

Are You Leading Anyone To Jesus?

Who do you want to lead to Jesus this year? Maybe a family member, close friend, neighbor, or even someone you have seen in public but have not yet had the opportunity to meet. I want you to set a goal of teaching someone about Jesus and actively work to make it happen. Isn't it easy just to sit and watch the year go by and never get around to talking to anyone about their salvation? Yes, we come to worship, we participate in Bible class, we are actively involved in many programs of the church; but we never personally talk to anyone about Jesus. Our joy as a Christian beams as we spend time in the presence of other Christians, but when asked, *"Who have you spoken to about Jesus lately?"* we want to hold our heads in shame.

It appears to be common in the majority of Christians that the number one reason they do not mention Jesus to anyone is fear. Fear of rejection, fear of not knowing enough or what to say, fear of destroying the "good" friendship you have now. But how "good" is a friendship if you know of salvation and do not tell your friend? Are you really that good of a friend? Come judgment day, do you not think they would have preferred you taking the chance of destroying your relationship with one another than choosing to never mention Jesus at all? Oh, how we sing with tears in our eyes, *"You Never Mentioned Him To Me."* The song is so heart-rending, but we often lose that feeling when it comes time to speak.

Did you know that you can talk to people about Jesus? Maybe you have gone too long without striving to overcome your fear and you have lost your determination to succeed. As scary as it may be, you will never have to do it alone. Jesus promised, ***"I am with you always"*** (Matthew 28.20), and ***"I will never leave you nor forsake you"*** (Hebrews 13.5). Do we lose sight of the fact that we are disciples of Jesus? That when we chose to become Christians that we were committing to letting Jesus come into our lives and rule? That we would take up our cross and follow Him putting His desires above our own? You can talk to people about Jesus. Jesus has faith in you, I have faith in you, your brothers and sisters in Christ have faith in you. If you have never spoken to anyone about Jesus, then why not begin by praying and asking God to give you the courage to speak up? Study your Bible and learn as many passages of Scripture relating to salvation as possible. If you have trouble remembering them, then write them inside your Bible cover. If Jesus is important to you then you should want your family and friends to know. If Jesus is the center of your life, then how could they not see Jesus living in you? Gary



Jesus' Farewell Discourse

Luke 23.34-38

1. Have you ever noticed that some men or women say things that never seem to be forgotten?
2. Why do these statements resonate with us through time?
3. Did you know that there is One who spoke whose words will last for all eternity?

From The Cross, Jesus Uttered...

I. Words Of _____ (Luke 23.34).

- A. When the crucifixion procession reached Calvary, Jesus was stripped of His clothing and nailed to the cross.
- B. Jesus said, "_____."
- C. During His ministry, Jesus often taught of the subject of forgiveness (Matthew 6.12, 14, 15; Matthew 18.21, 22, 35).

II. Words Of _____ (Luke 23.39-43).

- A. Those who passed by and the chief priests with the scribes _____ Jesus (Mark 15.29-32).
- B. Throughout Jesus' ministry, He had two alternatives: _____ or _____
- C. Jesus said, "_____."

III. Words Of _____ (John 19.25-27).

- A. As we picture the scene at Calvary, we are thankful that not everyone present was reviling Jesus.
- B. Jesus' thoughts were on His _____.
- C. Jesus said, "_____."

IV. Words Of _____ (Matthew 27.46).

- A. When in excruciating pain, many people cry out in suffering.
- B. Jesus said, "_____?"
- C. How could Jesus do this for me?

V. Words Of _____ (John 19.28).

- A. _____ came over the land for _____ hours.
- B. Jesus said, "_____."

VI. Words Of _____ (Luke 23.46).

- A. The tragedy was over; only a few words remained to be spoken.
- B. Jesus cried out, "_____."
- C. Am I committed unto death?

VII. Words Of _____ (John 19.30).

- A. Jesus said, "_____."
- B. Will I be victorious?

Conclusion: Do you need to commit your life to Jesus today?

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Boldness To Encourage

As we draw to the close of Acts chapter 4, we read about a man named Joseph. However, the apostles did not call him Joseph, but rather "encouragement." Barnabas was a Levite from Cyprus who also sold a field and laid the money at the apostles' feet. We are not told in this passage the reason why Joseph was called "encouragement." We do not get to hear any of his encouraging words.

We must marvel at the fact that this man clearly made it his mission to be an encouragement to those around him. Encouraging was the model of his life, so much that no one called him by his given name anymore, but simply called him the son of encouragement.

I would also like for us to consider the boldness that is required to be a man like Barnabas. It takes boldness to take it upon ourselves to be ones who will be an encourager of the saints. It takes a true Christian to not give into the ease of murmuring and complaining and instead becoming an encourager. Why will we not be like Barnabas and try to help people excel and become mature Christians? We show great boldness and true faith in God when we help people overcome obstacles rather than become their obstacles.

All of us need courage put into our lives. I do not think there is anyone here who would say they do not need encouragement. So let us be those kinds of people who will put courage into one another. We can be like Barnabas who saw the good in others and tried with all his might to help others reach the goal of spiritual maturity in the Lord. Let us be courageous to not find faults, but have the boldness to encourage each other to do better.

Thoughts edited from the sermon "The Boldness To Serve", January 8, 2006,
Brent Kercheville, West Palm Beach Church of Christ

I Thessalonians 5:11 reminds us, "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." We are blessed at Western Hills with many encouragers whom excel in building the body up.



FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

APRIL 27

MAKE PLANS NOW AS TO WHO YOU WISH TO INVITE TO THIS WORSHIP SERVICE. BEGIN TO PRAY THAT GOD WILL GIVE YOU THE COURAGE AND WORDS FOR YOUR INVITATION AND OPEN HEARTS FOR INDIVIDUALS TO RECEIVE IT. TO SHARE IN A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP, THERE WILL BE A POTLUCK FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP.



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John Boudtaroth	817-891-2132
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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Steve Taylor

Song Leader - Alex Bartee

Song - There Is A Habitation

Song - The Great Redeemer

Song - Jesus Is Coming Soon

Prayer - Robert Scott

Scripture - Robert Scott

Song - Why Did My Savior Come To Earth

Lord's Supper - Russ Jones

Prayer for Contribution - Russ Jones

Song - The World Is Not My Home

Jesus' Farewell Address - Gary Williams

Song - Nothing But The Blood

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Russ Bartee

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, April 7

Deuteronomy 17-18; Proverbs 7

Tuesday, April 8

Deuteronomy 19-20; Proverbs 8 Psalm 128

Wednesday, April 9

Deuteronomy 21-22; Proverbs 9

Thursday, April 10

Deuteronomy 23; Proverbs 10, Philemon

Friday, April 11

Deuteronomy 24-25; Proverbs 11, Psalm 49

Saturday, April 12

Deuteronomy 26-27; Proverbs 12, Psalm 19

Sunday, April 13

Deuteronomy 28, Proverbs 13

Last Week

Bible Class	142	Wednesday	106
Worship	271	Contribution	\$ 11,764.79
PM Worship	52	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

WEDDING SHOWER

We will be hosting a money shower for Travis Whitacre and his fiancée, Isabel Kitschelt. We kindly ask that all monetary gifts be submitted to **Melissa Montanez** or **Dorothy Anderson** by April 16th so we can present them to the couple before their special day. Thank you for your generosity!

SENIOR SUNDAY

Make plans now to celebrate the accomplishments of:

John Adkins Alex Bartee Kate Birdow
Gavin Grier Layton Garner
Courtney Kirkpatrick Caden Martinez

LTC NOTICES

Wednesday, April 9, **Stephanie Duncan, Katherine Bartee, and Courtney Kirkpatrick** will practice during a special ladies' class. The devotional will be conducted by **Levi Sloan** on April 9 and **Alex Bartee and Gavin Greer** will speak in April 16. Please come and support our youth as they prepare for LTC.

See James or Leah for the Sunday Practice Schedule.

FOOD BANK

MARCH FOOD BANK STATS

182 – Families Served

\$691.81 – Cost to WHCOC

4859 lbs. – Estimated Weight of Food

Glenn Baird would like to inform everyone that the **food bank** is in need of donated boxes. The required size is approximately 16x12x12 inches. Thank you for your support!

VBS

VBS is fast approaching **June 22 - June 25**. Anyone who wishes to participate in VBS is asked to see Buck or Holly Thomas to be assigned an area in which to serve.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

If you are interested in teaching or helping with Children's Bible Hour in **April** or **May**, please see Vickie Bowers.

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.

MEMBER INFORMATION

PLEASE WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

KRISTY SCOTT: 420 CHURCHILL ROAD
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76114
817-565-6843

ALLYSON, ANNALISE, AND AUBRIELLE GERMANY

3905 SUNNYDALE DRIVE
BENBROOK, TEXAS 76116

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

MEN'S CLASS: **HEBREWS**: MEETS IN LIBRARY
LADIES' BIBLE CLASS: **10 WORDS TO LIVE BY**: Jen Wilkins : IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Johnie Wright <small>3/27/2025</small>	Is at home with the flu. 8601 Cook Ranch Road, Apartment 350, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing
Anthony McGraw <small>3/23/2025</small>	Brother Andrew passed on March 20. 3501 Renzel Boulevard, # 136, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Comfort for the family
Qing Gary <small>3/26/2025</small>	Traveling to China and will be back April 16. 9912 Edmund Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Safe travels
LeAnn Fisher <small>3/18/2025</small>	Had plate in her wrist following a fall. 1003 Bryant Street, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing and pain
D'Anne Beall <small>2/28/2025</small>	Is having health issues and asked for prayers. 9001 S. Normandale, #1055, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Healing and guidance
Chuck Meyer <small>3/19/2025</small>	Is at home. Please no visitors at this time. 190 Coronado Bend, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Travis Whitacre <small>3/11/2025</small>	Is looking for a job to use his degree and is soon to be married. 105 Silver Hill Court, Lakeside, Texas 76108	Wisdom and guidance on changes in life
Greg Ball <small>3/7/2025</small>	Fell and broke his hand. 10725 Lipan Trail, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Shirley Bennett <small>3/2/2025</small>	Is suffering from a broken rib. 4018 Ridglea Country Club, #508, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Healing
Bob Willyerd <small>3/4/2025</small>	Is now home recovering. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Healing
Betty Kille <small>1/16/2025</small>	Had surgery April 3rd. She has written a thank you note for all the food, cards, texts, love and prayers that is in the middle foyer. 4112 Arroyo Trail, Fort Worth, Texas 76135	Healing and comfort
Patricia Emerson <small>02/05/2025</small>	Cancer has returned. 6536 Wooddale, Fort Worth, Texas 76148	Treatments and healing

FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED	SITUATION	PRAYERS FOR
Jane Wilson, mother of	Mindy Markum	Fell and broke 4 ribs and fractured her pelvis.	Healing 3/30/2025
Mike Reeves, friend of	Riley Bowie	Had a stroke 2 weeks ago and has been in ICU since with a brain bleed and clots.	Healing 3/30/2025
Shane Grantham, step-brother of	Kitti Davis	Has cancer.	Healing 3/30/2025
Mickey Lesley, sister of	Clara Boudreaux	90 years old and in the hospital with pneumonia.	Healing 3/30/2025
Jon Silcox, step-father of	D.J. Keller	Was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer.	Healing 3/22/2025
Jim Freeman, brother-in-law of	Paula Pauley	Is having several health issues including a fractured hip.	Healing 3/19/2025
Hawk, grandson of	Kristie McLeroy	Has started physical therapy because they noticed issues in his walking. He will have an MRI on May 23 to find out if there is an issue.	Good report 3/19/2025
Steve, a son of friends of	Betsy Strother	Had cancer surgery on March 23.	Complete healing 3/19/2025
Jones family, friends of	Les & Deatra Keele	The family is going through many issues at this time.	Guidance from God 3/19/2025
Jessica, Joey and Gianna, friends of	James & Cassie Bowie	Jessica and Joey had their baby, Gianna. Gianna had surgery to reattach her small intestines and stomach. The doctors have also discovered that Gianna has a rare brain disease.	Healing, strength, and answers about the brain disease 3/9/2025
Nancy Daily, sister of	Carol Meyer	Had heart surgery March 19.	Healing 3/4/2025
Ethyl Melendy, mother of	Chandra Mann	Beginning rehab following a fall.	Healing 3/4/2025
Beverly, cousin of	Linda DiRocco	In assisted living getting PT.	Healing 3/30/2025
John Saxton, cousin of	Adam Powers	Has had a relapse of his brain cancer.	Remission and healing 03/23/2025
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
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

Happy April Celebrations!

Birthdays

1 Kham Intharansy
2 Karen King
2 Matt Sloan
3 James Yawn
3 Sheryl Willyerd
4 John Walton
6 Jenny Chakrathouk
6 Charles Meyer
7 Katelynn Bolt
11 Deanna Everett
13 Joe Tomme
15 Zena Donahue
15 Chandra Mann
15 Barbara Meisenhalder

15 Judy McDonald
17 Vernon Hamilton
20 Carolyn Williams
25 Betty Kille
28 Linda Tong

Children's Birthdays

1 Colt Tedford
10 Layton Garner
14 Arly Kramer
16 Emori Durrett
20 Liam Scott
22 Levi Sloan

Anniversaries

8 Emilio & Lorenza Fernandez