

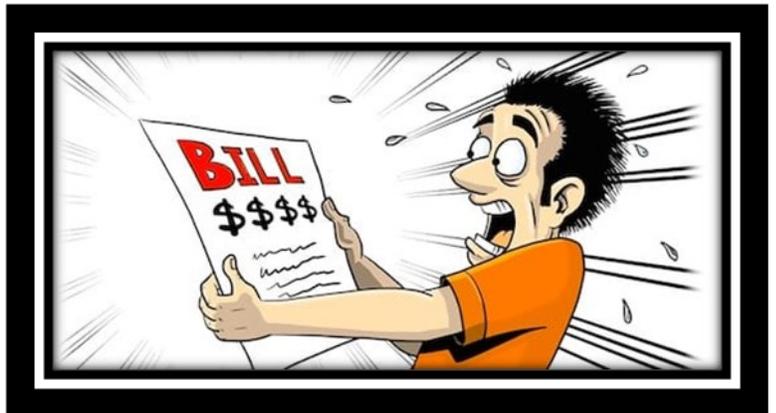


Just Can't Get Ahead?

How often have you felt that it didn't matter how hard you worked, you just could not get ahead? Or every time you begin to make progress, it seems like one step forward means two steps back? There are times in our lives when no matter how hard we try, it feels like we are running in place. More and more bills come in, our relationships strain, and our spirit darkens. Isn't it easy to feel defeated? You look for a light at the end of the tunnel but do not see one. So, you sit alone in total darkness with a downcast heart. You even question: *"Has God forsaken me?"*

Have you ever thought that your situation could be your time in the wilderness? Israel was destined to wander forty years in the wilderness after leaving Egypt. It wasn't just punishment for failing to trust in God; but it was a time of growth. Israel had to learn to trust God for all their needs. Manna from heaven, water from rocks—God continually met their needs—but only one day at a time. Can we learn to take life one day at a time? We can become depressed and think everything is going down the drain, but who knows what tomorrow will bring? Can we stop worrying and learn to trust in God?

Your time in darkness could also be a time of growth. When seeds are planted in the ground, they sit in total darkness, buried beneath the earth, seemingly all alone. But what is really occurring? Transformation is taking place. The seed is preparing to sprout to produce a beautiful plant. Our hours, days, and months of darkness may feel like we are buried with burdens too heavy to bear; but are we really being transformed to serve God more faithfully in the future? Is God preparing us for something better?



When will we learn that we cannot regulate everything going on around us? When will we learn to put our faith and trust in God? When will we learn that God is in control and will take care of us regardless of what we face? Jesus said our focus in life should be to ***"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you"*** (Matthew 6.33). ***"All these things"*** mean everything necessary to sustain your life God will provide. Let us stop being overly concerned about the things in our life that are out of our control, but rest assured that God will take care of us. Will you let God take care of you?

Gary

The Anger Of The Lord

Lamentations 2.1

- 1) Paul told the Christians at Rome, *“Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God’s kindness to you, provided you continue in His kindness. Otherwise, you too will be cut off.”*
- 2) Do we fear the anger of the Lord?

I) God’s _____ Revealed (Lamentations 2.1-10).

- A) God is repeatedly identified as the _____ of the hardships that occurred.
 - 1) God’s anger led to a _____ hanging over Jerusalem.
 - 2) God forsook His _____.
- B) The people trusted in the _____ (2.6, 7; Jeremiah 7.3-4, 8-10).
 - 1) The people refused to change their ways (Jeremiah 18.11, 12; Romans 2.5; 2 Peter 3.7; 2 Corinthians 5.10).
 - 2) We must never think that God will not _____.
- C) Do we put our trust in _____ and _____?

II) Jeremiah’s _____ Flowed (2.11-17).

- A) The prophet’s own pain surfaced.
 - 1) Jeremiah was exhausted from weeping.
 - 2) What did Jeremiah see?
- B) Will we shed _____ as a sign of _____?

III) The City _____ (2.18, 19).

- A) Notice the depth of emotion required to reach out to God.
 - 1) Their tears were to run _____ and _____.
 - 2) Jerusalem was told to cry out in _____.
- B) The mood is reminiscent of _____ crying out to God in the _____ (Luke 22.44).

IV) God Boldly _____ (2.20-22).

- A) God is confronted with what is occurring...
 - 1) With the _____.
 - 2) With the _____.
 - 3) With the _____ of all the people.
- B) Should we cry out in confrontation of God?
 - 1) Do we?
 - 2) Jerusalem did not acknowledge her sin.
 - 3) There were no pleas for _____ or _____.
 - 4) Rather, she _____ with reproach.
- C) Do we plea for _____ when we _____?

Conclusion: Will you cry out to God today?

CONNECTION

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Good morning WH Family!

I can't tell you how many times that I have attended a funeral in the past few years and have heard a group of people discussing the life of the deceased. The conversations went something like this ...

"Didja know that . . ." "No, I didn't, I had no idea!"

or something to that effect. I attended two funerals in the last two weeks, and the specific conversations went like this . . .

"Didja know that he had received several medals in his military career, including the *bronze star*?" "I had no idea that he had even been in the military, or much less that he was a highly decorated soldier!" And this one as well; "Didja know that she was a star athlete when she was in school, that she played sports so well she could put some of the boys to shame!" "What?? I had no idea that she had done any of those!"

It started me thinking, isn't it a shame that we learn more about some of our brothers and sisters after they have died than in all the years we may have worshipped, fellowshiped and served together. While that is indeed a benefit of our small groups, it doesn't have to be the only way that we can connect with one another on a deeper level. Our "stories" make up a large portion of who we are today. You know Jesus used stories more than any other teaching method because he knew that stories tweak our emotions and draw us in. When we share our "stories" we share part of our heart, and that draws people closer, especially if they can relate because their "story" is similar in some way.

The point of all this is that we should try to connect with each other by investing time together, whether it be sharing a meal or fun event, going visiting or doing a service project together, etc. Time spent talking and sharing with each other. You might be surprised at how fascinating (no matter how they deny it) our brothers and sisters really are. At the very least, I'm certain – you'll be blessed!

-- Les Keele



Join our own David Birdow in "Walking Through The Scriptures" on **YouTube**. Simply search this title and you will be able to access his lessons. You will not be disappointed.




Matthew 7: 16

¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?


Ladies' Night
 Come to Ladies' Night: for an evening of laughter and fun!
 You're invited to a delightful Ladies' Night on Monday, September 22, from 6 PM to 8 PM in the fellowship hall! Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun. We will be making greeting card crafts to share with our shut-ins. Dinner will be provided, but we ask that you bring a dessert to share. All ladies, middle school age and older, are invited to attend! Please leave the little ones at home.

SHEPHERDS

Greg Ball	214-801-7375
*Russ Bartee	817-938-5825
Dan Kille	817-793-7493
Chuck Meyer	682-553-5444
Tom Pauley	817- 370-5515
Ross Tomlinson	682-429-1983
John Walton	817-441-0000

*Shepherd of the month

MINISTERS

Gary Williams:	662-321-3208
<i>Pulpit Minister</i>	
Les Keele:	817-808-0566
<i>Associate Minister</i>	
James Bowie:	817-944-4492
<i>Youth Minister</i>	

LAOTIAN MINISTRY

John Boudtaroth	817-891-2132
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DEACONS

Jon Bartee	817-889-2686
David Birdow	972-310-1143
James Bowie	817-944-4492
Zach Brookshire	817-296-9918
Brandon Duncan	903-603-1059
Jay Garner	817-205-2070
Ben Meyer	817-673-8557
Robert Scott	817-246-0911
Matt Sloan	405-471-3404
Steve Taylor	817-291-2065
Buck Thomas	817-733-2620
Arthur Torrez	817-721-2726

MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Garner

Song Leader - Matt Sloan

Song - I Will Call Upon The Lord

Song - Here I Am To Worship

Song - Lead Me Gently Home

Opening Prayer - Jacob Baum

Scripture - Lamentations 2.1

Song - When I Survey The Wonderous Cross

Lord's Supper - Ben Meyer

Prayer for Contribution - Ben Meyer

Song - This World Is Not My Home

The Anger Of The Lord - Gary Williams

Song - Jesus Is Tenderly Calling

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Russ Bartee

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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 22

Zechariah 12-14; Philippians 1

Tuesday, September 23

Psalm 107; Jonah 1; Philippians 2

Wednesday, September 24

Psalm 116; Jonah 2- 4 ; Philippians 3

Thursday, September 25

Habakkuk 1-3; Philippians 4

Friday, September 26

Jeremiah 1-2; Psalm 28 I Thessalonians 1

Saturday, September 27

Jeremiah 3-4; I Thessalonians 2

Sunday, September 28

Psalm 14; Jeremiah 5-6; I Thessalonians 3

Last Week

Bible Class	137	Wednesday	90
Worship	221	Contribution	\$ 12,981.14
PM Worship	61	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

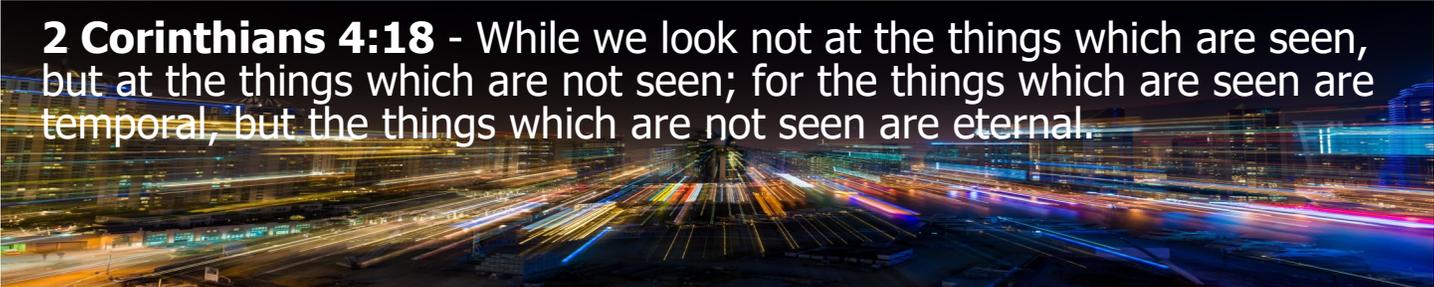
NAME	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Brandon Duncan 9/12/2025	He is having sever back pain; he had an epidural on 9/18. 110 McAnear Street, Cleburne, Texas 76033	Relief from pain and healing
Charles and Robin Stephan 9/10/2025	They have Covid. Charles has fever and weakness. Robin is on the mend. 633 Kate St., Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Alex Bartee 8/31/2025	He is navigating college life and the trials that come with it. 2021 Guadalupe St #711, Austin, Texas, 78705	Strength, guidance and wisdom
Lorenza Fernandez 08/18/2025	Had surgery Tuesday, 8/28 and is at home. 232 Lochness Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Pray for success
Bridget Yawn 8/25/2025	Bridget's Lupus condition has returned. She needs calls and cards. 9213 Idaho St., Joshua, Texas 76058	Comfort and strength
Monty Bowers 8/25/2025	Recently had surgery for infection in one of his toes. 5013 Calmont, Fort Worth, Texas 76107	Infection to heal
Dwight Blair 08/12/2025	Has returned home and will continue his therapy. He is having back spasms. 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
Mary East 7/8/2025	Has been put on hospice at home and remains very weak. 101 Rambling Trail, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Strength and comfort 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, August 28. 1003 Bryant St., Benbrook, TX 76126	Healing and strength
Paula Williams 8/26/2025	Had hip replacement surgery September 11th. 3237 Hunter Park Cir Apt E, Ft Worth, TX 76116	Comfort and healing
Mary Jo Winters 9/3/2025	She had shoulder surgery September 8th. 9908 Caravelle Ct., Fort Worth, TX 76108	Healing and comfort

CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR: Anthony McGraw, Patricia Emerson, Mary Ann Poulsen, Wanda Houston's Family, Nancy Wright, Bridget Yawn, Charles Stephen, Patricia Neisler, Kitti Davis, Mignon Bandy, Sue Carpenter, Chandra Mann, Bob Willyerd, 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
Oren Fryar, friends of	Chuck and Julie Meyer	He has bladder cancer; they are removing his bladder on Oct. 22.	Strength, healing and quick recovery 9/18/2025
Jenna & Harrison Davis, friends of	Riley & Cassie Bowie	They had their 3rd Child, Baby Annie. Annie had surgery as soon as she was born. Annie has been in NICU since June 19th. Her first surgery was to fix her trachea to esophagus connection. Annie will also need multiple heart surgeries.	Please pray for strength, complete healing and for Annie to one day soon be able to go home and be with her parents and 2 big brothers. Also, pray for the mental and spiritual health of Jenna and Harrison. 9/3/2025
Jessica, friend of	Katelynn Bolt	She is 28wks pregnant and in the hospital on strict bed rest until baby is born.	Please pray for pregnancy to continue as long as possible before delivery and strength for mama and family 9/14/2025
Kelsey, friend of	Jill Sloan	Thanksgiving the Kelsey Johnson, nurse at Medical City Weatherford, has been able to return home to her family to continue to heal.	Prayers for continued healing 9/14/2025
Scott & Karen Landon, friends of	Betsy Strother	They are having to put his mother, Ann, into a memory care facility.	That they do the right thing for her 9/16/2025
Shelby Lowrey, former member	Les Keele	She had a hysterectomy.	Quick healing 9/12/2025
Melissa Tomlinson, daughter-in-law of	Ross Tomlinson	She has been moved to Baylor Scott and White in Dallas. Doctors are still trying to find out what is wrong.	Good health 9/10/2025
Tracie Jones, wife of	Russ Jones	She has a lung issue and had a biopsy on Sept 9th. She is now home from the hospital waiting results.	Good results 9/7/2025
Rob Ryan, son-in-law	Sharon Pippin	Has been losing weight and doctors do not know why.	That they can figure out what is wrong 9/9/2025
Roslyn Brown, neighbor of	Michelle Glenn	Her husband who is housebound, falls often, they need prayers.	Send them love for strength and comfort 9/9/2025
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
Jimena Montanez, sister to	Madeline Montanez	Had surgery September 10 on her brain to help with her headaches following her accident in 2024.	Healing and comfort 8/25/2025
Pam, daughter of	Judith Dillard	She will be having a mastectomy.	Good results and healing 8/24/2025

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Husband of	Pam Stom	He is home and improving.	Healing 08/08/2025
Baylee, friend of	Lilly Scott	Is doing much better.	Continued healing 8/31/2025
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



2 Corinthians 4:18 - While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

The elders are calling a budget meeting on October 4th to set next year's budgets for the different ministries. Please keep an eye on your email inbox for more information.



Centennial birthday celebration, **Mary East** is turning 100 September 26th. Please send her cards.

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 In to the 21st century

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

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

Mens' and Ladies' Bible Classes Tuesday, at 10 AM

Ladies will meet in the fellowship room 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."

Make plans now to attend!

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Please note our children's college addresses. Please pray for them and send them notes of encouragement to help them in their transition. Thank you

College Addresses:

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Caleb Bartee

#4441 Oklahoma Christian University 2501 E. Memorial Rd. Edmond, OK 73013-5599

Ben Keller

#4799 Oklahoma Christian University 2501 E. Memorial Rd. Edmond, OK 73013-5599

Katelyn Marie Birdow

Eagle Post - Clark Hall 1155 Union Circle Denton, TX 76203-5017

Courtney Kirkpatrick

3000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Crowley complex D206, Dallas, TX 75211

FOOD BANK STATS

AUGUST FOOD BANK STATS:

199 – Families Served

\$771.71– Cost to WHCOC

8327 lbs – Estimated Weight of Food

John 14:6

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Reading this scripture, we understand that the only way to the Father is through Jesus, the Son. Jesus embodies the truth, providing us with a standard to compare everything else throughout life.

Therefore, there is only 1 truth, and it is in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Faith...

Betty Baumann has moved: Westmore Senior Living, 25 Leonard Trail, Rm. #123 Fort Worth, TX 76114



Gloria Speak has moved to 11908 Dacca Court, Aledo, Texas 76008. Her phone number is 817-291-3136. She is one of our shut-ins and would like calls cards and visits, please.

Bridget Yawn, is feeling isolated and would appreciate calls and cards. Her address is: 9213 Idaho St. Joshua, TX 76058 (817) 240-8443

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 WILL BE
100, YRS OLD
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
	JAKE AND BARBIE DEKOKER	43 YRS 
18	JIM AND KAREN HAAS	60 YRS
21	SAM AND DOROTHY ANDERSON	57 YRS

SEPTEMBER

October Celebrations

Adult Birthdays

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| 1 Bouathong Chansombath | 30 Bob Riley |
| 1 Les Keele | 31 Vickie Bowers |
| 2 Pheng Vilaysack | 31 Lisa Wilson |
| 6 Sharon Pippin | |
| 6 David Birdow | |
| 8 Roxann Whitacre | |
| 10 Betty Baumann | |
| 10 Jimmy Bolt | |
| 16 Melinda Markum | |
| 17 Barbara Adams | |
| 17 Tom Pauley | |
| 18 Rob Donahue | |
| 20 Sabrina Vilaysack | |
| 20 Tiffany Witherspoon | |
| 25 Courtney Meyer | |
| 25 Suzan Ward | |
| 26 Amanda Garner | |
| 29 Jodi Gentry | |
| 29 Patricia Neislar | |

Children's Birthdays

- 1 Lyndon Watson
- 6 Tahlia Witherspoon
- 11 Layton Meyer
- 21 Claire Meyer
- 26 Luke Meyer

ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Jay & Amanda Garner
- 23 Robert & Jennifer Scott
- 25 Robert & LaRue Bow
- 26 Carl & Fern Green