



## New Heavens And A New Earth

In the book of Isaiah, there was a prophecy given to the children of Israel about the coming of new heavens and a new earth. In Isaiah 65.17, we read ***“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.”*** It is a prophecy that a new age would replace the current one. It is symbolic of the Christian Age to come. A profound change is pictured so that the former ways will not come to mind, that is, the elements of the Mosaic system would not come to mind under the Gospel system.

Imagine living under the Law of Moses with all its rules, statutes, and animal sacrifices. The prophet is saying, when Christ comes things will be radically different. The apostle Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5.17, ***“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”*** Christ came and it is a new creation. Obviously, Paul was not speaking of the earth, but of us. We are the new creation. Christ brought in a new order that has completely changed, recreated, and renewed us. So, the prophet Isaiah was foretelling of the time of Christ and how all people would be created new. The apostle Paul also said, ***“We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6.4).*** What a change in the way of life we experience when we find salvation in Christ Jesus. When Isaiah spoke of ***“new heavens and a new earth,”*** he was referring to the coming of an age of freedom under Christ Jesus our Lord.

There’s also the mention of a new heaven and a new earth in the book of Revelation. The apostle John was given a vision of heaven. In writing it down, he said, ***“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away” (Revelation 21.1).*** When John saw heaven, he saw another radical change of the way we will live. We will be transformed to live in the heavenly realm. We will live with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Life will be totally different to such a point that we will no longer remember the hardships and difficulties of the lives we lived on earth. I can’t wait to see the difference. What about you?



Gary

# How Can I Influence Others?

## Acts 17.10-12

- 1) As Christians, we constantly need to be trying to lead other people to salvation in Christ Jesus.
- 2) What can I do to influence others?
- 3) Let's learn from the apostle Paul as he travels on his 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey.

### The Apostle Paul Teaches Us How To Influence Others At...

#### I) Philippi (Acts 16).

- A) Paul had three recorded encounters while in Philippi.
  - 1) Paul met a group of \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 16.13-15).
    - (a) A woman by the name of Lydia obeyed the gospel.
    - (b) The text says that the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_\_\_ to heed the things spoken by Paul.
  - 2) Paul encountered a young lady with the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 16.17).
  - 3) Paul shared Jesus with a Philippian \_\_\_\_\_.
- B) From Paul's mission work at Philippi, we learn that we must look for people with \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and willing to admit that they are \_\_\_\_\_.

#### II) Thessalonica (Acts 17).

- A) What did Paul do in the synagogue at Thessalonica?
- B) To lead people to the Lord, we must take them to the \_\_\_\_\_ to show them what they must do to be saved (Romans 1.16; James 1.21).

#### III) Berea (Acts 17.10-12).

- A) Many people \_\_\_\_\_ at Berea. Why?
- B) To influence people for Jesus, we must get them to believe what they \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

#### IV) Athens (Acts 17.16ff).

- A) It is said that there were three idols for every citizen in Athens—that's more idols than people.
- B) Why did Paul teach them about \_\_\_\_\_ first?
- C) From Paul's teachings at Athens, we learn we must demand, according to scripture, \_\_\_\_\_.

#### V) Corinth (Acts 18.1-8).

- A) Was Crispus \_\_\_\_\_ to believe in the Lord? (I Corinthians 1.14)
- B) Paul did exactly what Jesus taught His disciples to do (Mark 16.15, 16).
- C) We must be able to influence people to change and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:** Do you need to make necessary changes to save your soul?

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## Leadership Training for Christ



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The purpose of Leadership Training for Christ is to plan, organize, promote, and execute programs that assist our youth 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. The first LTC Convention took place in Dallas, Texas in 1989. We participate in the North Texas Leadership Training for Christ (NTLTC), which took on the name in 1997 as other LTC conventions began. LTC is for students in third through twelfth grade.

There are three types of events that students can participate in: Challenge, Pre-Convention and Convention. Challenge events are completed prior to the convention date by completing a certain criterion (i.e., Scripture Challenge for seventh through twelfth graders is to recite one hundred verses in one sitting to receive a gold). Pre-Convention events are activities conducted throughout the year by the individuals or teams in their local churches and completed and evaluated before the annual LTC convention. Convention events are activities that are prepared throughout the year by individuals or teams in their local churches which are demonstrated and evaluated publicly at the annual LTC convention on Friday and Saturday of Easter weekend. For a complete list of events visit: [www.ntltc.org](http://www.ntltc.org) and click on the events tab at the top of the page.

Western Hills participates in the convention located at the Anatole hotel in Dallas. This year's convention dates are April 18-20, 2025. Pre-convention events, as well as scholarships and virtual submissions, are due on March 31, 2025. We practice for the team events on Sunday afternoons beginning at the first of February all the way through to convention in April. We do need parents to coach events.

*Every adult that wants to work with youth-related activities must have completed a background check with the church.*



### *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.*

***Gloria Speak***

***11705 Pine Creek Ct.***

***Aledo, TX 76008***

***(817) 560-4477***

***Cards only, no calls or visits***

***Mary East***

***101 Rambling Trail***

***Weatherford, TX 76087***

***(817) 689-6708***

***Visits, contact Karen Brahn 1st.***

## SHEPHERDS

Greg Ball	214-801-7375
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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

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John Boudtaroth 817-891-2132

## DEACONS

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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** - All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

**Song** - We're Marching To Zion

**Song** - Nearer, My God To Thee

**Prayer** -

**Scripture** - Acts 17.10-12

**Song** - I Come To The Garden Alone

**Lord's Supper** - Arthur Torrez

**Prayer for Contribution** - Arthur Torrez

**Song** - The Great Redeemer

**How Can I Influence Others?** - Gary Williams

**Song** - Just As I Am

**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 26

Genesis 45-46; Matthew 20

### Tuesday, January 27

Genesis 47; Matthew 21

### Wednesday, January 28

Genesis 48-49; Matthew 22

### Thursday, January 29

Genesis 50; Exodus 1; Matthew 23

### Friday, January 30

Exodus 2-3; Matthew 24

### Saturday, January 31

Exodus 4; Matthew 25

### Sunday, February 1

Exodus 5; Matthew 26; Psalm 41

### Last Week

Bible Class	138	Wednesday	92
Worship	200	Contribution	\$ 13,401.00
PM Worship	69	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 Mira Vista, room 413. 925 Kimbrough, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing and comfort
Paula Williams 1/8/2025	She is needing her blood regulated and to stop having clots in her lungs. 3237 Hunter Park Circle, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Healing
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
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 room 148 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
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 is undergoing chemotherapy 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 came back clear.	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

### FOOD BANK STATS FOR DECEMBER

**196 – Families Served**

**\$ 894.01 – Cost to WHCOC**

**6,433 pounds – Estimated Weight of Food**

NAME	REQUESTED	SITUATION	PRAYERS FOR
Lisa Harriman		Has been diagnosed with cancer of her breast, colon, and liver. There will be a few 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

## MEMBER INFORMATION

### Address Changes and New Members :

#### New Members

Paula & Keenan Williams: 3237 Hunter Park Circle, Fort Worth, Texas 76116. Their phone number is (917) 412-0936

Please welcome them.

#### Address Changes

Bill & Betty Baumann: 25 Leonard Trail apt #240, Westworth Village, Texas 76114

Louise Beagle: 1155 NW John Jones Drive, House c Room 11, Burleson, Texas 76028

Charlie Beagle: 1155 NW John Jones Drive, House B, Room 11, Burleson, Texas 76028

**Please up-date your directories.**

## YOUTH GROUP



LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST  
2025

### It's Here!

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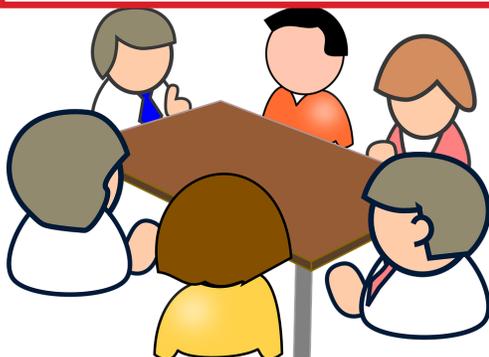
**Sign ups** for participants (3rd-12th grade) and coaches will take place on Sunday, January 26th, immediately following morning worship in the fellowship hall.

## WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

**WBS** **WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL** On Sunday, February 2nd, there will be a meeting of all current and prospective participants of WBS in the fellowship hall, immediately following morning worship. We will summarize the progress of our WBS students, discuss lessons learned, and answer any questions. Snacks will be provided. All are invited to attend. See David Birdow for more details.

## VBS

VBS Meeting, Sunday Feb 2, 2025 immediately after service in the auditorium for a quick update/planning.



## 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

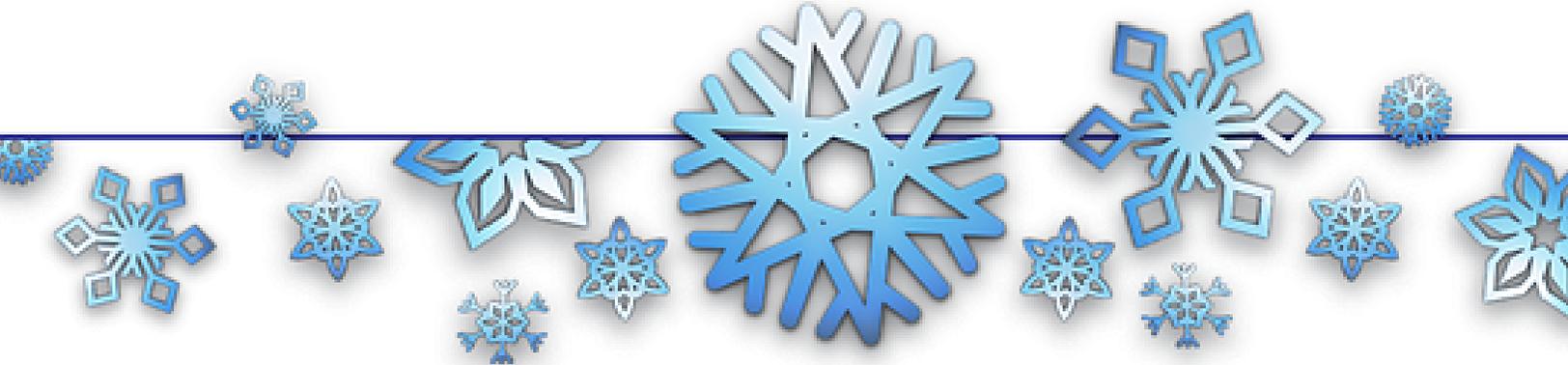
4 ABEL BROOKSHIRE

4 ELI BROOKSHIRE

9 ASHER RUTLEDGE

18 HARLO DEKOKER

NO ANNIVERSARIES ON RECORD



# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3 Chris Intharansy

5 Meth Boudtaroth

7 Mignon Bandy

8 Makayla Johnston

10 Dwight Blair

11 Minnie Collins

12 Kim Brown

12 Jean Wiggins

13 Marie Perez

14 Joe Gentry

15 Michelle Glenn

15 Tiffany Markum

16 Carol Meyer

16 Andrew Montanez

17 Sandra Wade

17 John Wright

17 Jazelle Manry

27 Mary Lou Lee

27 Paula Pauley

27 Gene Menzdorf

## CHILDREN

13 Lily Scott

21 Mason Martinez

25 Stephanie Duncan

## ANNIVERSARIES

3 Isaiah & Stefani Sanchez

11 Monty & Vickie Bower

12 Zach & Amy Brookshire

18 Rob & Zena Donahue

