

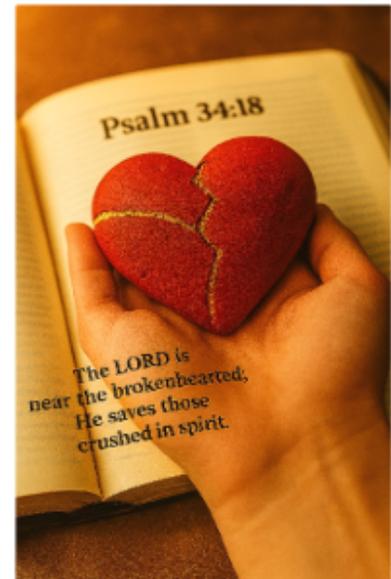


Near To The Brokenhearted

There are times in life when sorrow settles in like an unwelcome guest. It feels quiet, heavy, and persistent. Where do you turn when you are enduring difficulties? Where is God when I am so low? Does He care? The psalmist said, *“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit” (Psalm 34:18, NIV)*. We do not have to wonder where God is, the psalmist says God is always near. Thus, God doesn’t just offer comfort, He is there with us. God doesn’t wait for us to “get it together” before He comes close especially when we feel the most undone. What a wonderful promise the psalmist discloses.

The Hebrew word for “close” implies “intimacy,” “nearness,” and “readiness.” God is not far away or indifferent to our suffering. He is *“Emmanuel,”* meaning “God with us”—even in our pain. The word *“brokenhearted”* speaks to emotional devastation, while *“crushed in spirit”* evokes a soul weighed down by grief or despair. They are raw, real, and deeply human emotions we all experience when things go wrong.

Jesus Himself was *“a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief” (Isaiah 53:3)*. He wept at Lazarus’ tomb, groaned in Gethsemane, and cried out on the cross. He knows what it is to be brokenhearted. Psalm 34:18 is not just poetic, it points us to a Savior who doesn’t just sympathize but empathizes. Thus, when we feel crushed, we have a Savior who knows exactly how we feel. We are not abandoned. We are held.



God coming to us is not just to comfort us—it is also to prepare us for others. Paul writes in *2 Corinthians 1:3, 4* *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”* The comfort we receive becomes the comfort we give. Those who have walked through the valley of despair with God become guides for others still wandering there. Your story of heartbreak, when touched by God’s grace, becomes a testimony of hope for others.

Thus, let us pray, *“Lord, I feel the weight of sorrow pressing in. My heart is fractured, and my spirit feels crushed. But Your Word says You are near. Help me believe that. Sit with me in this silence. Speak to my chaos. Mend what feels irreparable. And when the time is right, use this pain to help me comfort someone else. In the beloved name of Your precious Son, Amen.”*

Gary

Who Makes You Glad?

Isaiah 61.1-3

- 1) Have you ever thought about what truly makes you happy?
- 2) Is it possible to find joy in sorrow?
- 3) Isaiah prophesied about the joy the Messiah would bring to people who suffer (Isa. 61.1-3).
- 4) Can I find true joy in Christ?

In These Few Verses, Let Us Notice...

I) _____ Said It? (Isaiah 61.1, 2).

A) Did you notice that he said, "*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me*"?

- 1) For what purpose?
- 2) To whom does this passage refer (Luke 4.16-21)?

B) What did the Messiah come to do?

- 1) He came to _____—"Good News!"
- 2) He came to be a _____.
 - (a) Ever had a friend whose heart was broken?
 - (b) There is only One who can mend a broken heart.
- 3) He came to be a _____.
- 4) He came to _____ news that will not be good for some.

II) To _____ Was Jesus Speaking?

A) Jesus is speaking to "*all who* _____."

- 1) Just because we are Christians does not mean that we will not suffer losses and experience times of great sadness.
- 2) The joy we experience is because we have a _____ that can bring _____.
- 3) Jesus is always willing to come to us—even when our lives are difficult.

B) Isaiah is writing here in this masterpiece about the Messiah and the church that is to come—and he is saying....

III) _____ Is Jesus Coming To Do?

A) There are three things mentioned that the Lord is to bring to those who are grieving:

- 1) 1st—He's coming, "*To give them a* _____ *instead of* _____."
- 2) 2nd—Jesus is coming with the "*_____ of* _____."
- 3) 3rd—Jesus wants to put on them "*the* _____ *of* _____."

B) Where do we find our greatest joy?

IV) What The Results Of Jesus' _____ Are?

A) Those who receive Jesus will be called "*oaks of* _____."

B) Why?

C) Jesus can do tremendous things for you if you will submit your life to Him.

Conclusion: Do you need to come to Jesus today?

C O N N E C T I O N

C Good morning WH family!

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R If you watch television much, you are probably familiar with the show "The Masked Singer." Contestants perform impressive songs while hidden behind elaborate masks and costumes, leaving the audience and judges to guess who they really are. The contestants "win" by being able to hide their true identity the longest. The mystery is entertaining—but it also raises an interesting question for us as Christians: Are we ever guilty of being "masked singers" in our worship?



When we gather on Sundays, it's possible to lift our voices, sing the right notes, and say all the right words—yet still be hiding our true selves. We can appear joyful while our hearts are distant, or act reverent while our minds are elsewhere. Unlike the show, when we hide our true selves in worship nobody "wins." In fact, Jesus spoke of people who honored God with their lips while their hearts were far from Him (Matthew 15:8).

True worship isn't about performance—it's about presence. God isn't impressed by how well we sing; He's moved by how honestly we surrender. Worship is meant to come from a heart that's uncovered, sincere, and humble before Him. Powerful healing and strength can come from making ourselves known to God and each other as we worship together.

John 4:24 says, "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." That means worship should be both heartfelt ("in spirit") and honest ("in truth"). We don't need to hide behind masks of perfection, performance or protection. God already knows who we are—and loves us anyway.

The truest kind of worship happens not when our voices sound perfect, but when our hearts are genuine. This week, as we sing, pray, and praise, let's take off the masks. Let's be real with God and truly connect with each other— we will all be blessed!!

--Les Keele



**Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a
steadfast spirit within me. Psalms 51:10**

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Brandon Duncan

Song Leader - Russ Jones

Song - Praise The Lord

Song - Holy, Holy, Holy

Song - I Exalt Thee

Opening Prayer - Adam Powers

Scripture - Isaiah 61:1-3

Song - I Come To The Garden Alone

Lord's Supper - Arthur Torrez

Prayer for Contribution - Arthur Torrez

Song - He Lives

Who Makes You Glad? - Gary Williams

Song - Hear Me When I Call

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, November 3
Psalm 80; Ezekiel 19-20

Friday, November 7
Ezekiel 27-28; I Timothy 4

Tuesday, November 4
Ezekiel 21-22; Psalm 5; I Timothy 1

Saturday, November 8
Ezekiel 29-31; I Timothy 5

Wednesday, November 5
Ezekiel 23-24; I Timothy 2

Sunday, November 9
Ezekiel 32-33; I Timothy 6

Thursday, November 6
Psalm 60; Ezekiel 25-26; I Timothy 3

Last Week

Bible Class	126	Wednesday	103
Worship	202	Contribution	\$8,282.55
PM Worship	73	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
Shirley Bennett <small>10/16/2025</small>	Is recuperating at her home under the care of her son and daughter. No visitors at this time please. 4018 Ridglea Country Club, #508, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Healing and return to good health
Emilio Fernandez <small>10/22/2025</small>	Diagnosed with two blood spots where there was bleeding, but they were super small and they were able to stop the bleeding and his body will absorb them eventually. 232 Lochness Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Blood pressure will be maintained and physical therapy will help him to get around
Dan Pratt <small>09/25/2025</small>	Awaiting knee surgery. 10920 Hawkins Home Boulevard, P. O. Box 126437, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Successful surgery
Lorenza Fernandez <small>10/22/2025</small>	Hit her head while in the hospital and has two black eyes but is doing well physically. 232 Lochness Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Strength to assist Emilio
Betty White <small>10/22/2025</small>	Has had a procedure that will help her blood to clot. 9609 Westpark, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Success from procedure and full recovery
Brandon Duncan <small>10/22/2025</small>	Will have spinal infusion surgery on December 15, which will require an overnight stay in the hospital. 110 McAnear Street, Cleburne, Texas 76033	Successful surgery and relief from pain
Barbara Howard <small>10/22/2025</small>	Has returned home from her hospital stay and had a new pacemaker and batteries implanted this past week. 6075 FM 1189, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Good results from rehab
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.

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Philemon Raya, our missionary in India	Milt Birmingham	Had successful surgery on his two aneurysms.	Praise God for success, skill for the doctors in his recovery, 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, son of	Barbara Howard	Has fourth 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 fiancé' 10/15/2025
BJ, fiancé' 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	Came through his 10 hour surgery to replace his jawbone fairly well. At this writing, he is in ICU but will probably be moved on Saturday to a floor room.	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

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Terry Stom, husband of	Pam Stom	Had a screw put in place for a fractured hip suffered in a fall. He is in great pain. 304 Memory Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Recovery and full use of hip 10/20/2025
Darsi Martinez Ballew, friend of	Lisa Wilson	Has been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer.	Treatment and healing 10/24/2025
Ethel Melendy	Chandra Mann	Is having leg pain.	Comfort and relief 10/24/2025
Kim, friend of	Linda DiRocco	Lost her husband in death a few weeks ago.	Comfort and peace 10/15/2025
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 involved 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	Has had her sweet baby girl.	Recovery from her C-section and continued growth and development for the baby 09/01/2025

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Plan now to attend the next training session
on November 15

9 AM - 12 PM

Sign the list in the foyer
if you are going to participate.



SYMPATHY



We extend our sympathies to the family of Skipper Reed. She passed from this life on October 29, 2025. As a long-time member of Western Hills, she will be sorely missed.

LADIES' NIGHT



Mark Your Calendars
Ladies' Night
6 PM - 8 PM
Thursday, November 13

ON LINE VISITS

10/26/2025	BIBLE CLASS	4
10/26/2025	WORSHIP	19
10/29/2025	WEDNESDAY	2

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Thursday

November 6

7:00 AM

IHOP on Cherry Lane

Come join us for fellowship and a
time of devotional study.

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 **Philippians**

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Adult Birthdays

- 3 Pam Eubanks
- 6 Buck Thomas
- 12 Holly Thomas
- 13 Ben Keller
- 15 Jim Haas
- 17 Lillian Kite
- 18 Faiha Al-Atrash
- 18 Chuck Meyer
- 18 Caleb Bartee
- 19 Linda Draper
- 19 Stefanie Sanchez
- 22 Russ Bartee
- 28 Guendee Torrez
- 30 Laura Pace

Children's Birthdays

- 17 Caleb Jones

Remember Me Birthdays

- 11 Tommy Wade
- 11 Joyce Franz
- 11 Joe Bravenec
- 17 Ray Meisenhalder 100
- 22 Charles Stephan

Anniversary

- 14 Wayne and Linda
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