

Thanks to our Teams...

For Doing An Effective Job Throughout The Year!

GUEST SERVICES

- » Neal Spurlock
- » Ken Ridinger
- » Kimberly Lancaster
- » Emma Grebenick
- » Kevin Knoepfle
- » Ed Olvera

COMMUNION

- » Neal Spurlock
- » Ken Ridinger
- » Ed Olvera
- » Jim Maynard
- » Amanda Spurlock
- » Keri Wozniak

MINISTRIES

Young Adult: Rob Huerta
Grapple: Sam Branscum
Ladies: Phylis Huerta
Children: Charity Spurlock
Pastoral Care: Laura Spurlock

TEACHERS

- » Charity Spurlock
- » Kim Wozniak
- » Emma Grebenick
- » Sam Branscum
- » Sara Olvera
- » Elizabeth Stein
- » Wes Spurlock
- » Esther Garcia
- » Rob Huerta

PRAYER

- » Rod Fitzgerald
- » Laura Spurlock
- » Christy Huerta
- » Kimberly Lancaster
- » Neal Spurlock
- » Phylis Huerta

MEDIA

- » Adrián Pérez
- » Viridiana Torres

CARDS

- » Barb Smith

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- » Josh Staar
- » Wes Spurlock
- » Jeremy Stein
- » Ken Ridinger
- » Kimberly L.
- » Phylis Huerta
- » Rod Fitzgerald
- » Rob Huerta
- » Matt Spurlock

BUILDING

- » Neal Spurlock
- » Bob Huerta
- » Kevin K.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

- » Christy Huerta

CHRISTMAS CHILD

- » Keri Wozniak



WINTERJAM

A New Year's Eve / for Teens-Youth feat. Dakota Trogden
Clinton, Arkansas

Saturday, December 31, 2016 / 7:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

FOOD | MUSIC | GAMES | PRAISE | WORSHIP

Pursuing the KING

DECEMBER TEACHING SERIES

Dec 04 » The King's Promise
 Dec 08 » The King's Plan
 Dec 18 » The King's Presence
 Dec 23 » The King's Presents

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"/>		
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"/>

*Thank you for your faithful and committed giving
 that makes possible the ministries of JCC!*

11/20/16

35 ATTENDANCE
 \$973 GIVING
 4 GUESTS
17 VOLUNTEERS
 0 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

METRICS ▶ THAT MATTER

BIG PROBLEMS **BIGGER GOD**

—WHATEVER YOU NEED FOR WHATEVER YOU FACE—

Celebrate
Every Victory

⁹Nehemiah the governor, along with Ezra the priest and scholar and the Levites who were teaching the people, said to all the people, “This day is holy to GOD, your God. Don’t weep and carry on.” They said this because all the people were weeping as they heard the words of The Revelation. ¹⁰He continued, “Go home and prepare a feast, holiday food and drink; and share it with those who don’t have anything: This day is holy to God. Don’t feel bad. The joy of GOD is your strength!” *Nehemiah 8:9-10 MSG*

» The Backstory

- God’s people had returned to Jerusalem after a 70-year exile to Babylon.
- They had forgotten their spiritual heritage as they were held captive in a foreign land.
- They had forgotten their native language, but most of all they had forgotten God. As a result their lives were in great distress.
- These people see the connection between the sins of their own hearts and their distressful situation. They see their slavery as a result of their own sin.

» A Return to Normal

- The exiles are carrying the baggage of failure—their predecessors were carried off into captivity and now God called them home.
- The exiles faced rebuilding the wall—led by Nehemiah, as well as the Temple—led by Zerubbabel and restoring the Temple worship—led by Ezra.
- The wall was built very quickly in 52 days. The Temple not that quickly. The foundation was laid in two years. Their enemies put a stop work order. The work was dormant for seventeen years, and finally finished in four years.

- Temple worship followed. The Word of the Lord was read by Ezra. At this the people were grieved with their sin against the LORD.
- For seven days, Ezra read the Word of the LORD.
- They celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles.
- There had to be interpreters. The people were coming from a Babylonian culture.

The Disconnect

- There had to be interpreters. The people were coming from a Babylonian culture.
- Their default response: weeping.
- When they responded to God they wept.

» The Instruction: Celebrate

“This day is holy to GOD, your God. Don’t weep and carry on.” 10 He continued, “Go home and prepare a feast, holiday food and drink; and share it with those who don’t have anything: This day is holy to God. Don’t feel bad. The joy of GOD is your strength!” *Nehemiah 8:9-10 MSG*

- Stop your weeping— it’s time to rejoice!
- Quit responding to past failures!
- **Connect the dots:** God has given you choice victories —you are not longer captives; you have returned to your homeland; you can speak your own language; the wall has been built; the Temple has been built; and God is restoring worship in your midst.
- Our label: “Water under the bridge”; past history.
- **How do you move from a bitter experience to a joyful experience?**
- **YOU RAISE A PRAISE!!!**
- **YOU THANK GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS—IN SPITE OF YOUR FAILURES, HE IS KIND, GRACIOUS, AND FORGIVING!**