

You're Not Too Broken to Be Held

There's a lie many carry quietly: *"I'm too broken for God to love me."* It whispers in moments of regret, echoes in seasons of loss, and lingers in the shadows of shame. Why do we let our failures cause us to doubt God's love? Especially when the gospel speaks louder.

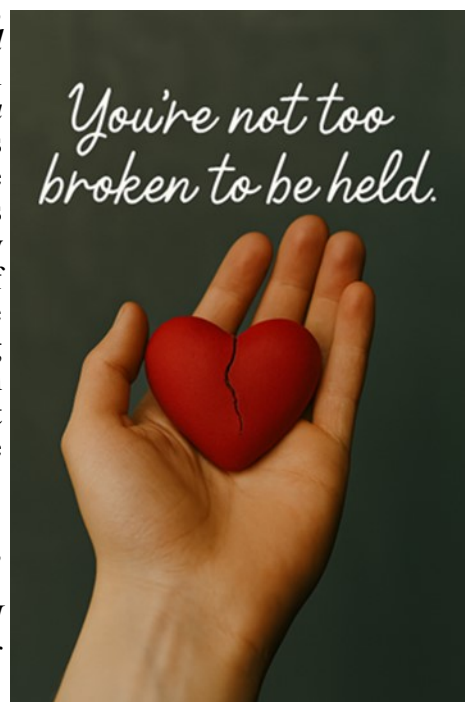
Jesus doesn't recoil from brokenness—He moves toward it. In **Matthew 12:20**, Jesus said, ***"A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out."*** This is the heart of our Savior. It is also an expressive emblem of the soul, broken and contrite on account of sin, weeping and mourning from transgression. Jesus will not break ***"a bruised reed."*** That is, He will not be haughty, unforgiving, and cruel. Jesus will heal it, pardon it, and give it strength. Nor will Jesus snuff out ***"a smoldering wick."*** This refers to the wick of a lamp when the oil is exhausted. A smoldering wick is the dying, flickering flame and smoke that hang over it. It is an emblem portraying feebleness and infirmity. Jesus would not farther oppress it, and extinguish it. The bruised reed may recover itself, if permitted to vegetate under the genial influences of heaven; and the life and light of the expiring lamp may be supported by the addition of fresh oil. Jesus therefore quenches not faint desires seeking salvation, even in the worst and most undeserving of men; for even such desires may lead to the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace. What a blessing it is that Jesus does not discard the damaged or extinguish the dim. He holds within His mighty hands what others might throw away.

In **John 10:27–30**, Jesus says, ***"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."*** Notice the intimacy: ***"I know them."*** Not just their strengths, but their wounds. Their doubts. Their failures. And still—He holds them.

Even when the crowd in John 10:31–39 picks up stones to reject Him, Jesus doesn't flinch. He knows rejection. He knows pain. And He still chooses to hold us. So, if you feel cracked, weary, or unworthy, hear this: You're not too broken to be held. Not by a God who bore nails in His hands to prove it. Let your brokenness become the very place where grace enters. Let the Shepherd's voice drown out the shame. And let His hand—strong, scarred, and steady—be the place you rest.

Maybe this week you could reflect on **Isaiah 41:10** ***"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."*** Psalm **34:18** carries the same thought, ***"The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."*** Let them remind you: God doesn't just tolerate your brokenness—He redeems it.

Gary



Confronting Unbelief

John 10.22-26

- 1) Have you ever met anyone who honestly questioned who Jesus was?
- 2) Were they open to listening to what you said?
- 3) Are all people sincere in their search for Jesus?

I) The _____ of Demanding Proof (John 10.22-26).

- A) Where was Jesus at this time?
 - 1) What was the *Feast of Dedication*?
 - 2) Why did John tell us it was winter?
 - 3) If people's relationships with God were considered by seasons, what season would most people be?
- B) The Pharisees demanded an answer to _____.
 - 1) They are scolded by Jesus.
 - 2) Jesus told them they were not His _____.

II) The _____ of the Shepherd's Voice (John 10.27-29).

- A) To His own sheep, Jesus gives _____ (v. 28).
- B) Jesus' sheep will never _____.
- C) No one can snatch Jesus' sheep out of His hand.
 - 1) No one is stronger than _____.
 - 2) What does it mean to you that no one can snatch you from His hand?
 - (a) How do you respond when life feels chaotic or uncertain—do you lean into the Shepherd's voice, or do you pull away?
 - (b) Can you find _____ in the pressures of daily life?

III) The _____ of Divine _____ (John 10.30-32).

- A) Jesus said, "*I and My Father are one.*"
 - 1) How?
 - 2) Jesus and His Father are one in _____, in what they do.
- B) The crowd picked up stones, not because He _____, but because He claimed _____ with God.
- C) Jesus confronts His opponents (v. 32).

IV) The _____ To _____ (John 10.33-39).

- A) From their perspective, the Jews accused Jesus of _____ for claiming to be God.
 - 1) Jesus reasoned with them using scripture (vv. 31-38).
 - 2) Jesus invited them to examine His _____, not just His _____.
- B) What "works" of God in your life is calling you to deeper _____?
- C) Do you need to _____ your relationship with Jesus?

Conclusion: Are you ready to believe in Jesus today?

CONNECTION

Good morning, WH family. Can you believe the "dog days" of August are over? We have been blessed with a milder summer this year indeed!

We are beginning our Family Life (FL) small group meetings on September 21st, so we need to get the signups started. For those new to WH, our FL groups meet on Sunday afternoon or evening, the 2nd through 4th Sundays of each month. This session, we have 5 options to choose from:

Group 1: Meets in the fellowship hall immediately after services for lunch and a bible study.

Group 2: Meets in Les & Deatra Keele's home, at 1pm.
11017 Texanum Trl. FWT, 76108
817/808-0566

Group 3: Meets in Greg & Janelle Ball's home, at 12 noon
10725 Lipan Trl. FWT 76108
214/801-7375

Group 4: Meets in Tom & Paula Pauley's home, at 12 noon
3409 Muleshoe Ln. FWT 76179
817/821-0439

Group 5: Meets in Fellowship hall here at the building at 5pm

"Why should I join" you may ask.

Spiritual Growth: Family Life groups provide a setting for deeper Bible study, prayer and discussion. Members can ask questions, wrestle with scripture and learn to apply God's word better in their lives.

Deeper Relationships: In large groups, it is easy to feel unseen. Family Life groups enhance our feeling of a family relationship, enabling members to go beyond surface level friendships. The members learn to laugh, rejoice and even weep with one another. The group fosters trust, support and encouragement.

Mutual care and Support: Needs are often noticed and met more quickly within a small group. Prayer support, meals, encouragement, acts of service and expressions of love are enhanced in small groups, truly living out the "one another" commands of Jesus.

Opportunity to serve and lead: Group members can learn and use their individual gifts in practical ways, through teaching, hospitality, encouragement, service etc. Participation allows everyone to contribute, not just be a spectator.

Outreach and witness: FL groups provide a warm, safe, welcoming entry point for seekers, neighbors or friends who may hesitate to attend a formal service. The hospitality in a home often leads to gospel conversations and sharing of what God has done for us.

Personal transformation: Transformation happens best within a community; "iron sharpens iron." (Proverbs 27.17) Gentle, but firm accountability challenges members grow beyond our "comfort zone."

I hope that you will *prayerfully consider and join* one of our Family Life groups. ***I know you'll be blessed!***

--Les Keele



Come to Ladies Night
September 22 for an evening of
laughter and fun!
Watch the bulletin for more details or
see Jennifer Scott!

Join us for an Ice Cream Social after the
Sunday evening service on
September 14th. Please
bring your favorite ice
cream to share. Sign up
in the foyer. For
more details, see
Steve Taylor

SHEPHERDS	
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Ross Tomlinson	682-429-1983
John Walton	817-441-0000
*Shepherd of the month	

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<i>Associate Minister</i>	
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<i>Youth Minister</i>	

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Matt Sloan	405-471-3404
Steve Taylor	817-291-2065
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Arthur Torrez	817-721-2726

MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Steven Johnson
Song Leader - Jon Bartee
Song - I'll Fly Away
Song - When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder
Song - Peace In The Valley
Opening Prayer - Zac Brookshire
Scripture - John 10.22-26
Song - It Is Well With My Soul
Lord's Supper - James Bowie
Prayer for Contribution - James Bowie
Song - Mansion Over The Hilltop
Confronting Unbelief - Gary Williams
Song - When We All Get To Heaven
Announcements - Les Keele
Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Greg Ball

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Attendance



Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years and a mother's nursing room.

Single-side in-ear mono earbuds with personal receivers are available for those with hearing difficulties. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for assistance.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS	
Monday, September 1 Job 17-19; Psalm 102 Tuesday, September 2 Job 20-21; Colossians 1 Wednesday, September 3 Job 22-24; Colossians 2	Thursday, September 4 Job 25-27; Psalm 26; Colossians 3 Friday, September 5 Psalm 111; Job 28-29; Colossians 4 Saturday, September 6 Psalm 17; Job 30; Romans 1 Sunday, September 7 Job 31; Romans 2

Last Week			
Bible Class	135	Wednesday	109
Worship	251	Contribution	\$ 9,282.72
PM Worship	49	Budget	\$ 14,216.88

Times of Assemblies	
Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Lorenza Fernandez 08/18/2025	Had surgery Tuesday, 8/28 and is at home. 232 Lochness Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Pray for success
Charles Stephan 08/15/2025	Is now in Willow Park Rehab Room 406. 633 South Kate Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Bridget Yawn 8/25/2025	Bridget's Lupus condition has returned.	Comfort and strength
Monty Bowers 8/25/2025	Recently had surgery for infection in one of his toes.	Infection to heal
Dwight Blair 08/12/2025	Has returned home and will continue his therapy. He would still appreciate visits. Please call before coming. 121 Lilac Lane, Azle, Texas 76020	Healing
Kate Birdow 08/03/2025	Her transition to college. Katelyn Marie Birdow Eagle Post - Clark Hall 1155 Union Circle Denton, TX 76203-5017	A successful school year and for her empty nester parents, David and Stephany
Bob Willyerd 8/3/2025	Is back home and doing better. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Better health and healing
Mary East 7/8/2025	Has been put on hospice at home and remains very weak. 101 Rambling Trail, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Strength and healing for Mary, and guidance for Karen and Mark Brahn
Nathan Rutledge 6/29/2025	Broke his hip and is at home healing. 1213 Trammell Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Quick recovery
Betty Kille 7/8/2025	Is continuing treatments if her body allows. 4112 Arroyo Trail, Fort Worth, Texas 76135	Strength, healing
LeAnn Fisher 8/28/2025	Had shoulder surgery Thursday, 8/28, in Cleburne at the surgical center.	Healing and strength
Paula Williams 8/26/2025	Will have hip surgery September 9 at 11:30.	Comfort and healing

CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR: Patricia Emerson, Mary Ann Poulsen, Nancy Wright, Bridget Yawn, Charles Stephen, Patricia Neisler, Kittie Davis, Mignon Bandy, Sue Carpenter, Chandra Mann, Charlie, Louise and Dwayne Beagle, Aubrey Hallum, Betty Baumann, Lillian and Charles Kite, Joe and Jody Gentry, Jacki Jaso, and Betty Adams.

FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Kyle, husband of Robert Bow's niece	Robert Bow	Had gall bladder surgery 8/21. Things went fine and he is now at home.	Healing 8/21/2025
Mance Stark, uncle of	Adam Powers	Has throat cancer and is undergoing radiation treatment.	Healing, strength for the treatments, and the family 08/18/2025
Regina Kiser, cousin of	Jennifer Duncan	Is in the hospital with pancreatic cancer.	Healing and the family as they are dealing with their loved ones affected with this horrible disease 8/18/2025
Marty Tomlinson, son of	Ross Tomlinson	Had surgery to remove kidney stones and a stint was inserted to prevent future stones.	Healing and recovery 08/12/2025
Jimena Montanez, sister to	Madeline Montanez	Will have surgery September 10 on her brain to help with her headaches following her accident in 2024.	Healing and comfort 8/25/2025
Kelsey Johnson, friend of	Jill Sloan	Is a wife, mother of 5, and nurse at Medical City Weatherford who was involved in a head-on collision on August 4. She remains in the hospital with a long road to recovery.	Healing and comfort for her family 08/12/2025
Husband of	Pam Stom	Has been moved to rehab and is improving.	Healing 08/08/2025
Pam, daughter of	Judith Dillard	Will be scheduled for a double mastectomy.	Successful surgery, healing and recovery 08/03/2025
Paul Saxton	Member at Brown Street	Has health issues in addition to blood clots.	Healing and recovery 08/03/2025
Baylee, friend of	Lilly Scott	Is doing much better.	Continued healing 7/31/2025
Eric, Crystal and Will Intfen	Leah Bowie	Daughter/sister passed away on June 25, 2025. She was 20 years old.	Comfort for the family 7/21/2025
Dorene Helton, sister-in-law of	Vickie and Monty Bowers	No more cancer but she will continue her chemo for three more sessions.	Thanksgiving to God and continued improved health, help her handle the chemo 07/07/2025
Jon Silcox, step-father of	D.J. Keller	Was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer.	Healing 3/22/2025
John Saxton, cousin of	Adam Powers	Has had a relapse of his brain cancer. His therapy is not working.	Guide the doctors to find treatments that will work 7/13/2025

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

Mens' and Ladies' Bible Classes will resume Tuesday, September 9th at 10 AM

Ladies will meet in the Fellowship Building and men will meet in the library.

Paula Pauley will be leading the Ladies Class. Our topic will be "The Dash In Between".

Milt Birmingham will lead the Men in a 12 Part Video Series "Bible Warfare by Mike Mazzalongo" with a follow-up of "Christian religions and Islam".

To start it all off we will have a salad pot luck luncheon for everyone.

Make plans now to attend!

FALL BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning:

Auditorium:

Geoffery Rodman - Study Of The Psalms

Wednesday Evening:

Auditorium:

Les Keele - Fruit Of The Spirit -Galatians 5:22,23

CONGRATULATIONS

Leah Savage



Leah Savage is a proud great grandmother! Her great grandson, Miller Allen Smith, born September 25 to Jacob

and Kaley Smith. Miller has some heart problems and may need surgery later. Please remember him in your prayers.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Jennifer Scott

If you have unused greeting cards you no longer want, please bring them to the church office to use for an upcoming Ladies' Night.

Leah Savage

If you have left over material, lace, rick rack, ribbons or trim of any kind. Leah uses these things to make clothes, purses, etc., to send to our missionaries in third world countries.

Sympathy

Bill Baumann

Services for Bill Baumann will be September 3, 10:00 AM at the National Cemetery in Grand Prairie

Wanda Houston

Services for Wanda Houston will be held, September 16 in Granbury, Texas

10 AM outside at the Granbury Cemetery

200 E. Moore Street

Tom Vilaysack

Tom Vilaysack passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family, August 8 at 10 PM

Gene Menzdorf

Gene passed away August 14. Please pray for Peggy and the family.

FOOD BANK STATS

JULY FOOD BANK STATS:

200 – Families Served

\$888.38 – Cost to WHCOC

7,709 pounds – Estimated Weight of Food

ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Tom and Paula's anniversary is **September 2** - not the 21.

ATTENDANCE QR CODE

Attention
All Members
And Visitors

We Invite You To Use The QR Code for
Attendance

Which Is Located On The Last Page Of The
Bulletin Right Next To The Giving QR Code

We Are Slowly Making Our Way Into The 21st
Century

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Dear Parents,

Please provide the office with your child/children's
college addresses so that we may publish them.
There are those that may wish to send them
notes of encouragement.

Thank you

BABY SHOWER



September 28

Honoring Baby Tunnell, Danton, and Cassidy

Proud Grandparent, LeAnn Fisher

Great Grandparents, Robert and LaRue Bow

2 PM - 4 PM

In the Fellowship Building

In lieu of cards, please bring a child's book that
is special to you. It can be well loved or brand
new. Please write a note on the inside to remind
us of you. We also ask that you bring a pack of
diapers of any size to be entered to win a special
prize.

Hostesses: Brenda Freeman, Sharon Pippin, Pam
Eubanks, Julie Meyer, Dorothy Anderson and
Beverly Forgey

The Tunnells are registered at

my.babylist.com

***"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare
and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."***

Jeremiah 29.11

Celebrate

BIRTHDAYS

2 JENNIFER DUNCAN
5 JOHNNIE WRIGHT
6 MICHAEL DAVIS
7 NATHAN RUTLEDGE
16 ISAIAS TORREZ
18 STANLEY GISH
18 JILL SLOAN
19 LEANN FISHER
20 JUDY BLAIR
23 FRANKIE SMITH
25 DEBBIE ROLLINS
25 DAVID WILMINGTON
26 MARY EAST
26 ROY EUBANKS
28 SUSIE STEADMAN
28 Kennan Williams
28 KEENAN WILLIAMS
30 DANA SABA
30 ROBERT SCOTT

CHILDREN

1 LILAH BOLT
22 KASSIE MUONGNAMVONG
25 ANDREW SCOTT

REMEMBER ME?

4 NANCY WRIGHT
19 SUE CARPENTER
19 SUE LITTLE SMITH

ANNIVERSERIES

2	TOM AND PAULA PAULEY	59 YRS
4	JAKE AND BARBIE DEKOKER	43 YRS
18	JIM AND KAREN HAAS	60 YRS
21	SAM AND DOROTHY ANDERSON	57 YRS



SEPTEMBER