

REFORMATION DAY



October 31...the day that Martin Luther nailed the ninety-five theses to the church door on October 31, 1517. That ignited the Protestant Reformation that includes the primacy of the Bible over church tradition which declares we are made righteous in the sight of God.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Collection Date: November 13

Samaritan's Purse has informed us that shoeboxes may not reach us in time for the Collection Date of November 13. Our recommendation is that you use your own or obtain a shoebox (carton or plastic) from a shoe store or Big Lots.



BIBLE STUDY (OFF CAMPUS)

If you are interested in attending the Bible Study at Kimberly's, please contact her. There are two sessions in November: 03 and 17—Thursday evenings.

CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR'S SERVICES

This Christmas season, both Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Sundays (December 25/January 1). Both of these are important family holidays that are planned well in advance. We recommend moving our Sunday gathering to the two Fridays (December 23/December 30) so that the Sunday holidays can be enjoyed with your families. If you think this is doable for you and your family, please let Emma know so that we can plan accordingly—Thanks!

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.

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

BIG PROBLEMS BIGGER GOD

WHATEVER YOU NEED FOR
— WHATEVER YOU FACE —

NOVEMBER TEACHING SERIES

- Nov 06** » Your Problems Aren't the Problem
Nov 13 » God is More Than Enough
Nov 20 » Choose Your New Direction
Nov 27 » Celebrate Every Victory

PRAYER REQUESTS

▶ THINKING - OF - YOU PRAYER

Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annabelle G. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trevor W. ▶ Afghanistan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moe M. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ralph H. ▶ Fluid in the brain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lotz Family ▶ Family Grief	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barb D. ▶ Bone Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer M. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donald S. ▶ Addictions	<input type="checkbox"/>		

▶ URGENT PRAYER

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I have discovered an amazing truth: God is attracted to weakness." —Jim Cymbala


10/23/16

METRICS ▶ THAT MATTER



THE BACKSTORY








- Joseph had been strategically chosen by God to be in a place of influence for the famine that would envelop the region.
- He had been sold by his brothers to a band of Midianites, taken to Egypt and sold as a slave. 
- He was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian official. He was beginning to prosper there until Potiphar's wife ripped his coat off—she claimed sex assault—that was not the case. He was put in prison.
- He served God in prison, and finally justice prevailed. He was called to interpret a dream for Pharaoh. In one day he went from being an ex-felon to National Budget Director. He used his gift in adversity.

THE FAMINE BEGINS



⁵⁶ When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt. ⁵⁷ And all the world came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe everywhere. *Genesis 41:56-57*



- The famine was in the entire region. All of the surrounding countries felt the impact of no food. 
 - People were dying in the streets. 
 - There was sickness and plagues. 
 - Jacob is forced to send his sons to Egypt. He thinks his son is dead, but comes to find out that God has strategically placed him in a place of power to help during the famine.
 - Joseph broke generational curses because of his influence. His entire family was blessed because of his obedience.
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- Philip was from Betsaida. They were near his town.
- If anyone would know, it would be Philip.

Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!” *John 6:7*

- They were faced with an impossible situation.
- Their resources were inadequate.
- At best, they could only supply a taste or snack.

THE FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND



“Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you. *Jeremiah 32:17*

- 1 **CHRIST IS IN CONTROL OF EVERY SITUATION**
- 2 **CHRIST IS MORE CONCERNED FOR NEEDY PEOPLE THAN WE ARE**
- 3 **CHRIST IS NOT LIMITED BY OUR INADEQUATE RESOURCES**
- 4 **CHRIST DOESN'T BARELY MEET NEEDS. HE SUPPLIES IN ABUNDANCE**
- 5 **CHRIST NOT ONLY SUPPLIES PHYSICAL NEEDS BUT SPIRITUAL NEEDS AS WELL.**

HE STARTS WITH OUR LITTLE BIT AND MULTIPLIES IT



¹⁰ Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. ¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. *John 6:10-13*

“The meeting of need is not dependent on the supply in hand, but on the blessing of the Lord resting on the supply.” - *Watchman Nee*

NOVEMBER 2016 EVENTS

TUE 01
Praise Team
REHEARSAL

SUN 20
Praise Team *REHEARSAL / PRAYER*
Worship / Grapple Group Event

THU 03
Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

TUE 22
NO PURPLE BOOK CLASS

SUN 06
Praise Team *REHEARSAL / PRAYER*
Worship / Communion / Young Adults

THU 24
THANKSGIVING DAY
Holiday

TUE 08
THE PURPLE BOOK
Spiritual Family & Church Life

SUN 27
Praise Team *REHEARSAL / PRAYER*
Worship

SUN 13
Praise Team *REHEARSAL / PRAYER*
Worship / Christmas Child - Shoebox Collection

TUE 29
THE PURPLE BOOK
Prayer & Worship

TUE 15
THE PURPLE BOOK
Biblical Prosperity & Generosity

Notes

THU 17
Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

HAVE YOU QUIT TRYING?

The Learned Helplessness Survey

- 1** Have you stopped giving other people the benefit of the doubt?
- 2** How often do you find yourself thinking there is really nothing you can do to improve your life?
- 3** How often do you find yourself saying, "I can't"...or "If only I could."?
- 4** Have you become overly-skeptical (even downright cynical) about other people's intentions?
- 5** Do you assume the worst about other people and your circumstances?
- 6** Do you find it hard to agree with others even when you know they are right?
- 7** How often do you use passive-aggressive behavior such as procrastination, stubbornness or sarcastic words instead of confronting challenges head on?
- 8** Do you label people in authority who hold you accountable as being unreasonable?
- 9** How often do you use the label of a victim by saying, "If only they had or had not..." or "I can't succeed because someone else..."?
- 10** How quick are you to point out the flaws in those around you?