



Greet One Another

There may be certain parts of Scripture that we think only applied to first-century Christians and we just skip over them. But, perhaps we should take a closer look. Consider for a moment the numerous times that Christians were directed to “Greet one another.” That still applies today.

First, think about the word, “Greet.” The Greek word literally means, “to draw to oneself.” It is defined as, “to engage in hospitable recognition of another through word or gesture, welcome, express good wishes, treat with affection.” This generally involved embracing or kissing, and the term is used repeatedly in the epistles as an imperative verb, indicating a command of God that is not optional. Do you greet?



Second, think about the object of the action, “Greet one another.” The reflexive, reciprocal pronoun “one another” involves all brethren doing this to all other brethren (Rom. 16:16; 2 Cor. 13:12). Just as we are to love one another, encourage one another and serve one another (mutual responsibilities of every Christian for every other Christian), we are to greet one another. Paul says, “Greet all the brethren”

(1 Thess. 5:26), and John says, “Greet the friends by name” (3 John 14). Do you greet your brethren regularly?

Third, think about the method, “Greet one another with a holy kiss.” The Lord was not demanding a kiss in all generations and all cultures, but He was taking a common practice of that day and regulating it among the Christians. First-century greetings often included the kiss of friendship, not a passionate kiss. In modern culture, it usually is a handshake or a friendly hug—some kind of gesture that (remember the literal definition) would draw another to oneself in a welcoming, friendly way.



Fourth, think about the regulation of the greeting, “Greet one another with a HOLY kiss.” The emphasis in the text is on the word “holy.” The Lord took the common greeting of the day and ensured that it was done out of Christian affection. It is to be “holy,” meaning “set apart, sincere, unhyprocritical.” You need to mean it when you greet your brethren and you need to keep it Christ-like. Peter said, “Greet one another with a kiss of love” (1 Pet. 5:14). Agape love is to color every action of a Christian.

Fifth, consider that our holy greetings are to be extended beyond our brethren. Jesus said, “If you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others?” (Matt. 5:47). When you are at a church service, spend time greeting your brethren warmly, but make it a priority to seek out guests and give them a genuine, friendly Christian welcome. Our guests should feel like they are wanted in our family.

- Originally by David Sproule

Promises of the New Covenant

2 Corinthians 2.14-17

1. Have you ever been accused of not telling the truth?
2. Have you ever had another person try to discredit you and destroy your influence?
3. Apparently, there were teachers who came to the congregation at Corinth who tried to destroy Paul's authority as an apostle of Jesus Christ.
4. Let us springboard off of Paul's defense and notice how blessed we are under the New Covenant.

The New Covenant Promises...

I. A New _____ (2 Corinthians 3.3).

A. How did God give the Old Law?

1. Paul contrasted how the Old Law was written on _____ of _____, but the New Law would be written upon their _____.
2. Where was this prophesied?
 - a. Ezekiel prophesied the heart of _____ would be replaced by a heart of _____
(Ezekiel 36.26, 27).
 - b. Jeremiah prophesied that the New Covenant would be written upon the _____
(Jeremiah 31.31-34).

B. Do we realize how blessed we are under the New Covenant to have a _____?

1. When we come to _____, we receive a new heart.
2. If the gospel does not affect the way you think and live, then there is a problem.

II. A New _____.

A. In the prophecy of Jeremiah, God promised, "*I will be their God, and they shall be My people*" (Jeremiah 31.33).

1. With the New Covenant, God promises He will restore His relationship directly with the people.
2. Do you remember Jesus describing how tender of a relationship a _____ has with his _____ (Matthew 7-11)?

B. Are you in a new relationship with God today?

III. A New _____.

A. In **Jeremiah 31.34**, there was a contrast made in how people under the New Covenant would come to know God.

1. Under the Old Covenant, the nation of Israel belonged to God.
 - a. After Mt. Sinai, all Israelites were _____ into a covenant relationship with God.
 - b. As they grew older, they had to be _____ about God and their relationship with Him.
2. But in direct contrast, under the New Covenant, one _____ has to be _____ about God, before he can enter into a covenant relationship with Him.
3. Do you have knowledge of how to enter this new covenant relationship?

IV. A New _____.

A True forgiveness was prophesied under the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31.34).

1. That is exactly what the Old Covenant could not do.
2. "*For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins*" (Hebrews 10.4).
3. Under the New Covenant, with God's wrath being satisfied through the shed _____ of _____, man's sins can be truly forgiven.

B. Have you had your _____ by God?

Conclusion: Do you need to have your sins forgiven by God today?

C O N N E C T I O N

C Good morning WH family! I hope you all had a wonderful "Valentine's Day" and are looking forward to a day of sharing God's love with each other.

R Today, I would like to talk about the importance of our "*Greeters Ministry*." I know that many people may think— "Aren't we all supposed to be friendly and greet one another?" I am happy to say that on many occasions the leadership hears from visitors and new members about how impressed they were by the friendliness of our congregation. Many of the new members say that friendliness was a key part of their decision to join us. In spite of this great effort, however, "*greeters*" still play a vital and important role in our family.

R *Greeters* are our "front line," the initial point of contact for anyone visiting us for the first time. I am sure everyone of us, at some time or another has gone to a strange place and know how intimidating that first step in the door can be. We have people that may be visiting family here, or just passing through town on a trip. We have others that are perhaps seeking God for the very first time in their life and have absolutely no idea what to expect, what to do, where to go, etc. An additional group may be those who are looking for a church home and are seeking a place that they can belong, be part of the church family and serve the Lord.

All these groups have a few things in common. One is that a smile, a warm greeting, and friendly face can set the tone for their experience with us. Another, is they probably do not know where to go for classes, or services, or even to find a bathroom! I still remember just a few years ago, Deatra and I visited a large local congregation and did not have a single person greet us or speak to us. We wandered around until we ended up just deciding to sit in the auditorium for class and service. No one spoke to us on the way out, either. Needless to say, we didn't visit there again. What a difference it might have made if someone had made a commitment to welcome their visitors.

To borrow and edit from the Marine slogan, "We are looking for a few good brothers and sisters" willing to man the front lines just for a few services a year to be our "front line." To make sure that no one ever comes into God's house and does not know without a doubt that they are wanted and welcome. Are you willing to step up? Contact Steve Taylor, Chuck King or any of the leadership to "Get Connected!"

Les Keele



This week's shut-in spotlight shines on:

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

Aubrey Hallum

25 Leonard Trail

Apartment 317

Westworth Village, 76114

817-832-6561

Sue Carpenter

3000 Choctaw

Fort Worth, Texas 76116

817-244-3011

Calls and Cards Only

Visits and Calls, Please Call Ahead

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 - Let God Arise

Song - I Love You, Lord

Song - Pierce My Ear

Prayer - Robert Bow

Scripture - 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

Song - Remind Me, Dear Lord

Lord's Supper - Ronnie Tucker

Prayer for Contribution - Ronnie Tucker

Song - There Is A Habitation

Promises Of The New Covenant - Gary Williams

Song - Home

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 17

Exodus 37-38: 2 Corinthians 5

Tuesday, February 18

Exodus 39-40: 2 Corinthians 6

Wednesday, February 19

Leviticus 1-3: 2 Corinthians 7

Thursday, February 20

Leviticus 4-5: 2 Corinthians 8

Friday, February 21

Leviticus 6-7: 2 Corinthians 9

Saturday, February 22

Leviticus 8-10: 2 Corinthians 10

Sunday, February 23

Leviticus 11: 2 Corinthians 11:
Psalm 56

Last Week

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| Bible Class | 124 | Wednesday | 115 |
| Worship | 231 | Contribution | \$ 27,818.18 |
| PM Worship | 75 | Budget | \$ 14,216.88 |

Times of Assemblies

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| 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 |
|---|---|--|
| Aaron Adkins <small>02/11/2025</small> | Will have 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> | Will be 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> | Is in Harris Downtown, Harris Tower, Room 210 with possible pneumonia. 8601 Cook Ranch Road, Benbrook, Apartment 350, Fort Worth, Texas 76126 | Healing and recovery |
| Steve Taylor <small>02/05/2025</small> | Had sinus surgery this week. 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> | Sangkhip 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 |
| Ray Doshier <small>1/10/2024</small> | Has returned to Mira Vista, Room 148. Home: 925 Kimbrough, Fort Worth, Texas 76108 Mira Vista Court: 7021 Bryant Irvin Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76132 | Healing and comfort |
| Paula Williams <small>1/8/2025</small> | Needs her blood to be regulated and is having clots to continue to develop in her lungs. 3237 Hunter Park Circle, Fort Worth, Texas 76116 | Healing |

CHURCH FAMILY REQUESTS ARE CONTINUED ON THE BACK

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| Bob Willyerd 1/10/2025 | Fell and broke his left collar bone. His injury will not require surgery. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116 | Proper healing and comfort |
| Bill Baumann 1/8/2025 | Has been diagnosed with lung and prostate cancer. 25 Leonard Trail, Apartment #240, Westworth Village, Texas 76114 | 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 |

FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

| NAME | REQUESTED | SITUATION | PRAYERS FOR |
|--|----------------------|--|---|
| 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 |
| Mitch Bennett, son of | Shirley Bennett | Has a heart aneurysm and will be having surgery. | Successful surgery and healing 12/30/2024 |
| 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



LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST
2025

Please remember to register for this event.

LTC Hotel reservations are due, no later than Sunday, February 16 - TODAY

Should you need any assistance, please see 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.

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.

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
Taught by Paula Pauley
Meets in the Fellowship Hall**

FOOD BANK STATISTICS

215 – Families Served

\$651.19 – Cost to WHCOC

7,013 Pounds – Estimated Weight of Food

ANNIVERSARY

LAST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9,

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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

