



## OUR CONDOLENCES...



to Phyllis and the Reeves-Dunlap Family at the passing of her uncle, Don Reeves. Don was 79 years old and was the owner of a saw mill in Bourbon, Missouri. He passed away on Monday night at his winter home in Welaka, Florida.

## SHORT MEETING

Please join us for a short informational meeting regarding our Easter Project following the service. Let's gear up for Easter on April 1!



GRAPPLE GROUP EVENT (FOLLOWING THE SERVICE)

# Underground Retrocade

EAST DUNDEE — SUN, FEBRUARY 18 BRING \$8.00 FOR THE EVENT

TUESDAY  
BIBLE  
STUDY

## LIFE MANAGEMENT

BY RICK  
WARREN

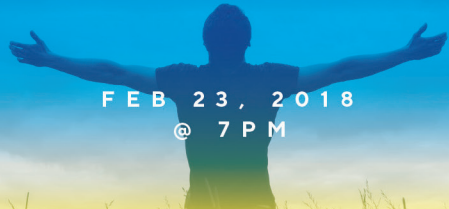
Starts on  
Tuesday,  
February 20

PRAYER EVENT

# I STAND IN AWE

*A night to declare His majesty*

FEB 23, 2018  
@ 7 PM



## 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.

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card

# My heart belongs to you

Feb 04 » Misplaced Affection  
Feb 11 » True Satisfaction  
Feb 18 » Great Expectations  
Feb 25 » My Heart Belongs to You

## PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

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"/>	Ray H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tommy F. ▶ Healing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	▶	<input type="checkbox"/>

## ▶ URGENT PRAYER

Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul B. ▶ Surgeries	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lucinda M. ▶ Gall bladder	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barb S. ▶ Achilles tendon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	George C. ▶ Chemotherapy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maria C. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emma G. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eddy's wife ▶ Lymphoma	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gerry G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nikki S. ▶ Appendectomy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will ▶ Nerve Damage	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Persistent calling upon the name of the Lord breaks through every stronghold of the devil, for nothing is impossible with God. For Christians in these troubled times there is simply no other way. —Jim Cymbala*

## METRICS THAT MATTER (02/11/18)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 25    GIVING ▶ \$1,254.<sup>76</sup>    GUESTS ▶ 0  
VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15    DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

My heart  
belongs to you



Great Expectations

<sup>15</sup> When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked. <sup>16</sup> "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." **2 Kings 6:15-16**

## Blindness to the Big Picture



Elisha's servant was terrified because he saw the size of the army against him. But he was blind to the presence of the God who was fighting for him and the size of the army that he fought with. Essentially, he doubted two things:

The steadfastness  
of God's love  
and the strength  
of his power.



- ♥ He thought God had abandoned them. "We're surrounded. We're abandoned. There is no hope."
- ♥ The essence of sin is a lack of faith in God's goodness.
- ♥ The reason we reject God's ways and pursue our own path is we don't think God is infinitely good, or trustworthy. We don't trust him.
- ♥ The reason we are afraid or worried is we don't believe God's promises that he is good—that he is always fighting for us, that he will never leave us or forsake us, or that he is working all things for good.
- ♥ Lack of trust manifests in worry, anxiety—a fearfulness about the present or the future.
- ♥ Sometimes lack of trust manifests in people believing that they have to perform at a certain level before God will shower them with acceptance and blessing.



# Openness to a Clear Vision

**Paul Baloché** wrote a song that expresses the need for a clearer vision: *"Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"*

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Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You.  
To see You high and lifted up  
Shinin' in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

So God, in answer to prayer, opens the eyes of this servant to see that the armies of God's love surround this murderous hoard of Syrians, and that this huge Syrian army is nothing compared to the millions upon millions of angels that God has surrounding those that he loves.

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And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 2 Kings 6:17

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<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. <sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. <sup>9</sup> Fear the LORD, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing. <sup>10</sup> The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. **Psalms 34:7-10**

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<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:35-39**

