

THE Christmas PLEDGE

1. To remember those people who truly need my gifts. | 2. To express my love for family and friends in more direct ways than presents. | 3. To rededicate myself to the spiritual growth of my family. | 4. To examine my holiday activities in light of the true spirit of Christmas. | 5. To initiate one act of peacemaking within my family and friends.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY | NEW SERIES

GREATER

BY STEVEN FURTICK >>>

Next Session:
DEC 11

BAPTISM SUNDAY

DECEMBER 16

 *Candlelight* 
SERVICE

SUNDAY 12.23 @ 10:00 AM

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.



CONNECTION CARD	
Name	Date
Address	Age
Phone	Gender
Email	Church member
Other	Other



Dec 02 » Wonderful Counselor

Dec 09 » Mighty God

Dec 16 » Everlasting Father

Dec 23 » Prince of Peace

Dec 30 » Opportunities: Skinny in the Middle

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"/>	Barb G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brianna V. ▶ Bell's Palsy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark A. ▶ Neurological Health	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gearen Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rick L. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike F. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill S. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maria C. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lisa G. ▶ Headaches	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Don H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>		

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Then Peter said to them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." —Acts 2:38

METRICS THAT MATTER (12/02/18)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 42 GIVING ▶ \$2,289 GUESTS ▶ 0
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0



— MIGHTY GOD —

*For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* **Isaiah 9:6**

Mighty God ('EL GIBŌR) — OR God-Warrior

The Hebrew translates: “God-Warrior,” “Mighty Warrior,” “God Mighty,” and “Mighty Hero.” **Since 'el appears in the initial position, we are inclined to see it as a hyphenated form, “God-Warrior.”**

*Who is this coming from Bozrah in Edom with clothes stained red?
Who is this hero marching in his glorious uniform? “It’s me, the LORD!
I have won the battle, and I can save you!”* **Isaiah 63:1 CEV**

The LORD is a warrior; The LORD is His name. **Exodus 15:3**

*The Lord will march out like a champion, like a warrior he
will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will
triumph over his enemies.* **Isaiah 42:13**

*The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke
you, but will rejoice over you with singing.* **Zephaniah 3:17**

*Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighe
Lord mighty in battle.* **Psalms 24:8**

GOD **Fights** ON YOUR BEHALF

*“For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for
you against your enemies to give you victory.”* **Deuteronomy 20:4**

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?” **Rom. 8:31**

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. **Joshua 1:9**

Through You we will push back our adversaries; Through Your name we will trample down those who rise up against us. **Psalms 44:5**

“Do not be afraid of them; the LORD your God himself will fight for you.” **Deuteronomy 3:22**

Kinds of Battles

- Personal problems
- Family problems
- Financial problems
- Sickness or disease
- Drained resources or energy

THE ULTIMATE VICTORY: *The Cross*

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. ¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

- **Salvation:** He rescues us.
- **Revelation:** He discloses Himself.
- **Conquest:** He overcomes evil.

Through the victory of Calvary, hell's power is broken in the heavenlies. Now the Church is commissioned to extend that triumph to every land and to every person.

BAPTISM IS

1. A PUBLIC DECLARATION OF YOUR COMMITTED LOVE OF JESUS

It is a symbolic picture of what happened when you received Jesus' offer of salvation and relationship. Receiving Jesus is entering into an exclusive and committed relationship. Baptism is the public identification of your relationship with Jesus.

2. AN ACT OF OBEDIENCE

Following in Jesus's example, and the directive of the Bible – Go and be baptized. All believers and followers of Jesus are commanded to be baptized.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Mt 28:19

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38

3. ONE OF THE TWO ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH

Communion and baptism are the only 2 sacraments, or ordinances, to us to practice. It is an identification with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.

4. AN ACT OF FAITH

When you came to Christ, you were "circumcised," but not by a physical procedure. It was a spiritual procedure—the cutting away of your sinful nature. For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to a new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. Colossians 2:11-12

5. THE GIFT OF A CLEAN CONSCIENCE

We all long for a clean fresh start when we become aware of what we have done wrong. Baptism provides a brand new start – we leave the old "me" in the water.

A GRAPPLE CHRISTMAS



WHITE ELEPHANT

Christmas Gift Exchange

**Sunday
December 16**

(following the service)

*Join us for board games,
food, and holiday cheer!*