



Send **GOOD NEWS**  
& **GREAT JOY!**

*Kickoff Date: Oct. 14 | Collection Date: Nov. 11*

Keri will lead us again in this amazing opportunity to give gifts to children who may have never received a gift before. This is an open door to ministry—our chance to be a blessing in a very practical way.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

# BOOK OF JAMES

A SIX-WEEK IN-DEPTH STUDY

CLASSES CONTINUE ON  
TUE, OCT 16 @ 7:00 PM

GRAPPLE  
EVENT



# FALLFEST

*at Goebbert's Farm*

SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 21

*(following the service)*

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE  
HOUR ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

# FALL BACK

## 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.





# DON'T SETTLE *for less*

Oct 07 » Don't Settle for Less  
 Oct 14 » Set Your Past on Fire  
 Oct 21 » Stop Playing it Safe  
 Oct 28 » Get Your Jars Ready

## PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benjamin G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carmela C. ▶ Kidney Health	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Janet S. ▶ God's Guidance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Angela A. ▶ Dizzy Spells	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brian H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Betty F. ▶ Mobility Issues	<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"/>	Barb G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ▶ Hospice Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brianna V. ▶ Bell's Palsy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Harold A. ▶ Fractures (auto accident)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Melissa H. ▶ Fractures (auto accident)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Melissa B. ▶ Surgical Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert G. ▶ Back Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maria C. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>	Larry D. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Pinched Nerve	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark A. ▶ Neurological Health	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Gearen Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The marker of those who understand the gospel of Jesus Christ is that, when they stumble and fall, when they screw up, they run to God and not from him, because they clearly understand that their acceptance before God is not predicated upon their behavior but on the righteous life of Jesus Christ and his sacrificial death." —*Matt Chandler*

## METRICS THAT MATTER (10/07/18)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 34    GIVING ▶ \$2,505    GUESTS ▶ 2  
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15    DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0



DON'T SETTLE  
*for less*

SET YOUR PAST  
ON FIRE 1 KINGS 19:19-21

●○○ “We cannot grab hold of the future if we keep holding onto the past” -Erwin McManus ○○○●○○○

*19* So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. *20* Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. “Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,” he said, “and then I will come with you.” “Go back,” Elijah replied. “What have I done to you?” *21* So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant. **1 Kings 19:19-21**

# GOD'S CALL

*to Elisha*

God had told Elijah that He would raise up another prophet after him. God tells him to find Elisha. The prophet Elijah finds Elisha plowing in a field with a team of oxen. He goes to him and throws his cloak around him.

- Elisha is a wealthy man.
- He owns a farm in Abel Meholah (*the breadbasket of Israel*).
- He has twelve teams of oxen. He drives one team. His servants drive the others.
- Elijah lays his mantle on Elisha—a sign of vocation or calling.
- Elisha understands the gesture. God is calling him to raise him up as a prophet.
- Elisha has a choice—to remain a farmer following the furrows or follow the prophet to an unknown future.



# ELISHA Sets His PAST

Elisha took the plows and the oxen and built an altar. He set everything on fire that was no longer his to keep. He did this not to create a future of his own making but to enable him to receive the future that God was creating for him. *on Fire*

- Elisha refused to take his past into his future.
- That's why he slaughtered his oxen.
- That's why he burned his plow.
- He did it in public. He threw himself a going-away party and invited everyone he knew.



## 3 IMPORTANT Lessons From The STORY

### 1 ALTARS are a PLACE where GOD MEETS US

Elisha signals a big “yes” to God and Elisha with his altar-building. He was making a profound statement: “There is no turning back for me—I have made my choice!”

### 2 ALTARS are a PLACE of COVENANT

Elisha makes a lifetime decision. He will make himself available to God. He takes the call and the covenant seriously. He pledges his life to God with eyes wide open.

### 3 ALTARS are a PLACE of COMMITMENT

This wealthy young man became a servant to Elijah the prophet for eighteen years. Elisha committed himself to serving Elisha however and wherever he was needed. That experience readied him to serve as the next prophet.

GOD CALLS US to set OUR PAST ON FIRE!