

Our condolences and prayers for Don & Helen

Reeves (Phylis' cousin) at the death of their son and daughter-in-law who were involved in a motorcycle accident on Monday near Centerville, Missouri. The funeral was held on Friday in Bourbon.

OUR CONDOLENCES...

CARD FOR PAUL

Please sign the card for Paul Sharp in the foyer. It will cheer him up to see your greeting!

Grapple Group

Underground Retrocade Event

1:00-4:00 p.m. (lunch will be provided)

DON'T MISS IT!



SUN, SEPTEMBER 25

Spirit LIFE CONFERENCE

GROWING A CHURCH FROM 15 TO 5,000

October 5-7, 2016 / Alsip, IL

ACADEMICS / ADMINISTRATION
ARTS / PASTORAL

Pastor Dan Willis

with ♦ Benny Hinn

♦ Dog the Bounty Hunter

♦ Bebe Winans



BIBLE STUDY (OFF CAMPUS)

If you are interested in attending the Bible Study at Kimberly's, please contact her. There is one session left in September: 29—Thursday evening.

CONNECTION CARDS

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

CONNECTION CARD

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Other: _____

I Believe in Blessing

Sept 04 » A Closer Look at Blessing
 Sept 11 » The Power of Decrees
 Sept 18 » The Blessing of Identity
 Sept 25 » The Blessing of Destiny



PRAYER REQUESTS

▶ THINKING - OF - YOU PRAYER

Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lily M. ▶ Dementia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annabelle G. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trevor W. ▶ Afghanistan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ralph H. ▶ Fluid in the brain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moe M. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lotz Family ▶ Family Grief	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barb D. ▶ Bone Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donald S. ▶ Addictions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer M. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>

▶ URGENT PRAYER

Peggy H. ▶ Arthritis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary S. ▶ Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer M. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul S. ▶ Chemotherapy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Mary Ellen H. ▶ Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Worshiping God even amid despair is a way to defy the Adversary and declare our valuing of the good-the-best-in-life: the Lord.” -Jack Hayford

09/18/16

30 ATTENDANCE \$561 GIVING 2 GUESTS
 10 VOLUNTEERS 0 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

METRICS ▶ THAT MATTER

I Believe in Blessing

THE BLESSING OF DESTINY

“²³ The steps of good men are directed by the Lord. He delights in each step they take. ²⁴ If they fall, it isn't fatal, for the Lord holds them with his hand.”. *Psalm 37:23-24 TLB*

Each of us is *wired* with
▶ **instinct**, ▶ **purpose** and ▶ **gifts**.

The Framework

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

— *Jeremiah 29:11 KJV* —

- ◆ God's thoughts toward us are good—so we can end good.
- ◆ His thoughts foster peace and promote achievement.
- ◆ He is giving us the green light to prosper.
- ◆ We are wired to use our gifts and abilities to bless others.
- ◆ Every detail of our lives, good and bad, is at work setting the stage for our opportunities.

The Method

⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” *Isaiah 55:9-11*

- ◆ In order for us to know his ways (thoughts) we must receive his word.
- ◆ His analogy: “He gives the moisture (rain and snow) that makes our lives fruitful.
- ◆ Without it, there is little in the way of yield, growth, or development.
- ◆ His word achieves an incredible purpose: to bring out the seed of purpose in us.

The Instruction

¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.”

1 Corinthians 13:11

- ◆ The basics for development: **speak, think, understand.**
- ◆ The reason: we can be mature outwardly and immature **inwardly.**
- ◆ What is Paul saying? Is it possible that we are still reacting to certain things like a child?
- ◆ Is it possible that our system—**speaking, thinking, understanding**—is blocking the rain?
- ◆ Have you tested your system?
- ◆ Are we so loyal to a system that our functionality is **severely limited?**
- ◆ Are you defending what is **killing you?**
- ◆ **If you don't put it away—it will put you away!**
- ◆ **I must put the childish system away...**

The Reward

¹“What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. ²The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father.” *Galatians 4:1-2*

- ◆ The inheritance is set aside for the **developed person.**
- ◆ The child can be an owner, but is not able to “rule” until such time as they can demonstrate maturity.
- ◆ Receive the “rain” so that you can move forward to your God-given destiny!

OCT 2016 EVENTS



SUN 02 **Praise Team** *REHEARSAL / PRAYER*
Worship / Communion / Young Adults

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TUE 04 **Praise Team**
REHEARSAL

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WED-FRI 05-07 **SPIRIT LIFE CONFERENCE** / *Pastor Willis Alsip, Illinois*

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THU 06 **OFF-CAMPUS**
Bible Study-McHenry

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SUN 09 **Praise Team** *REHEARSAL / PRAYER*
Worship

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TUE 11 **THE PURPLE BOOK**
The Holy Spirit & Spiritual Gifts

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SUN 16 **Praise Team** *REHEARSAL / PRAYER*
Worship / Guest Speaker
Launch: Operation Christmas Child

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TUE 18 **THE PURPLE BOOK**
Spiritual Hunger & God's Word

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THU 20 **OFF-CAMPUS**
Bible Study-McHenry

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SUN 23 **Praise Team** *REHEARSAL / PRAYER*
Worship / Grapple Group

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TUE 25 **THE PURPLE BOOK**
Discipleship & Leadership

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SUN 30 **Praise Team** *REHEARSAL / PRAYER*
Worship

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