

## URGENT PRAYER

Please join us in prayer for Barb Gies (Charity's mom), who was admitted to Swedish American Hospital in Rockford on Monday for blurred vision and memory loss. God is able to make grace abound in every situation!

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

# BOOK OF JAMES

A SIX-WEEK IN-DEPTH STUDY

CLASSES CONTINUE ON  
TUE, OCT 09 @ 7:00 PM



Send **GOOD NEWS**  
& **GREAT JOY!**

*Kickoff Date: Oct. 14 | Collection Date: Nov. 11*

Keri will lead us again in this amazing opportunity to give gifts to children who may have never received a gift before. This is an open door to ministry—our chance to be a blessing in a very practical way.

GRAPPLE  
EVENT



# FALLFEST

  
*at Goebbert's Farm*

SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 21  
*(following the service)*

## 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.



# DON'T SETTLE *for less*

Oct 07 » Don't Settle for Less  
Oct 14 » Set Your Past on Fire  
Oct 21 » Stop Playing it Safe  
Oct 28 » Get Your Jars Ready

## PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/>

Brian H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Benjamin G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ray H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Karen W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>

## ▶ URGENT PRAYER

Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ▶ Hospice Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maria C. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>

Don H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barb G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brianna V. ▶ Bell's Palsy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Harold A. ▶ Fractures (auto accident)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Melissa H. ▶ Fractures (auto accident)	<input type="checkbox"/>

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"One of the most staggering truths of the Scriptures is to understand that we do not earn our way to heaven...works have a place—but as a demonstration of having received God's forgiveness, not as a badge of merit of having earned it."* —Ravi Zacharias

## METRICS THAT MATTER (09/30/18)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 33    GIVING ▶ \$1,821    GUESTS ▶ 0  
VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15    DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0



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*for less*

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Hebrews 11:1



*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*

<sup>14</sup> Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.” <sup>15</sup> God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.” <sup>17</sup> Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, “Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?” <sup>18</sup> And Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!” <sup>19</sup> Then God said, “Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. <sup>20</sup> And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. <sup>21</sup> But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year.” <sup>22</sup> When he had finished speaking with Abraham, God went up from him. **Genesis 17:14-22**

## BACKGROUND

God comes to encourage Abram to rely on His promise and not be governed by circumstances.

- Abram is becoming satisfied with something that is of his own making (Ishmael).
- Abram describes his weakness and inability to bear a son.
- Abram voices his wish for God to confer the blessing through Ishmael.
- God reiterates that the blessing will come by Isaac.



# 5 IMPORTANT *Lessons* From The STORY ○○○

## ○○○ Genesis 17:14-22

### 1 COVENANT *before* CIRCUMCISION

Circumcision is the cutting away of the flesh; the cutting away of that which is not essential to reproduction. God gave Abram the covenant on credit.

### 2 CHANGE *your* NAME *when you* CHANGE *your* GAME ○○○●○○○

You cannot be who you were and who you are at the same time. From Abram to Abraham. From Sarai to Sarah. God is rebranding both.

### 3 CONNECTIONS MATTER ○●○○○○○ ○

Everybody connected with you matters. They will either help you reach your destiny or keep you from getting there.

### 4 CIRCUMSTANCES *don't* MATTER

Don't settle for an Ishmael if God said he's going to bless you. Ishmael represents the spirit of "make do". God is sovereign over your situation.

### 5 CORRECT *the* COMPLICATIONS ○○

God has a plan for your mistakes. God's plan included the blessing of Ishmael, but the abounding blessing came through Isaac.