

Don't Give Up!

When the weight of the world presses hard upon us and hope feels so far away, God whispers, *“Don't Give Up!”* We've all been there—at the point of exhaustion, staring into the fog of uncertainty, wondering if our next effort is even worth it. Whether it is a prolonged illness, a broken relationship, a financial crisis, or a spiritual drought, the temptation to give up can feel overwhelming. But God's Word doesn't shy away from these moments, it takes us there.

Do you remember after Elijah defeated the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel? Queen Jezebel threatened to kill him. Elijah fled in fear and collapsed in despair. *“I've had enough, Lord,”* he cried. But God didn't rebuke him—He sent rest, nourishment, and a gentle whisper. Sometimes, what we need most isn't severe rebuking, but divine tenderness. God is there to help us when everything in life seems hopeless. Like a loving father wanting to do everything He can to help his troubled child, God wants to do that for you, if you will turn to Him.

Do you remember how Paul pleaded for God to remove his *“thorn in the flesh”* (2 Corinthians 12.7-10)? Paul pleaded with God for relief, but God responded, *“My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.”* The thorn wasn't removed, but Paul's perspective did.

Weakness became a doorway for divine strength. How often have you prayed for God to remove your struggles? Just like God said to Paul, He says to you as well, *“My grace is sufficient for you.”* God's grace is sufficient to carry us through every situation in life. The power of His divine message shines brighter as I remain faithful in my infirmity.



Even the Son of God wrestled with anguish. Do you remember Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, *“Father, if You are will, take this cup from Me”* (Luke 22.39-46)? Yet He did not give up. He surrendered. And through His submission, salvation was born. Jesus was willing to endure tremendous suffering realizing God's grace was sufficient for Him as well.

Will you realize that you are not alone? Reach out. God put us into a Christian family for a reason—so we can encourage, help, and support one another. Thus, let others come to your aid to help you bear your burdens (Galatians 6.2). Don't give up! Not now. Not when you are this close to the edge of something beautiful. The same God who parted the Red Sea, shut the lions' mouths, and raised the dead is with you. He sees your tears, hears your prayers, and holds your tender heart in His hands. David said, *“The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the LORD”* (Psalm 18.2,3) *Will you let God be there for you?* Gary

You Said What?

Proverb 15.1-4

1. How would you characterize your speech?
2. Has your tongue ever gotten you into trouble?
3. Did you know that the negative use of the tongue can override an otherwise godly life?
4. Will you let your speech lead you to praise or condemnation?

To Control My Speech, I Must Understand...

1. The _____ About The Tongue.

- a. The tongue is small but _____ (Jas. 3.1-5).
 - i. James illustrates his point using a large horse, a large ship, and a small spark.
 - ii. Pound for pound, the tongue is oh so small, but oh so powerful.
- b. The tongue is uncontrollably _____ (James 3.6-8).
 - i. James returns to the illustration of fire.
 - ii. James mentions that we have tamed many wild animals, but *“no human being can tame the tongue” (v. 8)*.
- c. The tongue is terribly _____ (James 3.9-12).
 - i. Can we praise God then with the same tongue curse men?
 - ii. James asks a couple of rhetorical questions to make clear to us how inconsistent it is for good and bad to come out of the same mouth.
 - iii. How should we respond to this reality today?

2. God’s _____ For Taming The Tongue.

- a. God’s plan calls upon us to _____ the improper use of the tongue (Ephesians 4.29).
 - i. We should avoid _____ and _____ speech.
 - ii. We should avoid _____ and _____ (Philippians 2.14, 15).
 - iii. We should avoid _____ and _____ (Proverbs 20.19).
 - iv. We should avoid _____ (Revelation 21.8).
 - v. We should avoid _____.

3. God’s plan calls for us to focus on the proper use of the tongue.

- a. We should use our tongue to:
 - i. _____, _____, _____, and _____ (Psalm 109.30).
 1. _____ God’s Word (Matthew 28.19; Mark 16.15).
 2. To _____ and _____ others (Hebrews 3.13; Proverbs 25.11; 12.25).

4. _____ To Control The Tongue.

- a. _____ for help (Isaiah 49.10; Philippians 4.13).
- b. Be _____ to speak (James 1.19; Proverbs 10.19).
- c. Have _____ surgery (Matthew 12.34, 35).
- d. Remember, we will meet our words again in _____ (Matthew 12.36).

Conclusion: Do you need to ask God for forgiveness for the improper use of your tongue?

CONNECTION

O Good morning church family!

R In today's Connection Corner, we seek to honor and connect with our Veterans.

N As a church family, we are deeply thankful for the men and women among us who have served our nation in the armed forces. Their courage, sacrifice, and commitment remind us of Jesus' words:

E *"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."*
— John 15:13

"Laying down his life for his friends" can mean so much more than just the ultimate sacrifice that many veterans have made. Service in the military often comes with tremendous, unseen burdens— such as long separations from family, physical and emotional strain, and memories that linger long after duty ends. As the body of Christ, we are called to bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2). That means more than simply saying "thank you for your service." *It means intentionally connecting with, encouraging, and walking beside those who have served.*

I encourage you to take time this week to reach out to a veteran in our congregation. *Listen* to their story. *Ask* about their family. *Pray* with them. *Invite* them to share a meal. These simple acts of care can bring healing, encouragement, and fellowship.

Let us honor our veterans not only with our words, but with our presence, our prayers, and our friendship. May we be a church that reflects the love of Christ to those who have given so much for others. Hug and thank a veteran today—You'll both be blessed!

-- Les Keele



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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Les Keele
Song Leader - Matt Sloan
Song - Shout Hallelujah
Song - My Hope Is Built
Song - Highest Place
Opening Prayer - Adam Powers
Scripture - Proverb 15.1-4
Song - Come, Share the Lord
Lord's Supper - Arthur Torrez
Prayer for Contribution - Arthur Torrez
Song - O Listen to the Wondrous Story
You Said What? - Gary Williams
Song - Mighty to Save
Announcements - Les Keele
Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Chuck Meyer

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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, November 10
Jude 1; Ezekiel 34; Psalm 109

Friday, November 14
Ezekiel 38-39; Acts 3

Tuesday, November 11
Ezekiel 35; Obadiah; Psalm 108

Saturday, November 15
Ezekiel 40; Acts 4

Wednesday, November 12
Ezekiel 36; Acts 1; Psalm 108

Sunday, November 16
Ezekiel 41-42; Acts 5

Thursday, November 13
Ezekiel 37; Acts 2

Last Week

Bible Class	125	Wednesday	93
Worship	213	Contribution	\$10,497.44
PM Worship	43	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	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
SHIRLEY BENNETT <small>10/16/2025</small>	IS RECUPERATING AT HER HOME UNDER THE CARE OF HER SON AND DAUGHTER. NO VISITORS AT THIS TIME PLEASE. 4018 RIDGLEA COUNTRY CLUB, #508, FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76126	HEALING AND RETURN TO GOOD HEALTH
EMILIO FERNANDEZ <small>10/22/2025</small>	DIAGNOSED WITH TWO BLOOD SPOTS WHERE THERE WAS BLEEDING, BUT THEY WERE SUPER SMALL AND THEY WERE ABLE TO STOP THE BLEEDING AND HIS BODY WILL ABSORB THEM EVENTUALLY. 232 LOCHNESS DRIVE, BENBROOK, TEXAS 76126	BLOOD PRESSURE WILL BE MAINTAINED AND PHYSICAL THERAPY WILL HELP HIM TO GET AROUND
DAN PRATT <small>09/25/2025</small>	AWAITING KNEE SURGERY. 10920 HAWKINS HOME BOULEVARD, P. O. BOX 126437, BENBROOK, TEXAS 76126	SUCCESSFUL SURGERY
LORENZA FERNANDEZ <small>10/22/2025</small>	HIT HER HEAD WHILE IN THE HOSPITAL AND HAS TWO BLACK EYES BUT IS DOING WELL PHYSICALLY. 232 LOCHNESS DRIVE, BENBROOK, TEXAS 76126	STRENGTH TO ASSIST EMILIO
BETTY WHITE <small>10/22/2025</small>	HAS HAD A PROCEDURE THAT WILL HELP HER BLOOD TO CLOT. 9609 WESTPARK, BENBROOK, TEXAS 76126	SUCCESS FROM PROCEDURE AND FULL RECOVERY
BRANDON DUNCAN <small>10/22/2025</small>	WILL HAVE SPINAL INFUSION SURGERY ON DECEMBER 15, WHICH WILL REQUIRE AN OVERNIGHT STAY IN THE HOSPITAL. 110 MCANEAR STREET, CLEBURNE, TEXAS 76033	SUCCESSFUL SURGERY AND RELIEF FROM PAIN
BARBARA HOWARD <small>10/22/2025</small>	HAS RETURNED HOME FROM HER HOSPITAL STAY AND HAD A NEW PACEMAKER AND BATTERIES IMPLANTED THIS PAST WEEK. 6075 FM 1189, WEATHERFORD, TEXAS 76087	GOOD RESULTS FROM REHAB
MARY EAST <small>07/08/2025</small>	HAS BEEN PUT ON HOSPICE AT THE HOME OF MARK AND KAREN BRAHN AND REMAINS VERY WEAK. 101 RAMBLING TRAIL, WEATHERFORD, TEXAS 76087	STRENGTH AND COMFORT FOR MARY; GUIDANCE FOR MARK AND KAREN

All requests are posted for 30 days unless the office is notified to continue running them. Thank you.

NAME	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
ADAM POWERS	HE WILL BE HAVING BACK SURGERY,NO DATE AS OF YET.	THAT HE IS HEALED
ROB DONAHUE	HE IS IN NEED OF A JOB.	THAT GOD GUIDES HIM TO THE PERFECT PLACE FOR HIM
IAN THOMAS	HE HAS SICK CLASS MATES.	PRAYERS FOR HEALING

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Philemon Raya, our missionary in India	Milt Birmingham	Had successful surgery on his two aneurysms.	Praise God for success, skill for the doctors in his recovery, comfort and peace for him and his family, healing 10/15/2025
Dianne Snapp, daughter of	Tom and Paula Pauley	Is undergoing neurological testing.	Results to direct the doctors in diagnosing and treating symptoms 10/13/2025
Jim, brother-in-law of	Paula Pauley	Has prostate cancer and other health issues.	Healing and return to good health 10/13/2025
Jeff Ragland, son of	Barbara Howard	Has fourth stage cancer and receives weekly chemo.	Success in the treatment of the cancer 10/13/2025
Dr. Jill Powers, daughter of	Barbara Howard	Has arthritis for which they have drilled a hole in her spine for the delivery of medication.	Relief from pain 10/13/2025
Kevin, stepson of	Barbara Howard	Will be married soon.	Wonderful years for he and his fiance' 10/15/2025
BJ, fiance' of Kevin	Barbara Howard	Suffered a hip injury in an interaction with a horse.	Healing 10/13/2025
Katelyn Paul, granddaughter of	Barbara Howard	Will have a baby in February, 2026.	Health for mamma and baby with a successful delivery 10/13/2025
Linda Swan, sister of	Barbara Howard	Lost her husband several months ago and will now be moving in with Barbara.	Comfort for Linda and a good transition to a new place 10/13/2025

FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Betty Shephard, cousin of	Nancy Wright	Fell, hit her head, and broke her hip requiring surgery.	Healing and return to good health 10/01/2025
Ellie Martone	Mindy Markum	Is a kindergarten student who is in remission for leukemia and is still taking chemo. She now has strep in her blood and is in Cook's Children's Hospital.	Remission to continue, strep to be removed from her system, and to return home
Anne Tomme, Joe's aunt and longtime friend of	Johnnie and Nancy Wright	Fell, broke her arm and hip.	Healing, successful therapy and return to good health 10/07/2025
Clyde Hathcock, cousin of	Nancy Wright	Is in the hospital following surgery.	Healing and return to good health 10/01/2025
Jack Corley, brother-in-law of	Johnnie Wright	Came through his 10 hour surgery to replace his jawbone fairly well. At this writing, he is in ICU but will probably be moved on Saturday to a floor room.	Successful surgery and comfort in a long healing process 10/01/2025
Rob Ryan, son-in- law of	Sharon Pippin	Will have a check-up in three months for the pre-cancerous cells discovered in a recent MRI.	Doctors' guidance 09/30/2025
Marie, friend of	Lisa Wilson	Will be undergoing chemo for a spot on her colon.	Healing 09/30/2025
Alex Farnsworth, friend of	Lisa Wilson	Is undergoing chemo for lung lining cancer.	Healing 09/30/2025
Christine, granddaughter of	Clara Boudreaux	Discovered she needs a tumor removed and does not have health insurance.	The ability and circumstances to have the surgery and that the tumor is benign 09/18/2025

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Terry Stom, husband of	Pam Stom	Had a screw put in place for a fractured hip suffered in a fall. He is in great pain. 304 Memory Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Recovery and full use of hip 10/20/2025
Darsi Martinez Ballew, friend of	Lisa Wilson	Has been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer.	Treatment and healing 10/24/2025
Ethel Melendy	Chandra Mann	Is having leg pain.	Comfort and relief 10/24/2025
Kim, friend of	Linda DiRocco	Lost her husband in death a few weeks ago.	Comfort and peace 10/15/2025
Madison, daughter- in-law of	Steven and Rene'	Is due in December and was in the ER with an infection in her leg.	Healing from the infection and successful birth for mom and baby 10/13/2025
Ronnie Ragland, nephew of	Barbara Howard	Passed away.	Comfort for the family 10/13/2025
Oren Fryer	Chuck and Julie Meyer	Has bladder cancer which involved the removal of the bladder on October 22.	Strength, healing, and quick recovery 09/18/2025
Brian Rickard, friend of	Lisa Wilson	Died from a heart attack at the age of 59.	Comfort for family and friends 10/05/2025
Jessica, friend of	Katelyn Bolt	Has had her sweet baby girl.	Recovery from her C-section and continued growth and development for the baby 09/01/2025

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Kay Keele, sister of	Sharon Pippin	She had surgery on 10/30, to implant a device in her back in for pain. She had to go back to the hospital with complication and is still there.	Healing
Stephanie Thomas, aunt of	Buck Thomas	Her health has been bad for months and she is finally getting to se the specialist.	That the specialist can help her and healing
Corey, maintance man of	Betsy Strother	He will have heart surgery for a leaky valve in his heart.	That he gets what he needs and healing
John Saxton, cousin of	Adam Powers	His brain cancer is active again.	His brain to function properly, his body to fight through the difficulty, and he has some calm and peace & strength throught this storm

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Plan now to attend the next training session
on November 15

9 AM - 12 PM

Sign the list in the foyer

if you are going to participate.



SYMPATHY



We extend our sympathies to the family of Skipper Reed. She passed from this life on October 29, 2025. Her service will be on November 14th here at the building; Viewing at 10 Am. and Funeral at 11.

LADIES' NIGHT



New Night:
Mark Your Calendars
Ladies' Night
6 PM - 8 PM
Tuesday, November 18

Food Bank Stats

October Food Bank Stats:
236- Families Served
\$469.21-Cost to WHCOC

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Thursday

November 6

7:00 AM

IHOP on Cherry Lane

Come join us for fellowship and a time of devotional study.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

10 AM

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

FELLOWSHIP ROOM

PAULA PAULEY

We will be studying I and II Thessalonians this week. Also, if you can stay after class, bring a sack lunch, and afterwards, we will finish pillows for our **PILLOW MINISTRY**.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

LIBRARY

MILT BIRMINGHAM

12 PART VIDEO SERIES

BIBLE WARFARE

BY MIKE MAZZALONGO

FOLLOWED BY CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS AND ISLAM

ADDRESS CHANGE

Tracie Thrasher Silcox
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Thanksgiving Celebration



There will be a Thanksgiving Meal here at the building on Thanksgiving Day at 12pm. The meat, the rolls and the dressing will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Talk to Frankie Smith for more information.

Youth Group Dates

November 23: Thanksgiving feast

December 6: Youth group Christmas party

Our last **small groups** will meet on November 16th and will resume after the New Year.

Celebrating in November

Adult Birthdays

- 3 Pam Eubanks
- 6 Buck Thomas
- 12 Holly Thomas
- 13 Ben Keller
- 13 DJ Keller
- 15 Jim Haas
- 17 Lillian Kite
- 18 Faiha Al-Atrash
- 18 Chuck Meyer
- 18 Caleb Bartee
- 19 Linda Draper
- 19 Stefanie Sanchez
- 22 Russ Bartee
- 28 Guendee Torrez
- 30 Laura Pace

Children's Birthdays

- 17 Caleb Jones

Remember Me Birthdays

- 10 Tommy Wade
- 11 Joyce Franz
- 11 Joe Bravenec
- 17 Ray Meisenhalder 100
- 22 Charles Stephan

Anniversary

- 14 Wayne and Linda Tong