

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thanks for your generous response to Operation Christmas Child! Thanks to Keri Wozniak for her leadership with OCC. Thanks to Neal Spurlock for taking our boxes to the collection center.



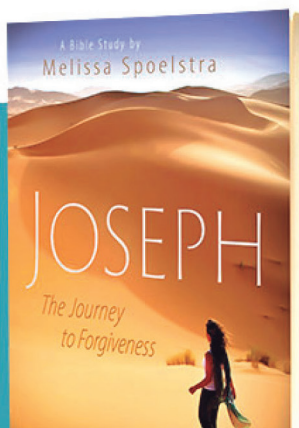
Scavenger Hunt

A fun scavenger hunt is planned for the Grapple Group following the service. Lunch will be provided.

Happy Thanksgiving

May your family enjoy an unforgettable time this Thanksgiving!

LOOKING AHEAD



Following the Christmas break, the Tuesday night Bible Study is Joseph, The Journey to Forgiveness, based on the book/video series by Melissa Spoelstra.

CONNECTION CARDS

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.

BIG PROBLEMS BIGGER GOD

WHATEVER YOU NEED FOR
— WHATEVER YOU FACE —

NOVEMBER TEACHING SERIES

- Nov 06 » The Problem is Not the Problem
Nov 13 » Our 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. ▶ Recovering	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Give thanks to the LORD for He is good:
His love endures forever.”—Psalm 107:1*

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METRICS ▶ THAT MATTER

38 ATTENDANCE \$242 GIVING 0 GUESTS
11 VOLUNTEERS 0 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

» Time Of Transition

- Israel had journeyed through the wilderness for 40 years but not because they were following their leader.
- The new generation led by Joshua was ready to cross the Jordan and possess the land.
- Joshua brought them to a camp across the Jericho called Acacia Grove.
- Everything before Acacia Grove is *preparatory*. Everything after Acacia Grove is fulfillment.

» Three Days At The River

- This gathering was on purpose. The river was at flood stage.
- It was impossible to make a river crossing.
- **The river is what stood between them and their promise.**
- The upside: **promise is within reach.**
- The downside: the **Jordan was impassable.**

¹ Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. ² After three days the officers went throughout the camp, ³ giving orders to the people: “When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it.

⁴ *Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits between you and the ark; do not go near it.* ⁵ Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.” *Joshua 3:1-5*

It's a New Season

Joshua marks it clearly. The old is past. Manna is a thing of the past. This is a new season. Beyond the river they will eat corn they didn't plan, olives they didn't tend, and grapes they didn't care for.

» In the Past

³⁶In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; ³⁷but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted. ³⁸*So the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the Israelites during all their travels. Exodus 40:36-38*

» In The New Season

- They would no longer follow the pillar of fire or the cloud by night.
- They would follow the ark carried by the priests—they were to keep a distance of about 2,000 cubits.
- They were not to rely on their sense or their memory. They were not to rely on their experience. They were to depend on His instruction—**follow the ark!**

» Move Toward Conquest

God wanted a better future for them, but to obtain that future they had to **move forward without looking back.**

- Same object: the conquest of Canaan—different method.
- Don't recreate the “old methods” on your way to possess.
- God does in fact give in “new” direction.

¹⁸“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. *Isaiah 43:18-19*