

**WAY TO GO LADIES!**

**Keri Wozniak is being recognized at Carpentersville Middle School for being the District 300's 7th Grade Hurdles and Long-jump Champion!**

**Amanda Spurlock will be inducted into the National Honor Society at a ceremony at Westminster Christian School on September 2!**

**MERCY COMMUNITY  
CHURCH OF STREAMWOOD**

**17th Anniversary  
September 12-13, 2015  
Guest Speaker, Terry Black**

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*before amen*

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09.15.2015

Join us for a  
four-session-video-based study  
where Max Lucado shows us  
how to let go of uncertainties  
about prayer, trust that God  
hears us, and embrace a prayer  
life that brings peace and rest.



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**NEHEMIAH HECKLER**  
**SUN SEPT 20 @ 10:00 AM 2015**

women of faith  
**loved**  
— THE FAREWELL TOUR —

**Sears Centre Arena  
September 25-26, 2015**

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**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.

FROM THE PIT  
TO THE PALACE

I AM INTERESTED IN...

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

ALL I WANT TO KNOW IS...  
☐ How I can grow  
☐ How I can reach  
☐ How I can minister  
☐ How I can serve  
☐ How I can love

How I can grow \_\_\_\_\_  
 How I can reach \_\_\_\_\_  
 How I can minister \_\_\_\_\_  
 How I can serve \_\_\_\_\_  
 How I can love \_\_\_\_\_

CONNECTION CARD

# FROM THE PIT TO THE PALACE

Sep 06 / What to do on the Worst Day of Your Life

Sep 13 / What to do when You're Stabbed in the Back

Sep 20 / Guest Speaker - Nehemiah Heckler

Sep 27 / What to do when You're Back on Top

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Breanna V.	▶ Health Issues
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
Paul S. III	▶ Complete Healing
Peggy K.	▶ Health Issues
Danny L.	▶ Awaiting Peace Corps Assignment
Ralph H.	▶ Fluid in the brain
Moe M.	▶ Lung Cancer
Ruth S.	▶ Undiagnosed Health Issues
Mark M.	▶ Cardiac Issues
Jim B.	▶ Eye Problems
Bonnie T.	▶ Post-Surgical Healing
Mary H.	▶ Health Issues

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Find the things that stir your affections for Christ and saturate your life in them. Find the things that rob you of that affection and walk away from them. That's the Christian life as easy as I can explain it for you."

—Matt Chandler

08/23/15

METRICS  
THAT MATTER

26

ATTENDANCE

\$207.25

GIVING

2

GUESTS

9

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

## » RESPONSE TO ABUSE:

### (Loss) ATTEMPTS TO NUMB THE PAIN

#### DETACHMENT

Embitterment:  
Don't Speak  
Don't Feel  
Don't trust  
Anger – the world isn't fair  
Revenge

#### DENIAL

Blame: others or ourselves  
Rationalization  
Intellectualization  
Distracting  
Becoming Hostile  
Addiction  
Avoidance

## Mark 11:25 The Message (MSG)

<sup>22-25</sup> Jesus was matter-of-fact: "Embrace this God-life. Really embrace it, and nothing will be too much for you. This mountain, for instance: Just say, 'Go jump in the lake'—no shuffling or shilly-shallying—and it's as good as done. That's why I urge you to pray for absolutely everything, ranging from small to large. Include everything as you embrace this God-life, and you'll get God's everything. And when you assume the posture of prayer, remember that it's not all asking. If you have anything against someone, forgive—only then will your heavenly Father be inclined to also wipe your slate clean of sins."

## » FORGIVENESS

**Forgiveness** is a process, not an event.

**Forgiveness** does not require staying in an abusive situation.

**Forgiveness** is not letting the offender off the hook.

**Forgiveness** does not mean forgetting—does not mean denying reality or ignoring repeated offenses.

**Forgiveness** is not the same as reconciling. We can forgive someone even if we never can get along with him again.

**Forgiveness** isn't earned, but trust is. You can forgive a person without trusting him/her/them.

We don't always have to tell them we have forgiven them.

Grace does not require remaining silent about bullying and abuse.

**Forgiveness** and grace do not preclude justice or demand superficial reconciliation.

Choices have consequences for the abuser.



**Forgiveness** starts with a mental decision: Forgiveness is not based on others' actions but on our attitude.

**Forgiveness** is returning to God the right to take care of justice: Withholding forgiveness is a refusal to let go of perceived power. If they don't repent, we still forgive.

» **SOME CAUTIONS:** We might forgive too quickly to avoid pain or to manipulate the situation. We might be pressured into false forgiveness before we are ready. A time of mourning our loss is necessary and healthy.

» **FREEDOM AND RESTORATION**

Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering. *Mark 5:34*

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Arise, shine, for your light has broken through! The Eternal One's brilliance has dawned upon you. *Isaiah 60:1- (The Voice)*

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*Isaiah 60 1-7* "Get out of bed, Jerusalem! Wake up. Put your face in the sunlight. GOD's bright glory has risen for you. The whole earth is wrapped in darkness, all people sunk in deep darkness, But GOD rises on you, his sunrise glory breaks over you. (*The Message*)

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» **HE'S A GOOD, GOOD FATHER**

*Romans 8:15-16* For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

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*1 John 3:1* How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

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*Matthew 7:9-11* "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

# SEPT. 2015 EVENTS



TUE  
01

**Praise Team**  
*REHEARSAL*

SUN  
06

**Praise Team** *REHEARSAL*  
**Worship / Communion / Young Adults**

MON  
07

**Labor Day**

FRI  
11

**Garage Sale @ Rodney's**

SAT  
12

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*17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* *Mercy Community Church*

SUN  
13

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TUE  
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**Bible Study / BEFORE AMEN**

SUN  
20

**Praise Team** *REHEARSAL*  
**Worship / Guest Speaker:** *Nehemiah Heckler*

FRI-SAT  
25-26

**Women of Faith**  
*Farewell Tour /* **Sears Centre**

SUN  
27

**Praise Team** *REHEARSAL /*  
**WORSHIP**

TUE  
29

**Bible Study / BEFORE AMEN**



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