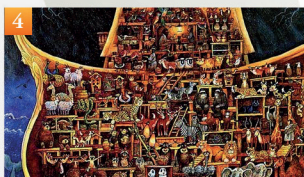
ISRAELITES CROSSING THE RED SEA

¹ For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ² They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. *1 Corinthians 10:1-2*



CIRCUMCISION

¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. *Colossians 2:11-12*



THE FLOOD

²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, *1 Peter 3:20-21*

WHAT DOES THE BAPTIZED LIFE LOOK LIKE?

1 IT IS A TRANSFORMED LIFE

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

- We renounce evil and put aside the evil ways and harmful attitudes.
- We open to God's grace and power to help us live the new life through the Holy Spirit.
- We adopt a lifestyle of pleasing Jesus Christ.

2 IT IS A GROWING LIFE

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. *2 Peter 1:5-9*

- We remain teachable so that we can grow in all things.
- We intentionally grow—that means, it's on my life plan to gain more knowledge and wisdom in spiritual things.

3 IT IS A SERVING LIFE

"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." *Galatians 5:13*

- We are called to follow Jesus' pattern to serve others.
- Paul admonishes us to use our gifts and resources to serve one another.