

SUNDAY 03/15/15

677 Luda Street, Elgin | www.jccelgin.org



Tommy Tenney remains hospitalized. He is fighting flesh-eating bacteria. Doctors are fighting to save his leg and his life. **Please continue to pray for him!**

INVITE CARDS...

are available for our Easter Celebration. Invite your friends and family to our Easter Celebration on Sunday, April 5!



DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

APRIL 5

Easter Service

★ **SAVE THE DATE** ★

Sunday @ 10:00 am

A HUGE EASTER EGG HUNT!
A FREE IPAD Mini WILL BE GIVEN AWAY!

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ EASTER CELEBRATION INVITE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE THIS MORNING! ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



SATURDAY, APRIL 25 9 AM – 2 PM

AT 5 NEIGHBORING CHURCHES IN DOWNTOWN ELGIN
BEGIN AT 220 DIVISION ST.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for volunteers. Sign up now at:
www.LoveElginDay.org

ORIGINAL
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

PAST THE WISHING
APRIL 23-25, 2015

rockfordfirst

<----- REGISTER ON-LINE: ----->

WWW.ORIGINALCONFERENCE.COM

SAVE THE DATE



Reinhard Bonnke
GOSPEL CRUSADE



BRINGING GOOD NEWS TO AMERICA

Mark your calendars for
this life-giving event!

ALLSTATE ARENA/CHICAGO
JUNE 26, 27 & 28, 7PM

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

#HOPE

Finding Hope When I Feel Like Giving Up

MARCH

TEACHING SERIES

MAR-01 / #Hope: It's Not too Late
MAR-08 / #Hope: When I'm Running Out of Everything
MAR 15 / #Hope: When I Can't See My Way
MAR 22 / #Hope: When I've Come Up Empty
MAR 29 / Palm Sunday

PRAYER REQUESTS

Emma G.	► Post-Surgery Healing
Lily M.	► Dementia
Anabelle G.	► Lung Cancer
Andrew H.	► Health Issues
Noe F.	► Health Issues
Linda L.	► Health Issues
Elizabeth S.	► Health Issues
Kenny D.	► Skull Fracture
Trevor W.	► Deployed to Afghanistan
Jim W.	► Post-Surgery Healing
Keith K.	► Post-Surgery Healing
Paul S. III	► Complete Healing
Peggy K.	► Health Issues
Kevin K.	► Post-Surgery Healing
Danny L.	► Awaiting Peace Corps Assignment
Ralph H.	► Fluid in the brain
Jon/Sarah L.	► Job transfer to Illinois
Melva S.	► Cancer
Moe M.	► Lung Cancer
Ruth S.	► Undiagnosed Health Issues
Mark M.	► Cardiac Issues

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"When we stand before Christ and He evaluates our ministries, He will not be asking us how many people sat in the pews, watched our TV programs, gave in our telethons or filled out response cards. He is not going to evaluate us based on how many people fell under the power of God or how many healings we counted in each service. He will ask how many faithful disciples we made. I pray we make this our priority." —J. Lee Grady

03/08/15

METRICS
THAT MATTER

30

ATTENDANCE

\$2,694.25

GIVING

3

GUESTS

13

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST



#HOPE

Finding Hope When I Feel Like Giving Up

◆
**WHEN I
CAN'T SEE
MY WAY**
.....◆

MARK 8: Jesus Brings Sight to the Blind Man

²² *They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him.* ²³ He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" ²⁴ *He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."* ²⁵ Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶ *Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into the village."* ²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" ²⁸ *They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."* ²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

REMOVE THE BARRIERS THAT KEEP ME FROM SEEING CLEARLY

²² They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. *Mark 8:22*

◆ **PRIDE** when I distance myself from God or others

²³ Pride brings a person low, but the lowly in spirit gain honor. *Proverbs 29:23*

◆ **SHORT-TERM THINKING** here and now

¹⁷ You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. *Revelation 3:17*

◆ **SHORT-TERM MEMORY** forgetfulness

¹⁸ Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember?

¹⁹ *When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?* "Twelve," they replied. ²⁰ "And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" They answered, "Seven."

²¹ *He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"* Mark 8:18-21

RENEW MY FOCUS ON JESUS

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²⁴ *He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."* Mark 8:23-24

CARING FRIENDS ALWAYS BRING HURTING FRIENDS TO JESUS!

CONDITIONS FOR A MIRACLE TO HAPPEN

1

Someone cares enough to go to Jesus

2

We choose to draw close to Jesus

3

We trust Jesus to lead us on the other side of the miracle

JESUS IS NOT SATISFIED WITH PARTIAL VISION. . .

GOD'S LESSONS ABOUT SEEING LIFE CLEARLY

1

Spiritual vision is progressive

2

The test of my vision is how I see others

3

Jesus corrects my vision completely

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ARE YOU HAVING DIFFICULTY SEEING?
HOPE CAN REPAIR YOUR SIGHT!