

# SERMON NOTES

Daniel Swihart  
"The Slavery of Idolatry"  
Exodus 7-12

*"Father, this is your Word. We believe it is true, and we receive what it says. In the name of Jesus, open our hearts and engage our minds."*

Words translated "Harden"

חִזַּק

chazaq

Meaning:

כָּבַד

kabed

Meaning:

*Please use the insert for notes on the plagues.*

*So What?*



*Encouraging People to Reflect Jesus and Serve Others*

**June 7, 2026**

Worship - 10:10 am

After Half - 11:15 am

## TODAY

The book of Exodus tells the story of a God who hears the cries of people in slavery and leads them toward freedom. We're journeying through Exodus to see how God not only rescued Israel from the slavery of Egypt, but also worked to free them from the deeper slavery in their hearts and how that helps us today. A space for taking notes is on the back. Enjoy the service!

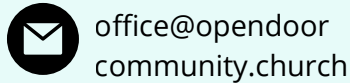
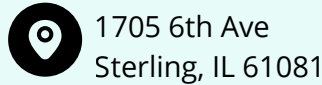
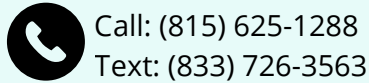
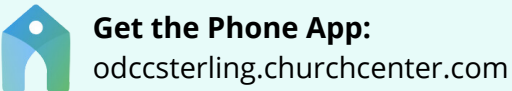
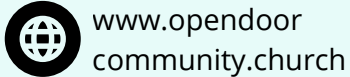
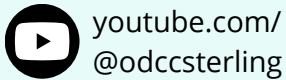


## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Rach Nelson** - reunion with kids, Recovery Women, Recovery Alive  
**Becky Kosier Smith** - quite ill, trying to get into Mayo Clinic  
**Ron Lynch** - 1 year anniversary of Bev's passing, 6/8  
**Daniel Shake** - praise! 1 year anniversary since baptism!  
**Mary Kay Devine** - high blood pressure issues

*Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for up to 1 month. If you'd like it to continue to be in the bulletin, please submit another yellow prayer request card.*

## INFO



## STAY FOR AFTER HALF!

Each Sunday after the service, we invite you to stick around for 30 minutes. For kids and teens, this is a time to explore their faith through Bible study and activities. For adults, this is a time of fellowship in the sanctuary or meeting in the chapel to reflect and engage with others about the sermon.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

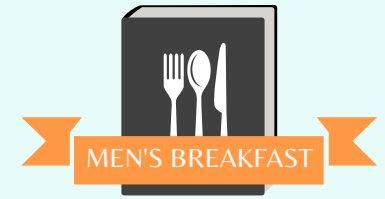
### June Little Things

*One Great Hour of Sharing*

Help support disaster relief, ministries to displaced persons, and development projects of the American Baptist Churches and its partners.



**Tuesday, 6/9, 1pm**  
Sanctuary Overflow



**Saturday, 6/13, 9am**  
Benny's Restaurant



### CommUNITY VBS 2026

*July 12-16, 5:30-8pm,  
Bethel Reformed Church*

Scan the QR code to register your kids and grandkids or to volunteer.



*The candle and special music during communion are dedicated to the memory of Bev Lynch on the first anniversary of her death.*

## THIS WEEK

**6/7** - After Half, NO CHAOS

**6/9** - Lydia Circle, 1pm

**6/11** - Prayer Team, 10am

**6/12** - , Worship Practice, 6pm, Recovery Alive, 6pm

**6/13** - Men's Breakfast, 9am

**6/14** - After Half, Bell Choir Practice, 6:30-8pm

Plague & Scripture	Egyptian Gods/Goddesses	Natural explanation	Pharaoh's heart	Modern Idol
<b>0: Staff to Serpent</b> 7:8-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pharaoh - snake (uraeus) his crown</li> <li>Wadjet/Uatchit - patron goddess of Lower Egypt, represented as a snake</li> <li>Apopis - enemy of the gods as a snake, represents chaos</li> </ul>	Some types of cobra can be immobilized via pressure on its neck		
<b>1: Water to Blood</b> 7:14-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Khnum - guardian of Nile's source</li> <li>Hapi - spirit of the Nile</li> <li>Osiris - Nile was his bloodstream</li> </ul>	Heavier flooding led to red earth and red algae in the Nile, killing the fish and poisoning the soil		
<b>2: Frogs</b> 7:25-8:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hapi &amp; Heqt - frog goddesses, both related to fertility</li> </ul>	Frogs deserted the waters and banks because of decomposing fish		
<b>3: Gnats/ Mosquitoes</b> 8:16-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seb - earth god</li> </ul>	Insects that bred in all the stagnant pools left by the flooding		
<b>4: Flies</b> 8:20-32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wadjet/Uatchit - goddess of fly marshes of Nile delta</li> <li>Fly amulets - protection from disease</li> <li>"Golden Order of the Fly" - award for military bravery</li> </ul>	Bred in rotting fish and frogs and decaying vegetation		
<b>5: Death of Livestock</b> 9:1-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ptah, Mnevis, Hathor, &amp; Amon - gods associated with bulls and cows</li> </ul>	Flies were carriers of skin anthrax and infected livestock		
<b>6: Boils</b> 9:8-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sekhmet - goddess of epidemics</li> <li>Serapis &amp; Imhotep - gods of healing</li> </ul>	Skin anthrax contracted from flies and livestock		
<b>7: Hail</b> 9:13-35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nut - sky goddess</li> <li>Isis &amp; Seth - agriculture deities</li> <li>Shu - god of the atmosphere</li> </ul>	Very uncommon storm, but possible; would have occurred in Jan-Feb		
<b>8: Locusts</b> 10:1-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serapia - protector from locusts</li> </ul>	Wet climate from extra flooding led to more than usual; would have struck Feb-Mar		
<b>9: Darkness</b> 10:21-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re, Amon-re, Aten, Atum, &amp; Horus - sun gods</li> <li>Thoth - moon god</li> </ul>	Khamsin dust storm, made more intense by barren earth left by hail and locusts		
<b>10: Firstborn</b> 11:1-12:36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pharaoh - son of the gods</li> </ul>	None		