

Will You Walk After God?

The Scriptures continually mention how people should pay attention to how they walk. In the Old Testament, the prophet Micah told the children of Israel what God requires of man. He said, ***“What does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?” (Micah 6.8)***. The psalmist said, ***“Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!” (Psalm 119.1)***. In the New Testament, the apostle John tells us ***“If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie...But if walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another” (1 John 1.7)***.

The word “walk” is used in the sense of how we choose to live. How we choose to live our lives determines whether we are pleasing or displeasing to God. God has given us His Holy Word to teach us how to walk righteously before Him. I have the choice as to whether I want to live the way God requires, or whether to live to please myself in the ways of the world. My life choices will determine my eternal destination come judgment day (2 Corinthians 5.10; Revelation 20.11, 12). At judgment, we will either hear Jesus say, ***“Come, you blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world,”*** or ***“Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25.34, 41)***.

There are many things in the world that I should not pursue in life. John describes them as ***“the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life” (1 John 2.16)***. ***“Desires of the flesh”*** are cravings that arise from our physical nature—things that may make us feel good but are sinful and outside of God’s design of righteous living. Examples are sexual immorality, gluttony, substance abuse, laziness, uncontrolled anger, etc. These desires often promise satisfaction but leave us spiritually empty. ***“Desires of the eyes”*** are temptations that come through what we see—coveting, envy, or being captivated by appearances.

They include materialism—looking for expensive clothing, cars, or homes just because they look appealing. Pornography is included as well as jealousy and greed. These desires can distort our values and pull us away from God. ***“The pride of life”*** is the arrogance that comes from status, achievements, or self-sufficiency—living as if we don’t need God. This is often displayed as boasting in our accomplishments, seeking and craving praise or recognition from others, trusting in wealth, etc. This pride blinds us to our dependence on God and inflates our ego. Satan will us any or all of these to try to tempt us to sin.

You have a choice—will you walk after God, or will you live for yourself? You would think that the answer is obvious but saying and doing are two different things. Will you make the choice to live for Jesus today?



Gary

The Ascension and The Second Coming

Acts 1.6-11

- 1) Our Lord's earthly stay began with a miraculous conception (Matthew 1.18-25) and ended with a miraculous ascension (Acts 1.10).
- 2) Luke recorded at Jesus' ascension, "Two men stood by them in white robes and said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven'" (Acts 1.10b-11).
- 3) How is Jesus' Second Coming going to be in "the same way" as His ascension?

The Ascension Of Our Lord Was...The Second Coming Will Be...

- I) _____ (Acts 1.9; Revelation 1.7; I John 3.2).
- II) _____ (I John 1.1; I Thessalonians 4.16; John 14.1-3).
- III) In Fulfillment of _____ (Psalm 68.18; John 14.1-3; Revelation 1.7; 2 Peter 3.8-18; Jude 14, 15).
- IV) To _____ ... From _____ (Acts 1.11; Mark 16.19; 2 Thessalonians 1.7).
- V) _____ (I John 3.8; Hebrews 2.14, 15; Matthew 25.31-33; 2 Peter 3.10, 11).
- VI) Related To His _____ (Matthew 28.18; I Corinthians 15.24-26).
- VII) Accompanied By _____ (Matthew 25.31; Matthew 13.41, 42).
- VIII) With _____ (Acts 1.9; Mark 13.26; 14.62; Revelation 1.7).
- IX) Accompanied With _____ (Luke 24.50, 51; I Peter 5.8; 2 Thessalonians 1.7; 2 Timothy 4.8).

Conclusion: Jesus is coming again. Are you ready?

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Good morning, wonderful church family!

Do you remember the old playground game *Red Rover*? I recently saw some kids playing a version of it, and it took me right back to my childhood.

When I was a kid (way back in yesteryear!), we played *Red Rover* at recess or with neighborhood friends. You'd form two teams, each standing in a line several yards apart, holding hands tightly. One team would call out, "Red Rover, Red Rover, let [name] come over!" Then the named player would take off running, trying to break through the linked arms of the opposing team. If they succeeded, they'd take a player back to their side; if not, they were "captured." The game went back and forth until one team had captured all the players.



That old game got me thinking—what if we played a *spiritual* game of Red Rover? Picture two sides: one side representing the people Christ has redeemed, and the other representing those still held captive by sin and Satan. What if we called out to them: "Red Rover, Red Rover, let them come over!"—inviting them to run toward the love of Jesus and the open arms of His family here at Western Hills.

Our goal wouldn't be to "capture" them in defeat, but to *capture* them with grace—welcoming them to become teammates in the family of God, adding their strength, gifts, and hearts to ours.

When we played as kids, there was always someone on the other team we really wanted to have on our side. Who in your life fits that description? Who would you love to see standing beside you in the line of faith?

This week, I challenge you: reach out, connect, and "call them over." Introduce them to your church family and show them what life in God's family can look like.

Let's play—and let's be blessed in the process!

— Les Keele



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. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

John 10:27-29

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Robert Scott

Song Leader - Russ Jones

Song - Here I Am To Worship

Song - Shout Hallelujah

Song - Let God Arise

Opening Prayer - Jonny Bartee

Scripture - Acts 1:6-11

Song - Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross

Lord's Supper - Milt Birmingham

Prayer for Contribution - Milt Birmingham

Song - There's A Stirring

The Ascension And The Second Coming - Gary Williams

Song - Precious Lord Take My Hand

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Dan Kille

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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, October 20
Lamentations 4-5; Psalm 85

Friday, October 24
Daniel 7-8; James 3

Tuesday, October 21
Daniel 1-2; Psalm 136

Saturday, October 25
Daniel 9-10; James 4

Wednesday, October 22
Daniel 3-4; James 1

Sunday, October 26
Daniel 11-12; James 5

Thursday, October 23
Daniel 5-6; James 2

Last Week

Bible Class	127	Wednesday	103
Worship	213	Contribution	\$ 13,224.50
PM Worship	68	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
Skipper Reed <small>09/30/2025</small>	Is now on oxygen. Brook Dale Club Hill, 1245 Colonel Drive, Apartment 1022, Garland, Texas 75043	Comfort
Shirley Bennett <small>10/16/2025</small>	Is in Harris Downtown following the implantation of a pacemaker. 4018 Ridglea Country Club, #508, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Healing and return to good health
Paula Pauley <small>09/30/2025</small>	Had surgery on her hand. 3409 Muleshoe Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	Quick Healing
Dan Pratt <small>9/25/2025</small>	Is awaiting knee replacement surgery. 10920Hawkins Home Boulevard, P.O. Box 126437, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Successful surgery
Dorothy Anderson <small>09/25/2025</small>	Had a corneal transplant. 11137 Castle Oak Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Recovery and healing
Bob Willard <small>09/23/2025</small>	Has returned home and is doing well. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Recovery and healing
Bridget Yawn <small>08/25/2025</small>	Is experiencing side effects of her Lupus. She would appreciate calls and letters. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 96058	Comfort and strength
Mary East <small>07/08/2025</small>	Has been put on hospice at the home of Mark and Karen Brahn and remains very weak. 101 Rambling Trail, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Strength and comfort for Mary; guidance for Mark and Karen

All requests are posted for 30 days unless the office is notified to continue running them. Thank you.

FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Philemon Raya, our missionary in India	Milt Birmingham	Has been diagnosed with two aneurysms close to his brain which require immediate surgery.	Skill for the doctors, comfort and peace for him and his family, healing 10/15/2025
Dianne Snapp, daughter of	Tom and Paula Pauley	Is undergoing neurological testing.	Results to direct the doctors in diagnosing and treating symptoms 10/13/2025
Jim, brother-in-law of	Paula Pauley	Has prostate cancer and other health issues	Healing and return to good health 10/13/2025
Jeff Ragland, stepson of	Barbara Howard	Has first stage cancer and receives weekly chemo.	Success in the treatment of the cancer 10/13/2025
Dr. Jill Powers, daughter of	Barbara Howard	Has arthritis for which they have drilled a hole in her spine for the delivery of medication.	Relief from pain 10/13/2025
Kevin, stepson of	Barbara Howard	Will be married soon.	Wonderful years for he and his fiance' 10/15/2025
BJ, fiance' of Kevin	Barbara Howard	Suffered a hip injury in an interaction with a horse.	Healing 10/13/2025
Katelyn Paul, granddaughter of	Barbara Howard	Will have a baby in February, 2026.	Health for mamma and baby with a successful delivery 10/13/2025
Linda Swan, sister of	Barbara Howard	Lost her husband several months ago and will now be moving in with Barbara.	Comfort for Linda and a good transition to a new place 10/13/2025

FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Betty Shephard, cousin of	Nancy Wright	Fell, hit her head, and broke her hip requiring surgery.	Healing and return to good health 10/01/2025
Ellie Martone	Mindy Markum	Is a kindergarten student who is in remission for leukemia and is still taking chemo. She now has strep in her blood and is in Cook's Children's Hospital.	Remission to continue, strep to be removed from her system, and to return home
Anne Tomme, Joe's aunt and longtime friend of	Johnnie and Nancy Wright	Fell, broke her arm and hip.	Healing, successful therapy and return to good health 10/07/2025
Clyde Hathcock, cousin of	Nancy Wright	Is in the hospital following surgery.	Healing and return to good health 10/01/2025
Jack Corley, brother-in-law of	Johnnie Wright	Is having surgery to replace jaw bone.	Successful surgery and comfort in a long healing process 10/01/2025
Rob Ryan, son-in-law of	Sharon Pippin	Will have a check-up in three months for the pre-cancerous cells discovered in a recent MRI.	Doctors' guidance 09/30/2025
Marie, friend of	Lisa Wilson	Will be undergoing chemo for a spot on her colon.	Healing 09/30/2025
Alex Farnsworth, friend of	Lisa Wilson	Is undergoing chemo for lung lining cancer.	Healing 09/30/2025
Christine, granddaughter of	Clara Boudreaux	Discovered she needs a tumor removed and does not have health insurance.	The ability and circumstances to have the surgery and that the tumor is benign 09/18/2025

FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Madison, daughter-in-law of	Steven and Rene'	Is due in December and was in the ER with an infection in her leg.	Healing from the infection and successful birth for mom and baby 10/13/2025
Ronnie Ragland, nephew of	Barbara Howard	passed away.	Comfort for the family 10/13/2025
Oren Fryer	Chuck and Julie Meyer	Has bladder cancer which will involve the removal of the bladder on October 22.	Strength, healing, and quick recovery 09/18/2025
Brian Rickard, friend of	Lisa Wilson	Died from a heart attack at the age of 59.	Comfort for family and friends 10/05/2025
Jessica, friend of	Katelyn Bolt	Remains on bed rest at 30 weeks of pregnancy.	Health for Jessica and complete duration of pregnancy for the baby with a safe delivery for mom and baby 09/01/2025

FOOD BANK STATS

September

189 – Families Served

\$645.10 – Cost to WHCOC

5,839 pounds – Estimated Weight of Food

FROM ROSS TOMLINSON

REGARDING THE 2026 BUDGET

If you oversee a particular ministry and you wish to adjust the budget amount for 2026, please see the deacon that directs that ministry. Thank you.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Paula Williams recently had hip surgery. It has been a challenge for her to cook meals. If you would be willing to provide meals for them, please see Sharon Pippin.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

10 AM

LADIES

FELLOWSHIP ROOM

PAULA PAULEY

THE DASH IN BETWEEN - **in preparation for next week's class, please read the book of Ephesians**

MEN

LIBRARY

MILT BIRMINGHAM

12 PART VIDEO SERIES

BIBLE WARFARE

BY MIKE MAZZALONGO

FOLLOWED BY CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS AND

ISLAM

FAMILY FUN

TRUNK OR TREAT



We are in need of wrapped candy for our Trunk or Treat on October 31 from 6:30 - 8 PM. Please plan to participate by decorating your car and dressing up for fun!

SMALL GROUP NEWS

Small Groups meet on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of every month unless otherwise announced.

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

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

TRUNK OR TREAT

**JOIN US FOR FUN AND TREATS, LAUGHS AND SMILES WHILE MAKING
MEMORIES AND CONNECTIONS WITH OUR COMMUNITY.**

Decorate Your Car, Play games, and Hand Out
Candy!



OCTOBER 31ST FROM 6:30-8 PM.

8800 CHAPIN ROAD

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October Celebrations

Adult Birthdays

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

Children's Birthdays

10 Betty Baumann

1 Lyndon Watson

10 Jimmy Bolt

6 Tahlia Witherspoon

16 Melinda Markum

11 Layton Meyer

17 Barbara Adams

21 Claire Meyer

17 Tom Pauley

26 Luke Meyer

18 Rob Donahue

ANNIVERSARIES

20 Sabrina Vilaysack

13 Jay and Amanda Garner

20 Tiffany Witherspoon

20 Gary and Lisa Williams

25 Courtney Meyer

23 Robert and Jennifer Scott

25 Suzan Ward

25 Robert and LaRue Bow

26 Amanda Garner

26 Carl and Fern Green

29 Jodi Gentry

29 Patricia Neislar