

RESET  **2018**
POSITIONING *for* GROWTH

Select your Bible reading plan—the entire Bible or the New Testament. Charts are available.

PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL



Plan on attending:
Tuesday, January 2
at 7:00 PM



PRAY FOR...

Carol Souvigny who will be having surgery on Thursday, January 11

BIBLE STUDY (Off Campus)

Studies are scheduled at Kimberly's on January 4, 11, and 18.



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

A 5-SESSION
DVD BIBLE STUDY

anxious *for* **NOTHING** | BY MAX LUCADO

Starts Tuesday, January 9

GRAPPLE EVENT

(Following the service)

SUN, JANUARY 14

Bring \$10 (Food Is Provided)

*Must bring a signed waiver



JUMP INTO THE NEW YEAR!

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.



CENTERED

- Jan 07 » To Receive His Life Supply
- Jan 14 » To Correct My Direction
- Jan 21 » To Get Through the Storm
- Jan 28 » To Enter My Destiny

PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

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| Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | Brian H. ▶ Salvation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | Benjamin G. ▶ Salvation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Noe F. ▶ Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rick W. ▶ Pinched nerve | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Kenny D. ▶ Neurological | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ray H. ▶ Salvation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps | <input type="checkbox"/> | Karen W. ▶ Salvation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Misty L. ▶ Headaches | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tommy F. ▶ Healing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jason G. ▶ Salvation | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

▶ URGENT PRAYER

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| Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | Danny R. ▶ ALS | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Toni R. ▶ Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | Gerry G. ▶ Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Emma G. ▶ Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | Terry P. ▶ Cancer/spleen | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bob Z. ▶ Lung Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Judi G. ▶ Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | Paul B. ▶ Surgeries | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God | <input type="checkbox"/> | Laura S. ▶ Post-Operation Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Stein Family ▶ Salvation | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jean G. ▶ Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> |

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Do not wait until the conditions are perfect to begin. Beginning makes the conditions perfect.” —Alan Cohen

METRICS THAT MATTER (12/24/17)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 37 GIVING ▶ \$900^{.25} GUESTS ▶ 2
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

WAYMAKER

¹⁶ This is what the LORD says—he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: ¹⁸ “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, 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 43:16-19*

On the eve of their release from Babylonian Captivity, Isaiah encourages the captives to trust God for “new things.” He reminds them that God is in control and that captivity was purposeful, but now He has great plans for them as they return to Israel.

the GOD OF BAAL-ZEPHON

(the tight places)

Isaiah paints a word picture of God the Waymaker. He makes a reference to Israel's crossing of the Red Sea when they were pinned in at Baal-Zephon.

» God's plan most often is hard to understand.

Why would God take Israel to a cul-de-sac in the desert, then inspire Pharaoh to reclaim his recently moved-out slaves?

» When God is up to something things get **CHAOTIC**.

» Israel was panic-stricken when Pharaoh gave chase and was closing in on them.

» God's plan was unique: he called them out so that He could confront all of Egypt's might and in one mighty blow destroy them forever.

» He wanted His people to see how he deals with those that take His people captive. It is not pretty!

» He not only lured Pharaoh to the Red Sea but took him out—forever!

----- DON'T DWELL *ON* *the* PAST -----

If we want to be led to a new place,
Isaiah gives an instruction—

* *“don't dwell on the past.”*

1 ----- The past can be a trap in which we get stuck when we linger over it.

2 The past can be a place of instruction, not a compass for the future. *

3 ----- The past can become our fantasy life if we allow it. *

4 The past can rob us of our present joy if we replay the wrongs that others have done to us. ◆

NEW ROADS *and* **NEW RIVERS**

BEHOLD I do a New thing! That was the declarative word spoken by God to His people in Isaiah 43. He spoke a faith-path out of their seventy-year captivity into liberation and redemption. God was calling His people out from the old and into the new. He was calling things that were not as though they had already happened. As far as God was concerned, it was already a done deal.

God is promising to do new things—

◆----- To carve out new pathways in the face of overwhelming odds. *

◆----- To do the unexpected in spite of the circumstances. *

◆----- To show Himself strong in what looks like an impossible situation.

◆----- To bring good out of so many missteps. *

◆----- To provide in totally unforeseen ways.

THIS SAME GOD WHO HAS MADE A WAY FOR SO MANY OTHERS, PROMISES TO MAKE A WAY FOR YOU IN 2018!

JANUARY 2018 EVENTS

MON
01

NEW YEAR'S DAY / Happy New Year!
5-Day Bible Reading-2018 begins...



TUE
16

Tuesday Bible Study | **anxious for NOTHING**
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TUE
02

PRAISE TEAM
Rehearsal

THU
04

Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

SUN
07

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Communion / Young Adults

MON
08

RESET
Fasting Begins



TUE
09

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THU
11

Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

SUN
14

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Grapple Event-Epic Air

THU
18

Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

SAT
20

RESET
Fasting Ends



SUN
21

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship

TUE
23

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SUN
28

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship

TUE
30

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