



## Do You Know True Joy?

Where do you find joy? In a society that often associates joy with money, pleasure, and possessions, true joy is never found. The world's happiness is primarily based on circumstances and ease. But how is happiness that is often fleeting the true source of joy? Where do I find joy that is always with me regardless of what is occurring in my life? When I was away from God, I searched for joy and happiness everywhere and in everything. I never found it! Instead, I found sorrow, deceit, pain, betrayal, and very little love. Finally, after basically being in exile, I returned to the Lord where true joy resides.

When the children of Israel returned from Babylonian captivity, thirteen years later, Nehemiah came to Jerusalem with the determination to rebuild the city walls. Upon completion, all the people gathered together, and Ezra read the law. The people began to weep, but Nehemiah told them that that day was to be holy to the LORD. He said, ***“Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength”*** (Nehemiah 8.10). It wasn't a mood or just a feeling of joy, it was the deep, abiding gladness rooted in the presence, promises, and person of God.

Biblical joy is more than just an uplifting of our emotions. It is a spiritual reality—a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5.22)—that flows from knowing God intimately. David said in **Psalm 16.11** ***“You [God] make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy.”*** This joy comes from a relationship with God. It is the assurance that God is with us, for us, and working through us—even when life feels chaotic, hectic, or confusing.

James 1.2, 3, challenges us to ***“Count it all joy...when you face trials.”*** Not because trials are pleasant, but because they produce perseverance. The trials we face in life strengthen our faith, draw us closer to God, and develop the character of Christ within us. It provides a better avenue for people to see “Jesus living in me.” Yes, we can count it all joy, because we know God is refining and preparing us for what He wants us to be. The Hebrew writer said that Jesus, ***“Who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame”*** (Hebrews 12.2). The joy came from fulfilling the will of His Father and tasting death for every man. Albert Barnes, in his commentary on Hebrews, said, ***“In view of all the honor which He would have at the right hand of God, and the happiness which He would experience from the consciousness that He had redeemed a world, was willing to bear the sorrows connected with the atonement.”***



Do I find true joy in Christ? Is my happiness grounded in my relationship with God, knowing that He is always with me and wants what is absolutely best for me? I can be happy in life, possessing true joy, if I will keep my life right with God. Are you filled with the joy of the LORD today?

Gary

# A Cry For Mercy

## Lamentations 5.1-3

1. Have you ever cried out to God in pain?
2. Did it seem like God was not listening?
3. As we conclude our study of Lamentations, it is a mirror for every soul that has tasted loss, shame, or silence from heaven.

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ Of \_\_\_\_\_ (Lamentations 4.1-12).

- A. The city of gold has turned to dust (4.1, 2).
  1. The description of God's people is almost too much to bear to read.
  2. The whole population has been discarded as broken pottery by the potter.
- B. When we abandon God's ways, even the most beautiful parts of life can \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. What gold in our lives has dimmed because of compromise?

### II. The Sins of \_\_\_\_\_ (4.13-20).

- A. The prophets and priests had shed \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13).
  1. Inadequate spiritual leadership had led to their doom.
  2. Spiritual leaders are required to teach the pure, unadulterated word of God, not what people want to hear (2 Timothy 4.2-4).
- B. Jerusalem had put their false hope in foreign alliances.
- C. When spiritual leaders fall, the \_\_\_\_\_ are devastating.

### III. A Glimmer Of \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 21, 22).

- A. Edom was rejoicing over Jerusalem's destruction.
- B. God's \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. We must never think that God's justice will not come because of our sins.
  2. We must never think that God will not start His \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ (I Peter 4.17).

### IV. A \_\_\_\_\_ From The \_\_\_\_\_ (5.1-18).

- A. The children of Israel cry out, " \_\_\_\_\_!"
- B. God invites us to bring our \_\_\_\_\_ to Him in prayer.
  1. Pain, grief, and suffering gives us the opportunity to look at our lives and see what we can learn from them.
  2. The greatest mistake we can make is not turning to \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_.

### V. The Bold \_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_ (5.19-22).

- A. God's throne endures forever (v. 19).
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God is unbearable (v. 20).
- C. The people plea for restoration.
- D. Restoration begins with \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. The cry of Lamentations is not "*fix our city*," but " \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_."
  2. Faith doesn't always tie things up neatly.

**Conclusion:** Do you need to cry out for God's mercy today?

# C O N N E C T I O N

**C** Good morning WH family!

**R** I was shopping and getting gas at Sam's Club this week and they have a feature that I tried out last year and I really like. It is called:

**N** As I shop, I just use my phone app, scan the bar code of the items that I am  
**E** purchasing and when I'm ready, I hit the checkout button on my  
**R** phone app, skip the checkout line, walk out the door through the security scanner and biff-bam-boom I'm on my way without ever having to talk to a single person. The consumer's dream, get what I want and I'm outta there.



Sometime later, it got me to thinking that, occasionally, we want to handle our spiritual lives the same way—as “consumers”—get in, get what we need and boom, we're outta there, sometimes without ever having to talk to a single person. Or we treat our Bible study and/or prayer lives in a similar fashion – Scan & Go. Read a verse here or there and that'll do us. Bow our head and utter a few of the same old phrases, and off we go to live our lives with little spiritual connection, if any at all. I know, I've been there, done that.

We all go through rough times in our spiritual journey when we are hurting, stressed or too busy, and withdraw into that shell of just being spiritual consumers. And we need the blessing of someone reaching out to us and drawing us back in to “family.” One of the things that I love about our WH family is that we do have so many who engage and connect with one another before and/or after services.

I want to encourage us this week to purposefully and mindfully set aside our fleshly desire to “Scan & Go” and take a few moments to reach out to someone you may not know well, and try to make a connection. I know that in my life, some of my best friends are church members that stepped out in faith and made a connection with me or someone that I took that leap of faith with and reached out to them. Maybe instead of “Scan & Go”, try a “Meet & Greet” – You'll be blessed!

-- Les Keele



*“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”*

*Isaiah 55:10-11*

## SHEPHERDS

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Chuck Meyer	682-553-5444
Ross Tomlinson	682-429-1983
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\*Shepherd of the month

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## LAOTIAN MINISTRY

John Boudtaroth	817-891-2132
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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** - Robert Scott

**Song Leader** - Russ Jones

**Song** - Thank You, Lord

**Song** - I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

**Song** - Follow Me

**Opening Prayer** - Brandon Duncan

**Scripture** - Lamentation 5:1-3

**Song** - Nearer, Still Nearer

**Lord's Supper** - Greg Ball

**Prayer for Contribution** - Greg Ball

**Song** - The Greatest Commands

**A Cry For Mercy** - Gary Williams

**Song** - Nailed To The Cross

**Announcements** - Les Keele

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal** - Dan Kille

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**Attendance**



**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, October 6

Psalms 75; Jeremiah 25-26; Hebrews 6

### Tuesday, October 7

Jeremiah 27-29; Hebrews 7

### Wednesday, October 8

Psalms 87; Jeremiah 30-31; Hebrews 8

### Thursday, October 9

Jeremiah 32 - 33; Hebrews 9

### Friday, October 10

Jeremiah 34-35; Hebrews 10

### Saturday, October 11

Jeremiah 36-37; Hebrews 11

### Sunday, October 12

Jeremiah 38-40; Hebrews 12

### Last Week

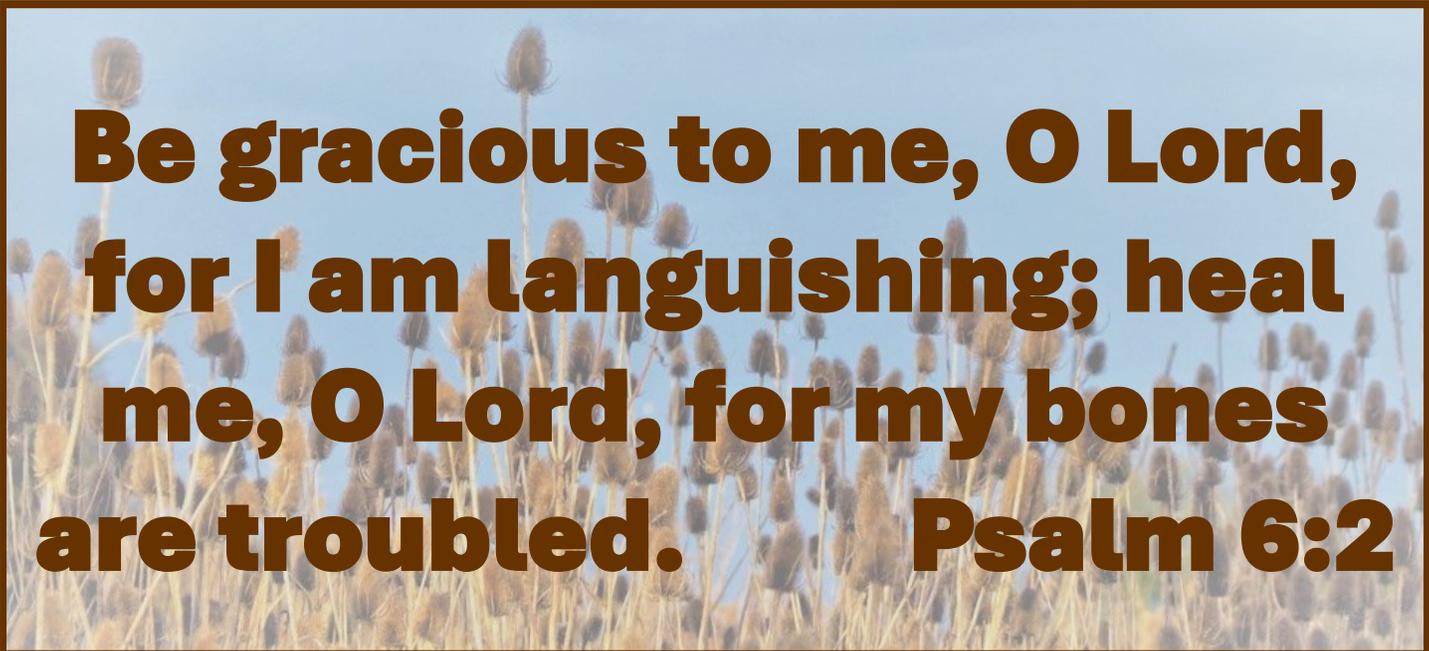
<b>Bible Class</b>	127	<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Worship</b>	213	<b>Contribution</b>	\$ 11,703.34
<b>PM Worship</b>	68	<b>Budget</b>	\$ 14,216.88

### Times of Assemblies

<b>Bible Class:</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Sunday Morning Worship:</b>	10:00 AM
<b>Sunday Evening Worship:</b>	5:00 PM
<b>Wednesday Evening:</b>	7:00 PM

## FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Cassidy Tunnell and baby 10/03/2025	Are in Southwest Hospital. Baby was born October 1 and weights 5 pounds, 8 ounces and is 17 1/2 inches long. Baby was born 5 weeks early but is doing great!	Both mom and baby to recovery and be ready to go home
Chandra Mann 10/03/2025	Needs the results from her next cancer scan to be good enough so that she can be placed on maintenance treatment. 106 Langham Drive, Aledo, Texas 76008	Prayers for good results and maintenance treatment
Skipper Reed 9/30/2025	She is now on oxygen.	Prayers for comfort
Paula Pauley 9/30/2025	She had surgery on her hand. 3409 Muleshoe Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	Quick Healing
Dan Pratt 9/25/2025	Is awaiting surgery as they get his blood pressure under control. 10920 Hawkins Home Boulevard, P.O. Box 126437 Benbrook, Texas 76126	Quick healing
Dorothy Anderson 9/25/2025	Had a corneal transplant. 11137 Castle Oak Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Successful surgery and healing
Bob Willyerd 9/23/2025	Had successful bladder surgery on Wednesday. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Success and healing
Brandon Duncan 9/12/2025	Continued prayers that the nerve pain, weakness, and numbness in his leg continues to improve. 110 McAnear Street, Cleburne, Texas 76033	Relief from pain and healing
Bridget Yawn 8/25/2025	Lupus has returned. She needs calls and cards. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Comfort and strength
Mary East 7/8/2025	Has been put on hospice at home and remains very weak. 101 Rambling Trail, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Strength and comfort for Mary, and guidance for Karen and Mark Brahn



**Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for I am languishing; heal  
me, O Lord, for my bones  
are troubled. Psalm 6:2**

## FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Betty Shepard, cousin of	Nancy Wright	Fell, hit her head, and broke her hip requiring surgery.	Healing and returning to good health 10/01/2025
Clyde Harthcock, cousin of	Nancy Wright	In hospital after surgery.	Healing and returning to good health 10/01/2025
Jack Corley, brother-in-law of	Johnie Wright	Having surgery to replace jaw bone.	Successful surgery and comfort in a long healing process 10/01/2025
Rob Ryan, son-in-law	Sharon Pippin	Will have a check-up in three months for the pre-cancerous cells discovered in a recent MRI.	Doctor's guidance 9/30/2025
Marie, friend of	Lisa Wilson and Debbie Rollins	Will be undergoing chemo for a spot on her colon.	Healing 9/30/2025
Alex Farnsworth, friend of	Lisa Wilson and Debbie Rollins	Undergoing radiation for lung lining cancer.	Healing 9/30/2025
Christine, granddaughter of	Clara Boudreaux	Found out she needs a tumor removed and doesn't have health insurance.	That she gets to have the surgery and it is benign 9/18/2025
Oren Fryar, friends of	Chuck and Julie Meyer	Has bladder cancer which involved the removal of his bladder on September 22.	Strength, healing and quick recovery 9/18/2025
Jenna and Harrison Davis, friends of	Riley and Cassie Bowie	Has gone home but will still be facing multiple heart surgeries.	Please pray for strength and complete healing Also, pray for the mental and spiritual health of Jenna and Harrison. 9/3/2025
Jessica, friend of	Katelynn Bolt	28 weeks pregnant and in the hospital on strict bed rest until baby is born.	Please pray for pregnancy to continue as long as possible before delivery and strength for mama and family 9/14/2025
Kelsey, friend of	Jill Sloan	Thanksgiving for Kelsey Johnson, nurse at Medical City Weatherford, who has been able to return home to her family to continue to heal.	Prayers for continued healing 9/14/2025
Shelby Lowrey, former member	Les Keele	Had a hysterectomy.	Quick healing 9/12/2025
Melissa Tomlinson, daughter-in-law of	Ross Tomlinson	Was scheduled to go home Friday.	Good health 9/10/2025
Tracie Jones, wife of	Russ Jones	She is now home from the hospital waiting results.	Good results 9/7/2025
Roslyn Brown, neighbor of	Michelle Glenn	Her husband who is housebound, falls often, they need prayers.	Send them love for strength and comfort 9/9/2025
Jon Silcox, step-father of	D.J. Keller	Was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer.	Healing 3/22/2025

Requests are listed for 30 days and then removed unless the office is notified to continue running the announcement.

## FOOD BANK STATS

September

189 – Families Served

\$645.10 – Cost to WHCOC

5,839 pounds – Estimated Weight of Food

## FROM ROSS TOMLINSON

### REGARDING THE 2026 BUDGET

If you oversee a particular ministry and you wish to adjust the budget amount for 2026, please see the deacon that directs that ministry. Thank you.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Dahlia Cade's phone number is now her son's, Brian, phone number : 907-687-2698

## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

10 AM

### LADIES

FELLOWSHIP ROOM

PAULA PAULEY - THE DASH IN BETWEEN

### MEN

LIBRARY

MILT BIRMINGHAM

12 PART VIDEO SERIES

BIBLE WARFARE BY MIKE MAZZALONGO

FOLLOWED BY

CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS AND ISLAM

## FAMILY FUN

### TRUNK OR TREAT



We are in need of wrapped candy for our Trunk or Treat on October 31 from 6:30 - 8 PM. Please plan to participate by decorating your car and dressing up for fun!

## SMALL GROUP NEWS

Small Groups meet on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of every month unless otherwise announced.

## FALL BIBLE CLASSES

### Sunday Morning:

Auditorium:

Geoffery Rodman - Study Of The Psalms

### Wednesday Evening:

Auditorium:

Les Keele - Fruit Of The Spirit -  
Galatians 5:22, 23

## ATTENDANCE QR CODE

Attention:

All Members

And Visitors

We Invite You To Use The QR Code For Attendance Which Is Located On The Last Page Of The Bulletin Right Next To The Giving QR Code  
We Are Slowly Making Our Way Into The 21st Century.

# TRUNK OR TREAT

**JOIN US FOR FUN AND TREATS, LAUGHS AND SMILES WHILE MAKING  
MEMORIES AND CONNECTIONS WITH OUR COMMUNITY.**

Decorate Your Car, Play games, and Hand Out  
Candy!



**OCTOBER 31ST FROM 6:30-8 PM.**

**8800 CHAPIN ROAD**

**FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76116**

# October Celebrations

## **Adult Birthdays**

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1 Bouathong Chansombath | 30 Bob Riley     |
| 1 Les Keele             | 31 Vickie Bowers |
| 2 Pheng Vilaysack       | 31 Lisa Wilson   |
| 6 Sharon Pippin         |                  |
| 6 David Birdow          |                  |
| 8 Roxann Whitacre       |                  |
| 10 Betty Baumann        |                  |
| 10 Jimmy Bolt           |                  |
| 16 Melinda Markum       |                  |
| 17 Barbara Adams        |                  |
| 17 Tom Pauley           |                  |
| 18 Rob Donahue          |                  |
| 20 Sabrina Vilaysack    |                  |
| 20 Tiffany Witherspoon  |                  |
| 25 Courtney Meyer       |                  |
| 25 Suzan Ward           |                  |
| 26 Amanda Garner        |                  |
| 29 Jodi Gentry          |                  |
| 29 Patricia Neislar     |                  |

## **Children's Birthdays**

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| 1 Lyndon Watson      |
| 6 Tahlia Witherspoon |
| 11 Layton Meyer      |
| 21 Claire Meyer      |
| 26 Luke Meyer        |

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

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|----------------------------|
| 13 Jay & Amanda Garner     |
| 23 Robert & Jennifer Scott |
| 25 Robert & LaRue Bow      |
| 26 Carl & Fern Green       |