



## What Do You Want?

Have you ever gotten to the point where you were determined to get what you wanted regardless? It didn't matter what anyone said, you were going to have your way. Have you even done that then much later found out that what you thought would benefit you actually brought much harm? Sometimes, we think we know what's right regardless of what anyone says. Did you know that was exactly what happened to Israel? The children of Israel approached Samuel and told him they wanted a king to judge them like all the other nations around them (I Samuel 7.4-9).

Israel thought they knew what was best for them; but in the long run, it was disastrous. Samuel was upset thinking the people had rejected him. But God told him that they had not rejected him but had rejected their God. God told Samuel to warn the people about all the things that having a king would require of them. A king would take their sons, their daughters, their fields and vineyards, their male servants and female servants, and their livestock. Then, they were warned that they would cry out to God because of the king they had chosen, but The LORD would not answer (I Samuel 7.10-18).

How often do we serve God but only obey all long as we get our way? I will pursue the things I desire then come to worship and not even think about whether what I am doing is displeasing to God. I will worship and be an outstanding Christian and hold my head high. I may get what I want, but will God be there for me when trouble hits. Will God overlook my actions come judgment day? Will I be whisked away with all the saints when Jesus takes the faithful home? We can desire what we want, but pleasing God should always be at the foresight. Can I get to the point that I will want what God desires of me over what I think is best? Things that I think are so good for me do not compare to the blessings of God. God is awesome! If we will walk faithfully after God putting Him first, then all things will work for our good (Romans 8.28). Will you put God first in your life today?



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# A Labor Of Love

## I Thessalonians 1.1-3

- 1) How frequently do you do things out of love?
- 2) Do you have a love for the work of the church?

### The Work Of The Church Is...

- I) \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) Do we have an \_\_\_\_\_ to teach others about Jesus (Matthew 28.19, 20; Mark 16.15)?
  - B) The \_\_\_\_\_ is commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ as well (I Thessalonians 1.8).
  - C) Do you know how much we spend on supporting others to evangelize?
    - 1) Community Outreach \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2) Foreign & Domestic Missions \_\_\_\_\_
    - 3) Other \_\_\_\_\_

### II) Edification.

- A) What does the word “edification” mean? \_\_\_\_\_
- B) Authority is given for edification both on an \_\_\_\_\_ basis and on the \_\_\_\_\_ level (Mark 16.15; Acts 8.4),
- C) How does a local church edify?
  - 1) By \_\_\_\_\_ together to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) By \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) Through our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4) Through \_\_\_\_\_.
- D) Is a portion of our contribution used for edification?
  - 1) Maturing/Edification \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) Family Growth \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) Education \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4) Youth/Children /Family \_\_\_\_\_

### III) Benevolence.

- A) There is authority for individuals to show benevolence toward \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (I John 3.17; Galatians 6.10; Matthew 25.31-46).
- B) What about the congregation’s involvement in benevolence?
- C) Does congregational support \_\_\_\_\_ me of my \_\_\_\_\_ of doing it myself?
- D) What does our congregation spend on benevolence?
  - 1) Food Bank \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) Benevolence \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) Mission Trip \_\_\_\_\_

### IV) Other.

- A) Facility Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_
- B) Administration \_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion:** Do you need to change your life by coming to Jesus today?

# C O N N E C T I O N

**C** Good morning WH family! As I mentioned last week, we will be featuring our ministries and outreach efforts in our *Connection Corner* for the next several weeks. The best method for us to connect with one another and develop close, strong, and supportive relationships is to commit to and spend time with one another *outside* this auditorium. One good way to do that is through our small group ministry.

**R** *Why? Why have small groups? We go to worship, attend bible classes, isn't that enough?*  
**N** Please keep reading! Small groups have proven to be a very effective way to enhance our physical, spiritual, and social lives. The proof comes from the Bible itself. We read that these Christians opened their homes to the church family.

**E** **-In Corinth:** Gaius, Titius Justus, & Stephanas **-In Cenchrea:** Phoebe

**-In Ephesus:** Priscilla (Prisca) and Aquila -And more!

The church also met in large assemblies in the temple, synagogues, and other public places, but it was outside these large assemblies that relationships flourished the most. The smaller settings encouraged fellowship, informality, greater participation, and an openness not found in larger settings. *Even Jesus himself participated in and valued small group settings!* Consider that Jesus, of course, taught assemblies of thousands, had smaller groups of disciples, but spent most of his time teaching and studying with the twelve apostles. And out of those twelve, when he was suffering the *most agonizing moments of his life, sought support from three; Peter, James, and John.* His life exemplifies the support that we gain in fellowship, the greater depth of study and learning, the value of being open with others and the strength & restoration that can be achieved in smaller groups.

At WH, we are offering a variety of small group opportunities that we urge you to chose from, join, and participate in.

## **Group-Day, Time & Location Facilitated by:**

#1 Sundays after A.M. Worship Fellowship Hall - Dan Kille & Chuck Meyer

#2 Sundays after A.M. Worship - Greg Ball & David Birdow

Greg & Janelle Ball's

10725 Lipan Trail.

FWT, 76108

214/801-7375

### **NEW**

#3 Sundays @ 1:00PM Les Keele

Les & Deatra Keele's

11017 Texanum Trail.

FWT, 76108

817/808-0566

#4 Sundays @ 5:00PM Fellowship Hall - Gary Williams

Please prayerfully consider joining one of these groups, hosting a small group, helping facilitate a group or whatever way God calls you to participate. You'll be blessed!

Les Keele



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

## LAOTIAN MINISTRY

John Boudtaroth 817-891-2132

## 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** - Rob Donahue

**Song Leader** - Alex Bartee

**Song** - He Gave Me a Song

**Song** - Ring Out The Message

**Song** - Jesus Is Coming Soon

**Prayer** - Ben Meyer

**Scripture** - 1 Thessalonians 1.1-3

**Song** - Because His Lives

**Lord's Supper** -

**Prayer for Contribution** -

**Song** - I'll Live In Glory

**A Labor Of Love** - Gary Williams

**Song** - Have You Been To 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 19

Genesis 35; Matthew 13

### Tuesday, January 20

Genesis 36; Matthew 14

### Wednesday, January 21

Genesis 37-38; Matthew 15

### Thursday, January 22

Genesis 39-40; Matthew 16

### Friday, January 23

Genesis 41; Psalm 40, Matthew 17

### Saturday, January 24

Genesis 42; Matthew 18

### Sunday, January 25

Genesis 43-44; Matthew 19

### Last Week

Bible Class	155	Wednesday	96
Worship	245	Contribution	\$ 13,228.91
PM Worship	97	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
Betty Kille 1/16/2024	She has been diagnosed with cancer and started chemo. She is at home. 4112 Arroyo Trail, Fort Worth, Texas 76135	Healing and comfort
Katelynn Bolt 1/16/2024	She had a procedure done and is now at home recovering. 3243 N. Cardinal Rd, Reno, Texas 76020	Healing and comfort
Ray Doshier 1/10/2024	Is in Harris Hospital, Down Town, Harris Tower room 504. 925 Kimbrough, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing and comfort
Bob Willyerd 1/10/2025	He fell and broke his left collar bone. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Proper healing and comfort
Stephanie Duncan 1/12/2025	She will have a root canal on January 22 from her abscess. 9928 Farmington, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing and comfort
Bill Baumann 1/8/2025	He has been diagnosed with lung and prostate cancer. 25 Leonard Trail apt #240 Westworth Village, Texas 76114	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 bruised her knee. Cards would be appreciated. 9609 Westpark, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing
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	Came home from Medical City. He will be on, in home hospice. Barbara's wrist is much better from her therapy. Their son is on his 4th batch of chemo. They love and miss everyone here. 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. She is now at Ignite for therapy. Please, no visitors at this time, cards are welcome. 3832 Kelvin Ave. Fort Worth, Texas 76133	Strength and swift recovery

## FRIENDS

NAME	REQUESTED	SITUATION	PRAYERS FOR
Paula Williams, a visitor here	Paula Williams	She is needing her blood regulated and to stop having clots in her lungs.	Healing 1/8/2025
Bob Forkner, father of the Bowie's brother in-law	James & Leah Bowie	He had an amputation of his foot due to infection.	That the doctors got all the infection 1/2/2025
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
Paula Hamrick, sister of	Patti Musselman	Paula Hamrick will begin chemotherapy next week for a recurrence of ovarian cancer	Pray for healing and strength for Paula, and wisdom for her medical team 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 and he has 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	Had an aortic valve surgery and she is doing well.	Continued recovery 10/21/2024
Sangkip Bouapraseth, father of	Kasie Muongnamvong	Has stage 4 pancreatic cancer.	Healing and pain control 09 /17/2024

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Lisa Harriman		Has been diagnosed with cancer of her breast, colon, and liver. <b>UPDATE:</b> 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

### SYMPATHY

## *Sympathy*



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

### YOUTH GROUP

#### **Leadership Training for Christ**

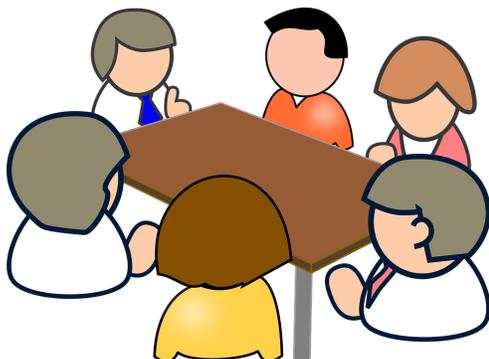
Is here!

The purpose of LTC is to plan, organize, promote, and execute programs that assist young Christians to develop their knowledge of the Bible and biblical principles, enhance their communication and leadership skills, and orient their energies and abilities to areas of Christian service.

### FOOD BANK STATS FOR DECEMBER

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

Sign ups for participants(3rd-12th grade) and coaches will take place on Sunday, January 26th, immediately following morning worship in the fellowship hall.



## **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.



# 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

