

### SUNDAY 05/26/19

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#### **CONGRATULATIONS...**

to Amanda Spurlock on obtaining her Associates of Arts Degree from ECC with High Honors—3.8 G.P.A!

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#### **GET WELL CARD**

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Please sign the get-well card for Geraldine Cole to let her know we are thinking and praying for her. God is able to do "way beyond" what we think or expect!



#### **PASTORS AWAY**

Pastors Bob & Phylis plan to attend the Apostolic World Christian Fellowship Conference in Louisville the week of May 27-31.

# Summel Calendar

Summer calendars are available in the foyer. These will help you plan your summer schedule.





UNITED
USA TOUR 2019

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS AMANDA LINDSEY COOK + MACK BROCK

SEARS CENTRE ARENA JUNE 24 \_ 7:30PM

#### **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.





#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

> SALVATION —	
Jason G. Ray H. Gearen Family Tom M.   Brian H. Karen W. Rick L. Stein Family   Benjamin G. Cheyenne W. Mike F. Kirk Aricioglu   Ryan K. Tyler M. Bill S.	
Kenny D. » Nuerological Ph Shirley K. » Health Issues Je Will H. » Thorasic Nerve Ba Kevin K. » Health Issues M Toni R. » Health Issues CI Sam H. » Cardiac Issues Ez	Regan G. » Cancer  In the content of
Gabe G. » Guidance Fi	gueroa Family » Grief (passing of Noe's dad)

#### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"So often, it's the little choices that make the big difference."

—Charlotte Gambill

METRICS THAT MATTER (05/19/19)

ATTENDANCE ► 44 GIVING ► \$1,035 GUESTS ► 0

VOLUNTEERS ► 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0

## Light in the Darkness

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and His glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. — Isaiah 60:1-3

# The Feast of Tabernacles

The multitude of worshippers filled the temple courts on the first night of the Feast of Tabernacles.

- The oil lamps in their niches did little to banish the darkness in so vast a space.
- Now the priests began singing hymns, and a hush fell over the crowd as the attendants once again began ascending the ladders to the top of the candelabras, this time with torches in their hands.
- Light represented both the pillar of fire that had led their fathers in the wilderness as well as God's shekhinah glory.
- The light was representative of Messiah Himself too. He was the "great light" shining in the darkness (Isaiah 9:2) that God had promised to one day kindle for His people Israel.
- When the attendants reached the top of their ladders, a holy silence fell over the crowd. Then slowly, in unison, these young men lowered their torches to the golden bowls.
- A roar of flame and wave of heat swept over the people as the temple courts were flooded with brilliant light.

A few days later, Jesus of Nazareth stood in the temple courts and raised His voice: Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." John 8:12 NLT

Jesus uses the metaphor, I am the light of the world.

He issues a command: "if you follow me..."

He issues a promise: "you won't have to walk in darkness."

- The Pharisees and crowds struggled to understand and accept His claims.
- Jesus alludes that He is the new "pillar of fire" through their wilderness.
- His coming kicks off a new season—the dawning of the kingdom of God.
- This season is filled with the ultimate revelation of the Father, who sent His only Son to die as a lamb for the sins of mankind.

No one missed the significance of the words from Jesus, especially the temple leaders. Here's why—Jesus has been performing indisputable Messianic signs. These are found in the book of John. Jesus is shining his light of revelation with signs that only He can perform.

## Seven Messianic Signs



Turning water into wine / John 2:1-10



Healing the official's son / John 4:46-54



Healing the lame man at Bethesda / John 5:1-9



Feeding the 5,000 / John 6:1-13



Jesus walks on water / John 6:16-21



Jesus heals a man blind from birth / John 9:1-11



Jesus raises up Lazarus / John 11:32-44

The impossible is now possible. Do you have an impossible?