



When God Says “No”

Have you ever wondered if God was hearing your prayers? Maybe at the bedside of a loved one who is extremely sick. Maybe even when you are praying for your own health. Maybe when you are facing financial ruin. When God does not seem to be listening and answering our prayers, what should we do?

If we go to the Garden of Gethsemane, we see Jesus fervently praying to His Father to ***“let this cup pass from Me”*** (**Matthew 26.39**). Jesus, praying with great drops of sweat as blood dripping from His face and head, asked the Father to not make Him face the horror that awaited in His arrest, crucifixion, and burial. However, Jesus’ prayer was not met nor answered the way He desired. God said, “No.” First, we can learn that our prayers will not be answered the way we always want them to be. If Jesus, who was perfect in every aspect of living in the flesh, prayed prayers that were not answered the way He desired, then shouldn’t we also expect the same?

Next, we can learn that our earnestness in prayer may not result in our prayers being answered according to our request. Jesus was filled with sorrow and prayed from the deep well of His heart. He had fallen on His face (Matthew 26.39) and poured out His soul to God. Surely, these prayers Jesus uttered in Gethsemane were the most intense prayers ever offered up to God in history. Yet, God said “No.”

Third, we learn that just because God does not say “Yes” to our prayers does not mean that He does not love us. Could anyone say that God did not love Jesus, His beloved Son, when He told Him “No.” Why did God not answer Jesus’ request? God said “No” so that He could say “Yes” to our salvation. God came to our rescue instead of His Son’s. Doesn’t that reveal the tremendous love God has for each of us?



Our prayers involve more than just asking, they also include saying “Yes” to the Father’s will. Our faith is based on trust in God. As we study our Bibles, we learn that God has always taken care of His people. When God says “No” to our prayers, we do not have the foreknowledge of God to know what plans He has in store for us. We must remember the encouragement Paul gave in Romans 8.28, ***“We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.”*** Let us commit our lives to His will and be confident that the Judge of all the earth will do what is right.

"WHAT ARE WE _____ ?" Les Keele

Romans 12.1-2

- Have you ever considered "what are we _____?"
- To understand what it's " _____", we have to look back at what _____.
- There are four " _____" found in this book.

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| 1. Rom. 3.19-20 | #1 _____ | 3. Rom. 8.1-2 | #3 _____ |
| 2. Rom. 5.1-2 | #2 _____ | 4. Rom. 12.1-2 | #4 _____ |

THEREFORE . . .

1. With _____ . . .
2. I _____ to _____ . . .
3. . . . Your bodies as a " _____" to God. . .
4. . . . This is your _____ and _____ worship.

C O N N E C T I O N

C *Good morning WH family! Today, our Connection Corner features our Ladies' Bible Class ministry. Paula Pauley has written a great description of the class and their activities. Join them and you'll be blessed! – Les Keele*

N Here at WH, we have a very active Ladies' Bible Class. We average from 15 – 30 women who gather on Tuesday mornings to study God's word and fellowship with each other.

E Currently, Paula Pauley is teaching the class in a study of "Women of the Bible," both Old and New Testaments. Past teachers included Mignon Bandy, Betsy Strother, Frankie Smith, and Ellen Bartee. In fact, we had several ladies who shared teaching lessons studying the Minor Prophets.

Fellowship is an important aspect of LBC and we have developed many lasting, precious friendships. We pray and sing praises to the Lord together. Several of the ladies take advantage of being together and go visit the shut-ins and sick members of our congregation.

Another ministry of the LBC is the pillow ministry. Some of the ladies meet once a month after class to make pillows for Lifeline Chaplaincy. The pillows are taken to men and women in the hospital who have had surgery, etc. Last year we made and donated over 100 pillows. We have a wonderful time together, laughing, telling stories, and supporting each other.

The ladies also collect food for those in need, participate in preparing gift bags for cancer patients, and make Christmas gifts for Meals on Wheels and various other charitable projects. There is also a LBC card ministry. We send cards to WH family, those on our prayer list, and WH family members having birthdays or anniversaries. We average mailing about 10-15 cards each week. We are always looking for new ways to serve the church and our community.

We would love to have you come join us and add your knowledge, gifts, and personality to our great group of ladies!
-- Paula Pauley



This week's shut-ins spotlight shines on:

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

***Susan Ward
3000 Choctaw
Fort Worth, Texas 76116
817-244-3011
Calls Only***

***Martin and Joyce Franz
6024 Westridge Lane
#301
Fort Worth, Texas 76116
817-500-8286
Calls Only***

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

LAOTIAN MINISTRY

John Boudtaroth	817-891-2132
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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 - Zach Brookshire

Song Leader - Matt Sloan

Song - I Will Call Upon The Lord

Song - Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Song - Near To The Heart Of God

Prayer -

Scripture - Romans 12:1,2

Song - Come Share The Lord

Lord's Supper - Rob Donahue

Prayer for Contribution - Rob Donahue

Song - Lord Take Control

What Are We _____? - Les Keele

Song - Come To The Feast

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - John Walton

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, February 24

Leviticus 12-13; 2 Corinthians 12

Tuesday, February 25

Leviticus 14-15; 2 Corinthians 13

Wednesday, February 26

1 John 1; Leviticus 16-18

Thursday, February 27

1 John 2; Leviticus 19-21

Friday, February 28

Leviticus 22-23; 1 John 3

Saturday, March 1

Leviticus 24-25; 1 John 4

Sunday, March 2

1 John 5; Leviticus 26-27

Last Week

Bible Class	156	Wednesday	NO SERVICE
Worship	230	Contribution	\$ 7,120.90
PM Worship	82	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

PRAYER REQUESTS CHURCH FAMILY

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Sam Anderson <small>02/16/2025</small>	Had his appendix removed. He is doing much better. 11137 Castle Oak Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Recovery and strength
Aaron Adkins <small>02/11/2025</small>	Had back surgery on February 21. 204 Saddle Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	The doctors, rehab specialists, and good results
Nilath Kimlinh <small>02/09/2025</small>	Is traveling overseas to visit relatives February 16 until March 24. 4401 Buckeye Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76137	Safe travels and pleasant visits with family
Nancy Wright <small>02/10/2025</small>	Has returned to Stonegate. 8601 Cook Ranch Road, Benbrook, Apartment 350, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Healing and recovery
Steve Taylor <small>02/05/2025</small>	Had sinus surgery. He is improving each day and has returned to work. 9837 Bancroft Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Doctors, successful surgery, and recovery
Dahlia Cade <small>02/01/2025</small>	Is in Ignite Medical Resort, Room 148, following her knee surgery. 6301 Oakmont Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76132 Home: 3832 Kelvin Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76133	Complete recovery
Kham and Chris Intharansy <small>02/05/2025</small>	Vandy Inthalangsy, nephew and cousin, has passed away. Chris: 1800 Fuller Wise Road, Apartment 633, Euless, Texas 76039 Kham: 7137 Bob Hanger Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	Peace and comfort
Patricia Emerson <small>02/05/2025</small>	Cancer has returned. 6536 Wooddale, Fort Worth, Texas 76148	Treatments and healing
Susie and Kasie Muongnamvong <small>02/05/2025</small>	Sangkip Bouapraseth, husband and father, has passed away from stage 4 pancreatic cancer. 7117 Seth Barwise, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	Comfort, understanding, and peace
The Garner Family <small>1/31/2025</small>	Ray Ground, Amanda's father, passed away on Friday, January 31. 122 Silver Ridge Lane, Aledo, Texas 76008	Peace and Comfort
Betty Kille <small>1/16/2024</small>	Has been diagnosed with cancer and begun chemo. She is at home. 4112 Arroyo Trail, Fort Worth, Texas 76135	Healing and comfort
Bill Baumann <small>1/8/2025</small>	Has been diagnosed with lung and prostate cancer. 25 Leonard Trail, Apartment #240, Westworth Village, Texas 76114	Healing
Kham Intharansy <small>12/30/2024</small>	Had her fistula procedure on her right arm at THR Alliance on February 13. 7137 Bob Hanger Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	Healing, comfort, and best treatment

FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED	SITUATION	PRAYERS FOR
Mitch Bennett, son of	Shirley Bennett	Will have heart surgery on February 27 to repair an aneurysm.	The skill of the doctors, nurses, support staff, recovery, healing, and comfort 02/18/2025
Joey and Jessica, Friends of	Riley and Cassie Bowie	Their baby was born on Monday and required immediate surgery and admittance to ICU.	Healing and recovery for the child so that they can welcome the child home; comfort for the family during stressful days 02/17/2025
John Saxton, cousin of	Adam Powers	Has had a relapse of his brain cancer.	Remission and healing 02/17/2025
Dorene Helton, sister-in-law of	Vickie Bowers	5th chemo is completed. The mass has not downsized and they are awaiting information on possible surgery or whether to continue with the chemo.	Healing to occur 02/17/2025
Tina Ferrar, friend of	Frankie Smith	Will be having surgery to remove a grapefruit-sized tumor from her colon.	Doctors and successful surgery 02/11/2025
Linda, sister of	Les Keele	Has returned home and continues to experience sporadic seizures.	Resolution to the condition, peace of mind for her and her family 02/05/2025
Lisa Harriman		UPDATE: She is just about finished with her infusions and oral chemo treatments. The most recent CT showed the treatment and many prayers are working to shrink the tumors and there is no evidence of any additional cancer cells. Her blood counts remain in the normal range. 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
Bob Forkner, father of the Bowie's brother in- law	James and Leah Bowie	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 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	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
Dad of	Russ Jones	Had a PET Scan and he has an aggressive form of prostate cancer. There will be 2 surgeries and then radiation.	Good results 12/01/2024

LTC NOTICES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 SCHEDULE

2:15 PM - DRAMA

3:15 PM - CHORUS

4:00 PM - BIBLE BOWL

MEMBER INFORMATION

Please Welcome the

Rosa Family

Manny, Betzy, and Aurora

6200 Gillispie Drive

Fort Worth, Texas 76132

Manny's Phone: 323-595-9337

Betzy's Phone: 626-731-0074

Please add them to your directories.

SYMPATHY

To the Family of Nell Cain

Funeral services were yesterday at Greenwood.
She was 98.

LADIES' AND MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

TUESDAY MORNINGS
10 AM

Men's Class: Hebrews: Meets in the Library

Ladies' Bible Class: Women Of The Bible
Speak

Paula Pauley: Meets in the Fellowship Hall

VBS

Anyone who wishes to participate in VBS is asked to see Buck or Holly Thomas to be assigned an area in which to serve.

CORPORATE MEETING

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

March 2, 2025

5:45 PM

NEW YOUTUBE CLASS

Join our own David Birdow in "Walking Through The Scriptures" on Youtube. Simply search this title and you will be able to access his lessons. You will not be disappointed.

FOOD BANK STATISTICS

215 – Families Served

\$651.19 – Cost to WHCOC

7,013 Pounds – Estimated Weight of Food

ENCHILADA DINNERS

RAISING FUNDS FOR

AFJROTC

WESTERN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

\$12 PREPAY

2 CHEESE OR 2 CHEESE AND ONION
ENCHILADAS

TRADITIONAL RED SAUCE, RICE, BEANS, CHIPS,
SALSA, AND A COOKIE

**SEE THE FLYER IN THE FOYER FOR
ORDERING INFORMATION**

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

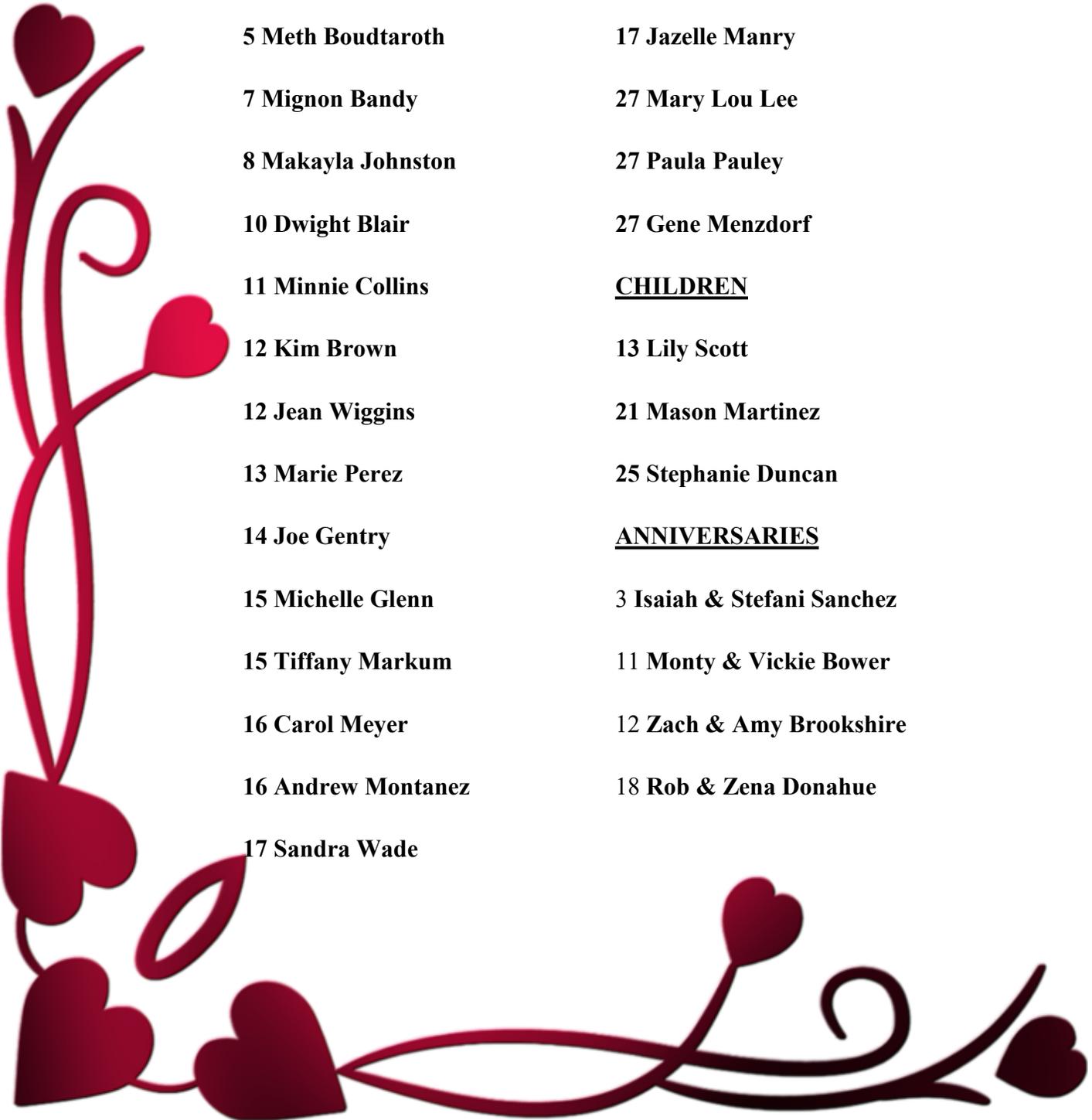
ANNIVERSARIES

3 Isaiah & Stefani Sanchez

11 Monty & Vickie Bower

12 Zach & Amy Brookshire

18 Rob & Zena Donahue



March Celebrations

1 Stephen Myers

Children

2 John Larson

10 Boyce Miller

3 Beverly Forgey

16 Bella Gilbert

4 Jim Gilbert

24 Maddox Duncan

5 Russ Jones

26 Selah Garner

7 Adriana Torrez

27 Brenna Thomas

8 Charles Kite

11 Mike Whitacre

15 Janelle Ball

17 Amy Bartee

18 Bea House

Anniversaries

20 Steve Taylor

3 John and Auna Walton

58 Years

20 Paula Williams

21 Mark Musselman

14 Brandon and Jennifer Duncan

16 Years

22 Betsy Strother

22 Karen Taylor

23 Glenn Baird

25 Wayne and Beverly Lipham

29 Monty Bowers

3 Years