



A Deeper Relationship With God

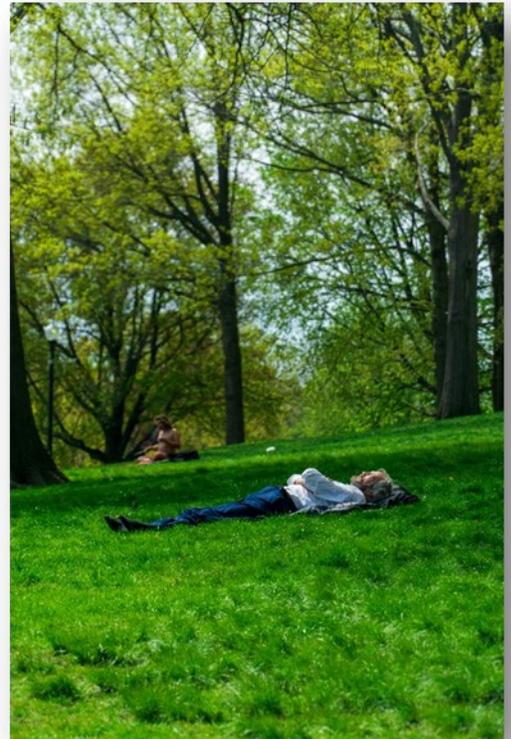
Have you ever wished you had a deeper relationship with God? That you could be much closer to God than you currently are? Many times, I have prayed for God to **“draw me nearer” (James 4.8)**. How I long to bask in the radiant glory of our Lord. The apostle John said when He saw Jesus in His glorified state that he fell at His feet as one dead (Revelation 1.17). What will it feel like to be pure and holy in His presence with no temptation to sin? When all the things of the earth have passed away (2 Peter 3.10). Is there anything I can do now to develop a more devout relationship with God?

As you are aware, David wrote many of the psalms. Christians recognize David as the author of 73 psalms, while some Jewish traditions accredit David with writing 88. As I was reading some of the psalms earlier this week, one verse made a deep impression on my heart. David said, **“One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple” (Psalm 27.4)**. David’s words reveal a profound truth—his greatest aspiration was not wealth, power, or victory, but intimacy with God. How can we get closer to God? Doesn’t sitting aside time for prayer and reflection upon God and His Word draw us nearer? Does attending worship narrow the gap? What about having other Christians encourage you in your walk of faith, does that improve your relationship with God? David wants to dwell in the house of God, shouldn’t we?

Our relationship with God will improve if we seek God’s presence throughout the day. You don’t have to be in church to be close to God. We see God’s presence in the beauty of nature. One of my favorite things to do in the spring is to lay down on my back in the green grass, look up at the crystal blue sky with white fluffy clouds, then turn and notice all the different shades of colors around me. When I do, I can only praise God for the magnificent beauty of His creation.

Psalm 27.4 teaches us to desire God above all else. If I will trust in God and seek Him first (Matthew 6.33), my life will be filled with joy and peace. If I grow too old to be able to actively serve my Lord, then, just like David, I want to dwell in the house of the LORD all the rest of my days. There I shall behold His glory! Amen!

Gary



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Good morning church family, and a special good morning to our honored Senior Class graduates!

Today, in our Connection Corner, I wanted to share a thought with all of us about the value of a “home port.”

If you will notice in the picture above, the mighty ship that has gone out and traveled the seas to many parts of the world has come back to “home port.” You will see that the ship has many lines that are connecting it to the home port. There is also a “gangway” that connects the ship with the hundreds of anxious and excited family and friends waiting to greet their loved ones.

Many of us adults may remember our graduation from high school. We were so anxious to “leave home port” and set sail on our life’s adventure, to be our own “captain”, make our own decisions and be free. (How many of you remember the old Mac Davis song, “*Lubbock in the rear-view mirror?*”) Whether we went on to college to further our education, or out into the working world, we were finally “free.” I don’t know if you are like me, but as time passed, I began to look at the “home port” quite differently. I began to long for and miss the connections that I had there. (Undisclosed number 😊) of years later, going back “home” and renewing those connections brings me both strength, new energy, and joy.

Seniors, I want to encourage you to remember, to never forget that your church family here at WH can be a wonderful spiritual “home port.” If (or when) you have encountered rough seas, tough battles and long, lonely days and nights in the sea of life, you always have a “home port” to return to, connections to hold you fast, and anxious and excited family and friends to welcome you home.

Church family, this is your time to reach out, strengthen your connections by encouraging our Seniors, supporting them, and reminding them that they are loved and highly valued by our WH family. Encourage them in their faith, listen to them, pray with and for them. Lift them up in your prayers frequently to the Father, for all that they will need as they begin their new journeys.

Finally, to our Seniors, we pray this blessing over you; “*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*” – Number 6.24-26 (ESV)

--Les Keele

1 Peter 5:6 - 8, 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS: **10 WORDS TO LIVE**
BY: JEN WILKINS : IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL : **CONTINUES THROUGH MAY**

Men's Bible Class; We are now taking a break for the summer.

I would like to thank all those who have attended the class. We will let you know when we plan to start up again after the break.
Milt Birmingham

BABY SHOWER

There will be a shower on Sunday, May 18, from 2 - 4 PM for Cassie, Riley, Arthur, and Baby On The Way. Please see Amy Bartee, Katelyn Bolt, or Jennifer Duncan for additional information. The Bowie Family is registered on Amazon.



OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

We will be serving the teachers and staff at Leonard Middle School on **May 5** for Teacher Appreciation Week. As we have done in the past, we will be coordinating a taco bar with the fixings. Please see Frankie Smith if you are able to help feed the **100**.

SENIOR SUNDAY

Make plans now to celebrate **TONIGHT** the accomplishments of:

JOHN ADKINS **ALEX BARTEE**
KATE BIRDOW **GAVIN GRIER**
LAYTON GARNER **COURTNEY KIRKPATRICK**
CADEN MARTINEZ

The desired food for the evening will be pizza, wings, and salad.

MEMBER INFORMATION

NEW ADDRESS:
LAURA PACE
2001 ADEN ROAD
#144
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76116

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.



PLEASE USE THIS QR CODE TO BEGIN THE REGISTRATION FOR YOUR CHILDREN, THEIR FRIENDS, AND ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Colossians 2:6-7

6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

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 - James Bowie

Song Leader - Alex Bartee

Song - He Gave Me A Song

Song - Salvation Has Been Brought Down

Song - Our God, He Is Alive

Prayer - Johnny Bartee

Scripture - Philippians 4. 6-9

Song - When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Lord's Supper - Greg Ball

Prayer for Contribution - Greg Ball

Song - It Is Well With My Soul

Transformative Thinking - James Bowie

Song - This World Is Not My Home

Announcements - Les Keele

Closing Prayer - David Birdow

Our Code for Tithe.ly Giving



QR Code for Attendance



Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years and a mother's

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, May 5

Judges 3-4: Psalm 20

Tuesday, May 6

Judges 5-6: Psalm 121

Wednesday, May 7

Judges 7-8: Psalm 83

Thursday, May 8

Judges 9: Psalm 120

Friday, May 9

Judges 10: Psalm 44: Judges 11

Saturday, May 10

Judges 12-14: Psalm 143

Sunday, May 11

Judges 15-17: 2 Peter 1

Last Week

Bible Class	127	Wednesday	116
Worship	252	Contribution	\$ 7,935.58
PM Worship	96	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
Lorenza Fernandez <small>04/30/2025</small>	Is having some health issues. She will have surgery on May 11. 232 Lochness Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	The doctors, surgery, good results, better health
Bridgett Yawn <small>04/30/2025</small>	Is having severe back pain. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	To be pain free
Jimmy Bolt <small>04/28/2025</small>	Will be taking a group of students to DC May 5 through May 9. 3243 North Cardinal Road, Azle, Texas 76020	Safe travels
Trace Witherspoon <small>04/29/2025</small>	Crashed his bike and broke both bones in his left forearm. 3628 Brookland Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Quick healing
Kitti Davis <small>04/21/2025</small>	Has Parkinson's. 812 Ala Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Charles Stephen <small>04/25/2025</small>	Is in Harris Downtown, Harris Tower, Room #510, with osteomyelitis. 633 South Kate Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Carlos Wallace <small>04/13/2025</small>	Healing for his leg. 3501 Renzel Boulevard, Apartment 2419, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Healing
Kennedy Hill <small>04/13/2025</small>	Please forgive my absence. I appreciate all who have reached out. I am better and ready to study The Word and have the "tough conversations". I have struggled for far too long. 6040 Walleye Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	Continued good health, spiritual growth
Kham Intharansy <small>04/08/2025</small>	Had her catheter removed April 17. 7137 Bob Hanger Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	Good results
Bob Willyerd <small>3/4/2025</small>	Has returned home. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Recovery
Patricia Emerson <small>02/05/2025</small>	Cancer has returned. 6536 Wooddale, Fort Worth, Texas 76148	Treatments and healing

Requests are for 30 days unless the office is notified to continue the announcement.

FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

Joe Ruiz, grandson of	Patricia Neislar	Joe is waiting for a bone marrow test.	Remission of his cancer 5/02/2025
Tracy Bolt, mother of	Jimmy Bolt	Had surgery and is recovering in the hospital.	Swift recovery and good results 04/28/2025
Mitch Bennett, son of	Shirley Bennett	Has more surgery coming up.	Please pray for the doctors and a good recovery 4/28/2025
Barry Willimington, brother of	David Willmington	Has been diagnosed with a type of blood cancer. He remains in the hospital following treatments.	For treatments to be successful 04/21/2025
Kerry Antwine, brother-in-law of	Janelle Ball	Had a stent/cath procedure on April 25 for a severe blockage to his major artery.	All will go well and there be no further problems 04/15/2025
DJ, brother-in-law of	Pam Eubanks	Had a heart cath on April 15.	Good results 04/15/2025
Susan Dufrene	Frankie Smith	Continues to struggle with her mental health.	Receives the help she needs 04/15/2025
Paula Hamrick, sister of	Patti Musselman	Is having a difficult time with her chemotherapy.	Increased strength, good results, better days 04/10/2025
Brother-in-law of	Barbara Howard	Is suffering from a brain bleed which resulted from a nighttime fall.	Recovery 04/08/2025
Dorene Helton, sister-in-law of	Vickie and Monty Bowers	Will have surgery on May 7 to remove the cancerous mass in her pancreas.	The doctors and success 04/07/2025
Shane Grantham, step-brother of	Kitti Davis	Has cancer.	Healing 04/16/2025
Jon Silcox, step-father of	D.J. Keller	Was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer.	Healing 3/22/2025
John Saxton, cousin of	Adam Powers	Has had a relapse of his brain cancer.	Remission and healing 03/23/2025
Lisa Harriman		UPDATE: Had surgery on April 28. 400 North Tacoma Street, Farmington, Arkansas 72730	Please pray for her continued treatments; strength, peace of mind 09/11/2024



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JUNE 4	LEONARD KEELE	CHISOM TRAIL, DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA
JUNE 11	BILLY WILSON	SOUTHSIDE, MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS
JUNE 18	RYAN INLOW	NORTH DAVIS, ARLINGTON, TEXAS
JUNE 25	MICHAEL LUM	SOUTH MAIN, WEATHERFORD, TEXAS
JULY 2	JOSHUA RODRIGUEZ	KELLER, KELLER, TEXAS
JULY 9	JOHN LATHAM	COVINGTON, COVINGTON, TEXAS
JULY 16	TBD	
JULY 23	RUSSELL FRANTZ	GRAPEVINE, GRAPEVINE, TEXAS
JULY 30	JEFF HUBBARD	NORTH DAVIS, ARLINGTON, TEXAS
AUGUST 6	TERRY HARRISON	NY AVENUE, ARLINGTON, TEXAS
AUGUST 13	LARRY KEELE	LAWRENCEBURG, LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE
AUGUST 20	TBD	
AUGUST 27	ELI HINOJOSA	NORTH TARRANT, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

MAY CELEBRATIONS

1 ARTHUR TORREZ
2 GAIL WILMINGTON
2 BRENDA RODMAN
3 KITTI DAVIS
3 PAT MCGUYER
5 GEOFFREY RODMAN
10 DAN KILLE
14 SHIRLEY BENNETT
15 JAYDEN CLAY
21 JUDY BIRMINGHAM
21 CURTIS FISHER
21 SHERRY KING
23 JOHN BOUDTAROTH
23 SANDY EDMUND
26 CARLOS WALLACE
28 ANGIE KIRKPATRICK

30 MISSY HALL

CHILDREN

4 BRADY MEYER
10 HARPER DEKOKER
24 ELLIE SLOAN
31 KATHRYN BARTEE

ANNIVERSARIES

5 CHUCK AND SHERRY KING
40 YEARS

REMEMBER ME BIRTHDAYS

10 BECCA CROOK
12 PEGGY MENZDORF
14 DAHLIA CADE

Please notify the office if you, or a loved one, has been omitted from the list.