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CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Thank you for the gift cards that made it possible to bless a family in need this Christmas!

CARD FOR CAROL

Please sign the card for Carol that is being circulated by Emma.

PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL



**Tuesday,
Jan 08 / 7PM**



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Rick Warren's study, *The Miracle of Mercy*,

will be featured in the Tuesday Bible Study beginning on **Tuesday, January 15**. The series will feature: *The Five Marks of Mercy; Mercy Forgives the Fallen; Mercy Helps the Hurting; Mercy is Patient with Difficult People; Mercy is Kind to Enemies; and Mercy Cares for the Lost.*

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Please sign up with Emma if you are available to fast.

BIBLE READING: 2 in 5/Two chapters-5 days a week.

FASTING: January 7 through January 27.

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.



SHOCK / FOR / LIFE

ABSORBERS



- Jan 06 » The Journey: Be Aware
- Jan 13 » Naaman: Be Flexible
- Jan 20 » The Shunnamite Woman: Be Thankful
- Jan 27 » Joseph: Be Resilient

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"/>	Gearen Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rick L. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike F. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill S. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lisa G. ▶ Headaches	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nate T. ▶ Dementia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lance B. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maria C. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>	Megan G. ▶ Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barb G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kathy ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brianna V. ▶ Bell's Palsy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chris ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Jerry A. ▶ Cyst on Wrist	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"God's plan for enlarging His kingdom is so simple - one person telling another about the Savior. Yet we're busy and full of excuses. Just remember, someone's eternal destiny is at stake. The joy you'll have when you meet that person in heaven will far exceed any discomfort you felt in sharing the gospel." —*Charles Stanley*

METRICS THAT MATTER (12/23/18)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 37 GUESTS ▶ 0
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

OPPORTUNITIES:



SKINNY IN THE MIDDLE
NEHEMIAH STEPS UP TO THE CHALLENGE

BACKGROUND



There have been two waves of returns from captivity – Zerubbabel led the first group to rebuild the temple. Ezra led the second group to restore worship.

* OVERRIDING PROBLEM



While Nehemiah has been in captivity, much work has gone on in Israel. They have a temple and have begun worshipping God in it again. Life is returning to normal. But there was one problem... There were no walls. Walls provided security and kept Israel's enemies away.

OPPORTUNITIES



- Restoration of the wall and gates of Jerusalem.
- Restoration of economic justice. Nehemiah admonishes the wealthy for taking advantage of their less fortunate brothers.

- Restoration of the reading of God's word. Ezra and Nehemiah combine to bring spiritual revival to Jerusalem.
- Restoration of the Law of Moses among the people.

SKINNY IN THE MIDDLE/DISCOURAGEMENT

THE THREE AMIGOS: SANBALLAT, TOBIAH, AND GESHEM

- Used ridicule, anger, and discouragement. Each point of opposition was met with prayer, intercession, and hard work. (Nehemiah 4:1-23)

- Extortion and usury resisted by Nehemiah's godly example. (Nehemiah 5:1-19)

- Walls completed in spite of evil plots. (Nehemiah 6:1-7:3)



THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS ✨

“DON'T EVER LET ANYONE TELL YOU, YOU CAN'T DO SOMETHING, NOT EVEN YOUR DAD.”

“WHEN PEOPLE CAN'T DO SOMETHING THEMSELVES, THEY WANT TO TELL YOU THAT YOU CAN'T DO IT.”

“IF YOU WANT SOMETHING, GO GET IT, PERIOD!”

✨ NEHEMIAH'S RESPONSE ✨

⁴ Hear us, our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. ⁵ Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders.

————— **Nehemiah 4:4-5** —————

After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”

————— **Nehemiah 4:14** —————

From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armor.

————— **Nehemiah 4:16** —————

*²¹ So we continued the work with half the men holding spears, from the first light of dawn till the stars came out. ²² At that time I also said to the people, “Have every man and his helper stay inside Jerusalem at night, so they can serve us as guards by night and as workers by day.” ²³ Neither I nor my brothers nor my men nor the guards with me took off our clothes; each had his weapon, even when he went for water. **Nehemiah 4:21-23***

JANUARY 2019 EVENTS



TUE

01

NEW YEAR'S DAY/Happy New Year!
5-Day Bible Reading Program Begins

SUN

06

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Shock Absorbers for Life: The Journey
Young Adults

MON

07

RESET
Fasting Begins

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TUE

08

Praise Team
REHEARSAL

SUN

13

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Shock Absorbers for Life: Be Flexible

TUE

15

Tuesday Bible Study | THE **MIRACLE OF MERCY** BY RICK WARREN

SUN

20

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Shock Absorbers for Life: Be Thankful
Grapple Event

TUE

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SUN

27

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Shock Absorbers for Life: Be Resilient
RESET: Fasting Ends



TUE

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