



Do You Need Help?

There are times in life that cause you great stress and discouragement. Whether dealing with financial hardships, loss of a loved one, sin in our lives, loneliness, marital problems, work-related difficulties, etc., it can create within you a downcast soul. What do you do? Do you seek help from others? Surely God knew we would face such in our lives. Does He care? I find it extremely encouraging that God made provisions for us to find help in the New Testament church. The apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Colossae, “Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6.1, 2).



First, provisions are made to help me when I fall into sin. Sin may have entered my life very slowly without me realizing how it was taking hold of me. It may even have led me away from God and my reliance upon Him. But because I am a Christian, I have a whole family of God who cares for me. As the church, they will come to me and help me find my way back to Him. It may not be easy to hear that you have forsaken your Father in heaven above. But God still loves you and wants you to be His faithful child, so He sends a faithful brother or sister to find you, to help you find your way home.

Second, in Galatians 6.2, Paul said, “Bear one another’s burdens.” What does that mean? It means helping each other with the overwhelming troubles of life that are too heavy for you to bear alone. Regardless of what that concern may be, as your brother or sister in Christ, we want to love you and support you. The love, friendship, and companionship you find in the church is like a breath of fresh air. Knowing there is someone in my church family who cares about me and is willing to listen to me and let me bear all that is on my heart is of great comfort.

Paul goes on to say in Galatians 6.5, “For each will have to bear his own load,” which may seem like a contradiction. What Paul is saying is that in the end, each person will be held accountable for his own deeds. The text is referring to our personal responsibilities for our own actions. Did I make an effort to overcome what was of great concern in my life? Did I try to correct any wrongs and make my life right with God? We have been given a tremendous blessing by God to help us through life by giving us others to come to our aid. Do you need help? Will you take advantage of the great love that awaits you in your fellowship in Christ?

Gary

Living A Resurrected Life

Romans 6.3, 4

- 1) What will life be after death?
- 2) A resurrected life should lead to a changed life.
- 3) Christians have new goals, new moral principles, and a renewed determination.

Living A Resurrected Life Means We Must...

I) _____ Who We Are (Colossians 3.1).

A) Paul begins with a reminder.

1) When did this happen? (Colossians 2.11, 12)

2) The Christians at Colossae had _____ with Christ and had been _____ with Him in _____.

3) As Christians, we are given a _____ (Romans 6.3, 4).

B) As Christians, we are _____ of Christ.

II) _____ Our _____ As Followers Of Christ.

A) _____ occurred at baptism.

B) What responsibilities do we have as children of God?

1) To live a resurrected life, we must set our _____ to it.

2) Through spiritual thinking and living, _____ can be removed.

3) What did Paul tell the Christians at Philippi to do (Philippians 4.8)?

III) Change Our _____.

A) Our motivation is that _____ is seated on the right hand of God.

B) Do we realize how important it is that we live for Christ?

1) We are to remove sinful activities from our lives (Colossians 3.5-7).

(a) Inappropriate sexual activities—_____.

(b) _____—whether physical or immoral.

(c) _____—lusts.

(d) _____

(e) _____, which is idolatry. Any desire we put before living a resurrected life.

2) If we continue to participate in such, we will face the _____ of _____.

C) Paul next turns to sins that are unacceptable traits of Christians (Colossians 3.8, 9).

IV) Consider The _____ For Changing The Way We Live.

A) Why should we set our _____ and _____ on things above?

B) Our lives have been hidden in Christ so that we can produce a _____ harvest of _____.

V) Look Forward To The _____ Of _____.

A) Our _____ for _____ will come at the return of Christ.

B) We will be rewarded through our _____ with _____ in heaven (Colossians 3.4).

Conclusion: Is Jesus at the center of your heart?

C O N N E C T I O N

C Good morning and Happy New Year, church family! It is good to have everyone back safely from travel during the holidays.

R Our elders and leadership are looking to this new year as a perfect time and opportunity to recommit ourselves, both *individually* and as a *church family* to the Lord. We will pray, study God's word, look for His guidance and plan how we sacrificially give our time, our money and material blessings, and our efforts in service to the Lord in 2025. We seek recommitment not only to make these plans, but to put them into action. All our preparations and planning are worthless if it never translates into reality.

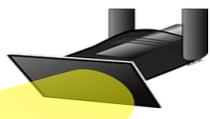
R Therefore, we are going to take a break for a few weeks on our member profiles in our Connection Corner to begin a new series of articles profiling our different ministries, services, and community efforts.

What I hope to accomplish with these articles is to inform you of what all the WH family is doing to serve the Lord and fulfill our mission here on earth. Secondly, to help you identify and connect with a ministry that will effectively put your passion and talents to work. Thirdly, to help you see what your commitment and sacrifice is making possible for the WH family to accomplish and do for the Lord.

In making these ministry profiles, I will be visiting with the various leaders to learn and share what they are doing, show some of the people who are currently involved, what the ministry's needs are and what opportunities are available for you to connect and serve. When possible, I will also try to share what results and effects our efforts have made to serve God.

Though the content of these Connection Corner articles may be changing, the ultimate purpose has not, and that is to help us connect with one another, to become closer to each other in our love and service, and closer ultimately to the one who sacrificed everything to make us *one family*, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Les Keele



This week's shut-in spotlight shines on:

Please send them a note of encouragement or give them a call to let them know we still care.

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Rob Donahue

Song Leader - Alex Bartee

Song - Sing And Be Happy

Song - You Are My All in All

Song - When We All Get to Heaven

Prayer - Adam Power

Scripture - Romans 6.3, 4

Song - The Old Rugged Cross

Lord's Supper - Chuck King

Prayer for Contribution - Chuck King

Song - Master, The Tempest Is Raging

Living A Resurrected Life -Gary Williams

Song - Do You Know My Jesus?

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Ross Tomlinson

Our Code for Tithe.ly Giving



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, January 12

Genesis 25; Matthew 6; Psalm 127

Tuesday, January 13

Genesis 26-27; Matthew 7

Wednesday, January 14

Genesis 28-29; Matthew 8

Thursday, January 15

Genesis 30; Matthew 9

Friday, January 16

Genesis 31; Matthew 10

Saturday, January 17

Genesis 32-33; Matthew 11; Psalm 131

Sunday, January 18

Genesis 34; Matthew 12; Psalm 64

Last Week

Bible Class	136	Wednesday	Did Not Meet
Worship	211	Contribution	\$ 21,031.63
PM Worship	57	Budget	\$ 13,802.88

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

FAMILY

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Ray Doshier 1/10/2024	He is Harris Downtown Cardiac Unite room 125 from complications from the flu. 925 Kimbrough, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Bill Baumann 1/8/2025	He has been diagnosed with lung and prostate cancer. Harvest of Aledo; 1043 Bailey Ranch Road Apt # 129 Aledo, Texas76008	Healing
Kham Intharansy 12/30/2024	Is still having pain in her hands and fingers following the fistula procedure. She saw a vascular surgeon this past Monday. 7137 Bob Hanger Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	Healing, comfort, and best treatment
John Wright 12/30/2024	Jane passed away. 3921 Pershing Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76107	Comfort in this difficult time
Betty White 12/22/2024	Fell and broke her knee. 9609 Westpark, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing
Susie Stedman 12/22/2024	In Harris Downtown for possible surgery. 8713 South Normandale Street, #218, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Healing
Charlie and Louise Beagle 12/18/2024	Daughter, Beff Kay, passed away Wednesday, December 18. Mustang Creek Estates; 1155 NW John Jones Drive, Burleson, Texas 76028	Comfort for the family
Carlos Wallace 12/15/2024	Had a daughter that was born on 12/25/1979 and she passed on 12/29/1979. This time of year is always hard for him. 3501 Renzel Boulevard, Apartment 249, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Comfort and God's care
Bob Howard 12/13/2024	Is in Medical City, Weatherford for what has now been diagnosed as Industrial COPD. Barbara has broken her wrist once again and is waiting to see if she needs surgery. Their son is not doing well with his cancer. 6075 FM 1189, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Prayers for each of them to be healed and recover quickly
Aubrey Hallum 12/08/2024	Yvonne passed away on Friday, December 7. 25 Leonard Trail, Apartment 317, Fort Worth, Texas 76114	Comfort for the family
Dahlia Cade 12/05/2024	She had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday January 7th. Please, no visitors at this time. 3832 Kelvin Ave. Fort Worth, Texas 76133	Strength and swift recovery

FRIENDS

NAME	REQUESTED	SITUATION	PRAYERS FOR
Ariana Quintero, granddaughter of	Paula Pauley	Her family, located in Altadena, California, was under a mandatory evacuation during the night of January 8 due to fires and hurricane-force winds. They have lost everything.	God to be with the family at this difficult time and with every one in this area suffering from the fires 1/8/2024
George, brother of	Betty Kille	He is recovering from brain surgery and he is in pain, very emotional, and confused.	Please pray for healing, recovery, peace, and comfort. 12/31/2024
Doris, friend of	Betsy Strother	Is an older lady where Betsy works who is suffering from dementia hallucinations that frighten her very much.	The medication adjustments to work and for her to have comfort 12/30/2024
Mitch Bennett, son of	Shirley Bennett	Has a heart aneurysm and will be having surgery.	Successful surgery and healing 12/30/2024
Bailey Nobles and her three children,	Lisa Wilson	Her husband, Matt, passed away unexpectedly on December 18. She is a former WSISD teacher and they were living abroad.	Comfort, understanding 12/21/2024
Paula Hamrick, sister of	Patti Musselman	Has had her cancer to return and underwent a biopsy on December 13 to determine if it is the same type of cancer or a new type.	Doctors will be able to discern the type of cancer and set her on the track for another remission 12/08/2024
Waylon Gramer, student of	Mindy Markum	Heart surgery was a success.	Thankful for prayers of recovery 12/08/2024
Ronnie Hoover, a frequent visitor to	Our Assembly and Food Bank Volunteer	Had his bypass surgery December 25.	Thankful for successful surgery and may the recovery be complete 12/08/2024
Robert Birdow, father of	David Birdow	Began radiation Monday, December 9, for 20 consecutive weekdays.	Good results, strength to take the treatments, and family who will be caring for him 12/04/2024
Dad and Wife of	Russ Jones	His dad had a PET Scan on Wednesday. It is an aggressive form of prostate cancer. There will be 2 surgeries and then radiation. His wife's biopsy is scheduled for the end of the month.	Good results 12/01/2024
Dorene Helton, sister-in-law of	Vickie Bowers	Cancerous mass was discovered. Her chemo has begun and surgery will follow treatments.	Strength and successful treatments and surgery 12/05/2024
Madelyn, close friend of	Dana Saba	Has chronic hives.	Healing 12/22/2024
Joanne Powers, mother of	Adam Powers	Needs an aortic valve surgery.	God to guide the surgeons, good results, and recovery 10/21/2024

FRIENDS

NAME	REQUESTED	SITUATION	PRAYERS FOR
Lisa Harriman		Has been diagnosed with cancer of her breast, colon, and liver. UPDATE: A CT showed that both the tumor in the colon and the lesion in the liver have shrunk significantly! The cancer markers in the blood work have all dropped to normal levels. There will be 3 more rounds of chemo followed by another scan and then surgery (probably in March). She sends her thanks for all our prayers. 400 North Tacoma Street, Farmington, Arkansas 72730	Thanking God for the good results of the present treatments; prayers for upcoming surgery and continued treatments; strength, peace of mind 09/11/2024
Sangkip Bouapraseth, father of	Kasie Muongnamvong	Has stage 4 pancreatic cancer.	Healing and pain control 09 /17/2024

SYMPATHY

Sympathy



**To the families of Jane Wright and Carleen Reeves for their loss.
Please keep their families in your prayers.**

YOUTH GROUP



January 17th -18th; 20.00. Meeting time to follow.

Camp Blue Haven returning campers, register by January 14th.

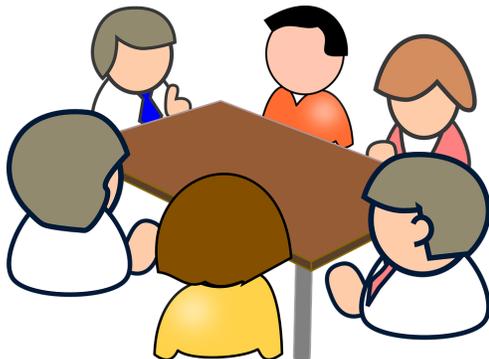
New Camper register on January 15th 9 Pm.

We attend second session: June 8-20th.



FOOD BANK STATS FOR DECEMBER

196 – Families Served
\$ 894.01 – Cost to WHCOC
6,433 pounds – Estimated Weight of Food



Notice Of Annual Corporate Meeting And 2025 Budget Review:

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Corporate Meeting of members of the Western Hills Church of Christ will be held at 8800 Chapin Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76116 on March 2 at 5:45 p.m.

DIVINE SHADOWS

COMPARISON OF MOSES (O.T.) & JESUS (N.T.)

MOSES

JESUS

- ISRAELITES CAPTIVE OF EGYPT
- WAITING FOR A DELIVERER
- PHAROAH – DEATH OF BABY BOYS
- BOY CHILD HIDDEN IN NILE
- BASKET OF STRAW
- MOSES HAD LEFT ROYALTY BEHIND
- HIS SISTER MIRIAM, HELPED THROUGH HIS MINISTRY
- BECAME A SHEPHERD
- SPOKESMAN- AARON (BROTHER)
- 40 YEARS IN WILDERNESS
- FIRST PLAGUE- WATER TO BLOOD
- LAST PLAGUE- DEATH OF FIRSTBORN
- PERFORMED MIRACLES & SIGNS
- KILLS PASSOVER LAMB
- SMEAR BLOOD ON DOORWAY
- ESCAPED DEATH & PUNISHMENT
- EAT UNLEAVENED BREAD
- DRANK WINE IN PASSOVER FEAST

- DIP IN BITTER HERBS
- THROUGH RED SEA, NO LONGER SLAVE
- WALKED THROUGH WATER
- GOING TO PROMISED LAND (CANAAN)
- PILLAR OF FIRE
- GAVE LAW FROM MOUNTAIN
- RADIANT AFTER LEAVING MOUNTAIN
- LIFTED SNAKE ON POLE TO SAVE
- WATER FROM ROCK
- GAVE MANNA TO EAT
- SENT 12 SPIES INTO LAND
- MOSES' WIFE WAS MIDIANITE –
DESCENDED OF ABRAHAM & KETURAH

- ISRAELITES CAPTIVE OF ROME
- WAITING FOR A DELIVERER
- HEROD – DEATH OF BABY BOYS
- BOY CHILD HIDDEN IN EGYPT
- MANGER OF STRAW
- JESUS LEFT ROYALTY BEHIND
- HIS MOTHER, MARY (HEBREW: MIRIAM) HELPED THROUGH HIS MINISTRY
- THE GOOD SHEPHERD
- FORERUNNER – JOHN (COUSIN)
- 40 DAYS IN WILDERNESS
- FIRST MIRACLE – WATER TO WINE
- LAST ACT – DEATH OF ONLY SON OF GOD
- PERFORMED MIRACLES & SIGNS
- WAS THE PASSOVER LAMB
- SHED BLOOD ON THE CROSS
- WE ESCAPE DEATH & PUNISHMENT
- REPRESENTED BY UNLEAVEND BREAD WE EAT
- WE DRINK FRUIT OF VINE SYMBOLIC OF HIS BLOOD
- OFFERED BITTER WINE ON CROSS
- THROUGH WATER BAPTISM- NOT SLAVE OF SIN
- WALKED ON WATER
- TAKING US TO PROMISED LAND (HEAVEN)
- LIGHT OF THE WORLD
- GAVE NEW LAW FROM MOUNTAIN
- RADIANT AT TRANSFIGURATION
- LIFTED SELF ON CROSS TO SAVE
- LIVING WATER
- HE IS BREAD OF LIFE
- SENT 12 DISCIPLES TO PREACH
- JESUS' BRIDE IS THE CHURCH, BOTH JEW & GENTILE



JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

3 JEFF KIRKPATRICK

5 SUSIE MUONGNAMVONG

5 ROBIN STEPHEN

6 JEAN SABA

7 LOUISE BEAGLE

7 BRANDON DUNCAN

10 MARY ANN POULSEN

12 BEVERLY LIPHAM

13 GREG BALL

14 CHARLIE BEAGLE

16 JONATHAN BARTEE

17 JOSHUA WITHERSPOON

17 BRIDGET YAWN

21 JULIE MEYER

25 MARY HELEN BOWIE

26 FERN MARTIN

29 ELLEN BARTEE

29 GARY WILLIAMS

CHILDREN

1 TRACE WITHERSPOON

4 ABEL BROOKSHIRE

4 ELI BROOKSHIRE

9 ASHER RUTLEDGE

18 HARLO DEKOKER

NO ANNIVERSARIES ON RECORD

