

# REGROUP

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

**TUESDAY JULY 17**

A night for friendship  
and fellowship that  
you initiate.

# Swim Fest

## GRAPPLE EVENT

**SUNDAY  
JULY 22**  
(FOLLOWING THE SERVICE)



## SERVE NIGHT

**TUE 07/24 | 8:00-9:30 P.M.**

Join us as we pack food boxes  
for needy children at FMSC at  
1072 National Parkway  
Schaumburg, IL. 60173



# Ladies' Tea Party



**SUNDAY  
JULY 29**  
(FOLLOWING THE SERVICE)



Join us for a *Celebration of Days* (un-birthday bash)

NO MORE DECADES

**25,449 days**

*For Phylis Dunlap-Huerta*

Save the Date  
08/04/18 - 3:00-7:00 p.m.  
@ 677 Luda St. Elgin IL

## 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.

## P S A L M 23

## GOD IS...

SHEPHERD | RESTORER | GUIDE | HEALER | FUTURE

Jul 01 » Shepherd

Jul 08 » Restorer

Jul 15 » Guide

Jul 22 » Healer

Jul 29 » Future

## 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"/>	Barb S. ► Achilles tendon	<input type="checkbox"/>

## ► URGENT PRAYER

Toni R. ► Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jean G. ► Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ► Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don H. ► Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ► Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Z. ► Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearen Family ► Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barb G. ► Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stein Family ► Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lois M. ► Grief Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny R. ► ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave ► Weak Heart	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ruth H. ► Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie L. ► Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jean G. ► Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Angela F. ► Unusual Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maria C. ► Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ken R. ► Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ► Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brad H. ► Post-op Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/>

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The greater your knowledge of the goodness and grace of God on your life, the more likely you are to praise him in the storm."* —**Matt Chandler**

## METRICS THAT MATTER (07/08/18)

ATTENDANCE ► 30    GIVING ► \$2,618    GUESTS ► 2  
VOLUNTEERS ► 15    DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0

## GOD IS...

MY SHEPHERD | RESTORER | GUIDE | HEALER | FUTURE

## GOD IS MY GUIDE

He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. *Psalm 23:3*

## God is in the **DETOURS**

"He leads me in paths of righteousness" means something different in Hebrew. **It means the detours of my life end up to be right.** Our wandering turns out to be a blessing. Our detours bring us to the place where God calls us to be His.

## The **40-YEAR** Road Trip



The story of Israel's Road trip from Egypt to the Promised Land looks like a guy who didn't ask for directions. It involved a lot of detours—on purpose. They had been slaves for 400 years. God designed the detours to help them focus on Him.

There were a few bumps. No bridge to cross the Red Sea. An army pursuing them, ready to haul them back to Egypt. No food. No water. Weariness. More attacking armies.

Admittedly, any of these circumstances would be enough to squash the joy of YOUR family's road trip, wouldn't you agree?

Day after day, the cry went up: "Are we there yet???" And there were plenty of Israelite Alpha Males who'd gone along, who were pretty sure they knew how things could be better handled, to help the Israelites reach their goal: the Promised Land.



It appears that the reason had a lot to do with there being a purpose in the aforementioned side trip: *where* God led them. Because make no mistake, despite the huge detour, **He** was leading them.

Cloud by day- a cloud that possibly helped protect them from the burning rays of the desert sun. Pillar of fire by night, probably providing them with a night light and with heat, on cold desert nights.

## *So where did He lead them on that “detour”?*

The southernmost point on that map, the most “out of the way” location on their trip, was Mount Sinai. And Mount Sinai was the very place where God entered into a covenant with Israel, where He promised to be their God, as they would promise to be His people. It was also the mountain where He gave them His law, whose commandments served to define them as a people.

## **DETOUR** *Principles*

*Principle #1:* **DETOURS CAN BE GOD'S WAY OF CALLING US TO HIMSELF IN THE NOT YET**

*Principle #2:* **IT'S NOT THE “GETTING THERE”, SO MUCH AS THE “HOW WE GO ABOUT GETTING THERE”**

## *God Will Not* **LEAD YOU ASTRAY**

The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. *Isaiah 58:11* I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. *Psalms 32:8*

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup>in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. *Proverbs 3:5-6*