



Why Study The Book Of Numbers?

If you are participating in our Daily Bible Reading program, we will be reading the book of Numbers for a little over three weeks. Why read the book of Numbers? It is just about numbering the children of Israel, right? Yes, the book contains the numbering of God's people twice; but it contains much more than that. The Jews designate the book by the title, "*In The Wilderness.*" Thus, the book of Numbers is concerned with the wilderness period of Israel's history.

James A. Smith, in his book, *The Pentateuch*, states, *the trip from Egypt to Sinai took a month and a half (Exodus 19.1). During the next ten months the Israelites received instructions from the LORD and constructed the Tabernacle. The priesthood was then consecrated to the service of God. The command to take the first census came twelve and a half months after they left Egypt, or after they had encamped at Sinai for eleven months.* It is interesting to see the progression of the Hebrews becoming God's chosen people. As we finish Leviticus and as Israel is instructed to leave Mt. Sinai, the book of Numbers focuses on the laws of Israel while on the march.



Numbers can be summarized as "*Marching and Murmuring.*" The purpose of the book is to reveal the history of God's people from the first census up until they are encamped on the east side of the Jordan River, ready to enter and take possession of the land. The key passage is found in **Numbers 14.29, 30**, where God sentenced an entire generation to wander in the wilderness for forty years because of their lack of faith. "*Your dead bodies will fall in this wilderness, and of all your number, listed in the census from twenty years old and upward, who have*

grumbled against Me, not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun."

Do you think we are much like the children of Israel in our journey to our Promise Land? Do we constantly murmur about things in our lives because we are not happy? One of the lessons from our sermon this morning comes from **Proverbs 16.8** "*Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice.*" Are we content with what we have? Do we enjoy life regardless of the hardships we face because we know we are the people of God? Or, like Israel, do we constantly grip and complain? We will face trials and temptations in this life (James 1.2, 3). But God is good, and He makes it to where "*all things work together for good to those who love God*" (**Romans 8.28, NKJV**). Let us learn from our study of Numbers to enjoy our lives and faithfully serve God. Heaven awaits the faithful! Rejoice!

Gary

The Key To Righteous Living

Proverbs 16.6

- 1) Do you make, or have you made, long-term plans for your life?
- 2) Have you sat down and thought about where you want to be in 5 years, 10 years, 20 years, etc.?
- 3) It is God's plan that man chart out the course of his life—and that those plans should be made with His will in mind?

To Live Righteously Before God, I Must...

I) Base My _____ On God's Will (Proverbs 16.1).

- A) What _____ desires should be the determining factor, but _____ should still think through his plans.
- B) As I consider my life ahead...
 - 1) Have I _____ about it?
 - 2) Do I intend to _____ God, no matter what?
 - 3) Is this predestination?

II) Be Aware Of My Own _____ (Proverbs 16.2).

- A) Can I be _____ to my own failures?
- B) The proverb contrasts a man's spirit with his thinking that his ways are pure.

III) Commit My _____ To the LORD (Proverbs 16.3, 4).

- A) The Hebrew word translated "*commit*" is the same word for _____.
- B) When our works are designed to advance the LORD's work, He will "*establish*" them by making them _____.
- C) If I choose to live an _____ life, I should expect _____.

IV) Protect My _____ Against _____ (Proverbs 16.5).

- A) A wicked man is _____ in his heart.
- B) _____ is an abomination to the LORD (Proverbs 6.16-19; Proverbs 16.18, 19).
- C) The man who _____ himself will suffer punishment.

V) Live To Receive _____ (Proverbs 16.6, 7).

- A) Hope for forgiveness is based on _____ and _____ (cf. Proverbs 3.3, 4).
- B) The _____ of the LORD deters us from _____.
- C) Is it my _____ to learn what behavior pleases God?

VI) Dedicate My _____ To _____ (Proverbs 16.8, 9).

- A) What do I desire in life?
- B) A _____ man will _____ God's will over his own.
- C) _____ of _____ permits people to choose the course of their life.

Conclusion: Will you live for God today?

If you are interested in helping provide uniforms for Leonard Middle School Students, they need the following:
Girls' Adult Sizes: 12, 14, and 16
Boys' Adult Sizes: 32, 34, and 36 regular length
Black or Khaki pants and / or blue jeans.
You may leave all items in the office and we will get them to the coordinator.
Thank you.

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.

PLEASE NOTE:
THE SMALL GROUP THAT MEETS SUNDAY EVENINGS AT
5:00 PM AT THE BUILDING
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL ---
YOU MAY ENTER THE BUILDING AT **DOOR # 3**
WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE DRIVE THROUGH.

February Food Bank Stats
188 – Families Served
\$853.63 – Cost to WHCOC
7904 lbs – Estimated Weight of Food

LTC: See James and Leah Bowie.

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.

We are helping **Western Hills High School** with the Spring Break Food Bags.

Please bring canned tuna or chicken to the building (kitchen counter) by March 9, 2025.

Thanks for all you do!

Member Information

Please welcome our new sister, Clara Boudreaux:
4410 Mary's Creek Drive, Benbrook,
Texas 76116: 817-945-2000.

Eva Torrez has a new phone number: (817) 471-3414. Please update your directory.



Sympathy

Louise and Charles Beagle's daughter, Celeste Thomas, passed away on February 19th, 2025.

Romans 8:38-39; 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

Sue Little Smith

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Visits And Calls

Please Call Ahead If Visiting

Wanda Houston

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SHEPHERDS

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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
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*Shepherd of the month

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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 - Brandon Duncan

Song Leader - Jon Bartee

Song - God Is The Fountain Whence

Song - Faith Is The Victory

Song - Victory In Jesus

Prayer - Russ Jones

Scripture - Proverbs 16.6

Song - Ten Thousand Angels

Lord's Supper - Joe Gentry

Prayer for Contribution - Joe Gentry

Song - Paradise Valley

The Key To Righteous Living - Gary Williams

Song - Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Tom Pauley

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, March 10

Numbers 15-16; 2 Timothy 4

Tuesday, March 11

Numbers 17-18; John 1

Wednesday, March 12

Numbers 19-20; Psalm 90; John 2

Thursday, March 13

Numbers 21; Psalm 135; John 3

Friday, March 14

Numbers 22; John 4

Saturday, March 15

Numbers 23; John 5

Sunday, March 16

Numbers 24; John 6

Last Week

Bible Class	168	Wednesday	78
Worship	243	Contribution	\$ 19,659.39
PM Worship	55	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	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Greg Ball 3/7/2025	He fell and broke his hand and had stitches in his forehead. They are traveling this week. 10725 Lipan Trail, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing and safe trip
Betty White 3/2/2025	She will be going to a rehab facility due to damages from Covid. 9609 Westpark, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing
Shirley Bennett 3/2/2025	She is suffering from a broken rib and covid. 4018 Ridglea Ctry Club. #508, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Healing
Bob Willyerd 3/4/2025	He is in the hospital with a UTI, and is having low blood count. Bob & Sheryl Willyerd, 3704 Guadalupe Road Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Healing
Aaron Adkins 02/11/2025	Had back surgery on February 21 and is doing very well. 204 Saddle Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	The doctors, rehab specialists, and good results
Nilath Kimlinh 02/09/2025	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 02/10/2025	Has returned to Stonegate. 8601 Cook Ranch Road, Apartment 350, Benbrook, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Healing and recovery
Betty Kille 1/16/2025	Had her last chemo treatment before hopefully having surgery soon. 4112 Arroyo Trail, Fort Worth, Texas 76135	Healing and comfort
Patricia Emerson 02/05/2025	Cancer has returned. 6536 Wooddale, Fort Worth, Texas 76148	Treatments and healing
Kham Intharansy 12/30/2024	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
Makayla Johnston 2/24/2025	Makayla is having health issues.	Comfort and healing
Bill Baumann 1/8/2025	Is undergoing treatment for lung and prostate cancer. 25 Leonard Trail, Apartment #240, Westworth Village, Texas 76114	Healing

Romans 5:3-5
3 Not only so, but we[a] also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED	SITUATION	PRAYERS FOR
Ethyl Melendy	Chandra Mann	She fell and is bruised. Starting rehab.	Healing 3/4/2025
Beverly, cousin of	Linda DiRocco	She fell and fractured her hip.	Successful surgery 3/4/2025
Carolyn Davis & family	Janelle Ball	Curt, Carolyn's husband, passed away from cancer.	Comfort for his family as they face the days ahead 3/4/2025
John Blackstock, nephew of Nancy and Johnie Wright	Johnie Wright	John lives in Georgia. Doctor's removed his tonsils and the specimen required a biopsy. Additional surgery may be required in the future.	Please pray for good results and a clear biopsy 02/24/2024
Mitch Bennett, son of	Shirley Bennett	Had heart surgery on February 26 to repair an aneurysm.	Healing, recovery, and comfort 02/18/2025
Joey and Jessica, friends of	Riley and Cassie Bowie	Upon birth, the baby 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
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
Lisa Harriman		UPDATE: 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. 400 North Tacoma Street, Farmington, Arkansas 72730	Please pray for upcoming surgery and continued treatments; strength, peace of mind 09/11/2024
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
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

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