

## Does God Really Love Me?

How you ever wondered “*Does God really love me?*” Sometimes, because of the hardships we face, our personal failures, or feelings of unworthiness make us question God’s love. Do you remember David saying, “*When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?*” (Psalm 8.3, 4). David said compared to God’s majesty, sinful man is so insignificant that he asked God why do You even care for Him and bestow upon Him your favors? I think it is hard for us to accept that God’s love is unconditional.

God’s love is not based on our actions or worthiness. God’s love is rooted in His very nature. The apostle John tells us that “*God is love*” (1 John 4.8). It means that God’s love is not just something He gives; it is who He is. It is hard for us to imagine someone loving us because of who they are, and their love not being based on how we think or act. The closest experience to understanding such is when our children are first born. We immediately love them and would do absolutely anything to help them and bless them. God loves us because we are His children. The Bible provides numerous assurances of God’s love. The apostle Paul wrote in Romans 5.8 “*But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*” The prophet Jeremiah records God saying, “*I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued My faithfulness to you*” (Jeremiah 31.3). Or what about John 3.16? “*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*” These verses reveal the unconditional love God has for mankind.

How can I experience God’s love? I can fully embrace God’s love by spending time in His Word. Reading scripture helps me understand His great and precious promises. When I pray to God and seek a closer relationship with Him, it strengthens the bond I have between Father and child. When I accept the fact that God’s love is not earned but freely given increases my confidence and trust in Him as my Lord and Savior. God loves me. May I forever delight in that love!



Gary

# Under The Shadow Of His Wings

## Psalm 18.1-3

- 1) Have you ever desired for someone to cherish you?
  - a) Ever experienced a time when you just wanted to be loved?
  - b) Do you have anyone who makes you feel safe and secure?
- 2) From our scripture reading this morning, what did David find in God?
- 3) Do we fail to understand that God's great love and care is for each of us (Deuteronomy 32.11, 12)?

### Under The Shadow Of His Wings, We Find...

#### I) \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 17.6-9).

- A) For what did David cry out?
- B) Does God desire to help each of us?
  - 1) What did Jesus say as He was crying over the city of Jerusalem (Matthew 23.37)?
  - 2) Does God want to protect you?
    - (a) Who is your #1 enemy? Isn't it \_\_\_\_\_ (I Peter 5.8)?
    - (b) Why do both David and Peter use lions to describe enemies?
- C) How you ever felt \_\_\_\_\_ by God? Why?

#### II) \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 57.1).

- A) Where do you find safety?
- B) David said he had a place of shelter (Psalm 91.1, 4, 5).
- C) What can you do while waiting for your disasters to pass?
  - 1) What did David do (Psalm 57.2)?
  - 2) David \_\_\_\_\_ God to deliver him.

#### III) \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 36.7-9).

- A) Do we tend to forget that everything we have belongs to God?
- B) God promises to provide for our \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 6.25-34).
  - 1) Did you know that God promises to supply something greater than physical blessings?
  - 2) What are \_\_\_\_\_ blessings (Ephesians 1)?

#### IV) \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 63.7).

- A) Under God's protection, there is such \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that the psalmist declared he could \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1) When we recognize the \_\_\_\_\_ of His love and the salvation He offers, our hearts should \_\_\_\_\_ with joy (Psalm 36.7, 8).
  - 2) Our circumstances do not dictate our joy; rather, it is rooted in our \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
- B) How did the Ethiopian eunuch respond after finding \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus (Acts 8.39)?
- C) We need to rejoice because there is \_\_\_\_\_ under the shadow of His wings.

**Conclusion:** Do you need to find the joy of your salvation today?

# CONNECTION

Good morning church family, below is the schedule for our Wednesday night Summer Series beginning in just 3 weeks. I hope that you will make plans to attend every session that you can. I am very excited about our line up of speakers and look forward to a great Series. Let's "Look Up" WH!

--Les Keele



## Western Hills church of Christ 2025 Wednesday Summer Series

### SERIES SCHEDULE

June 4	Leonard Keele, <i>Chisolm Trl. CofC, Duncan, OK</i>
June 11	Billy Wilson, <i>Southside CofC, Mineral Wells, TX</i>
June 18	Ryan Inlow, <i>Pleasant Ridge CofC, Arlington, TX</i>
June 25	Michael Lum, <i>South Main CofC, Weatherford, TX</i>
July 2	Joshua Rodriguez, <i>Keller CofC, Keller, TX</i>
July 9	John Latham, <i>Covington CofC, Covington, TX</i>
July 16	Des Steyn, <i>Birdville CofC, Haltom City, TX</i>
July 23	Russell Frantz, <i>Grapevine CofC, Grapevine, TX</i>
July 30	Jeff Hubbard, <i>N. Davis CofC, Arlington, TX</i>
Aug 6	Terry Harrison, <i>NY Ave CofC, Arlington, TX</i>
Aug 13	Larry Keele, <i>Lawrenceburg CofC, Lawrenceburg, TN</i>
Aug 20	TBD
Aug 27	Eli Hinojosa, <i>North Tarrant CofC, Ft Worth, TX</i>

#### **VBS PREP:**

Rene Johnston is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to assist with the VBS backdrop! Whether you can help with tracing, painting, or both, your contribution will make a big difference. If you're interested in supporting this creative project, please reach out to her. Thank you for considering this opportunity to make VBS special!

D'Anne Beall sent a card thanking everyone for their help over the years. She has now moved to 1788 Medical Park Dr. apt# W610, BILOXI, MS, 39532.

#### **APRIL FOOD BANK STATS**

**182 – Families Served**  
**\$691.81 – Cost to WHCOC**  
**6280 lbs – Estimated Weight of Food**

#### **CALLING ALL PRESCHOOL TEACHERS:**

Janelle Ball is reaching out for your support! We are looking for a dedicated teacher for our Sunday morning class for 3- and 4-year-olds, and we also need someone to lead our Wednesday night class for 2- to 5-year-olds. In addition, we appreciate any helpers who can join us in making these classes enriching and enjoyable for our little ones. Your involvement can make a significant difference in their learning experience. Thank you for considering this opportunity to impact our children's lives!

**Skipper Reed** is in Beacon Harbor Healthcare & Rehabilitation

6700 Heritage Parkway, Room 309A, Rockwall, TX 75087

## 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 - Steven Johnston**

**Song Leader - Matt Sloan**

**Song - I Will Call Upon The Lord**

**Song - Great Are You Lord**

**Song - Heart Of A Servant**

**Prayer -**

**Scripture - Psalm 18.1-3**

**Song - How Beautiful**

**Lord's Supper - David Birdow**

**Prayer for Contribution - David Birdow**

**Song - Higher Ground**

**Under The Shadow Of His Wings - Gary Williams**

**Song - All Who Are Thirsty**

**Announcements - Les Keele**

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal- Tom Pauley**

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 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, May 19

1 Samuel 15-16; Titus 3

### Tuesday, May 20

1 Samuel 17; Psalm 27

### Wednesday, May 21

Psalm 55, 1 Samuel 18-19; Psalm 42-43

### Thursday, May 22

1 Samuel 20-22; Psalm 52

### Friday, May 23

Psalm 54, 1 Samuel 23-24; Psalm 63

### Saturday, May 24

1 Samuel 25-26; Psalm 7

### Sunday, May 25

Psalm 57, 1 Samuel 27-29; Psalm 31

## Last Week

Bible Class	151	Wednesday	101
Worship	266	Contribution	\$17,803.96
PM Worship	49	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

## 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.**



**VBS meeting:** Today. Just after worship service in the auditorium.

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!**

## FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Wayne Gary 5/13/2025	He is having focusing issues with his eyes due to fluid. 9912 Edmund Dr. Benbrook, TX 76126	Healing
Patti Musselman 5/8/2025	She is having knee issues and going to the doctor to see about a replacement.	Good treatment and healing
Lorenza Fernandez 04/30/2025	She had surgery on May 11th. They are awaiting test results to decide where to go from here. 232 Lochness Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	The doctors, surgery, good results, better health
Bridgett Yawn 04/30/2025	Is having severe back pain. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	To be pain free
Trace Witherspoon 04/29/2025	Crashed his bike and broke both bones in his left forearm. 3628 Brookland Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Quick healing
Kitti Davis 04/21/2025	Has Parkinson's. 812 Ala Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Charles Stephen 04/25/2025	Is in Willow Park Rehab Room #410, with osteomyelitis. 633 South Kate Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Carlos Wallace 04/13/2025	Healing for his leg. 3501 Renzel Boulevard, Apartment 2419, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Healing
Kennedy Hill 04/13/2025	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 04/08/2025	She had her middle finger removed May 15th, due to sepsis. 7137 Bob Hanger Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	Healing
Bob Willyerd 3/4/2025	Has returned home. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Recovery
Patricia Emerson 02/05/2025	Cancer has returned. 6536 Wooddale, Fort Worth, Texas 76148	Treatments and healing

## FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	ISSUE	PRAY FOR
Michial Green, nephew-in-law to	David Willmington	He has been diagnosed with liver cancer.	Guidance for doctors and Michial to lead toward healing 5/13/2025
Alex Farnsworth, friend of	Rickey Wilson	He has cancer that is spreading in the lining of his lungs.	Healing 5/13/2025
Ricky McLane, brother of	Mary Ann Poulsen	A tree fell on his house and he sustained an ankle fracture and dislocation.	That they can get the house livable and healing 5/8/2025
Skipper Reed, former member	Frankie Smith	She broke her leg and has pneumonia. Had surgery on May 9th.	Healing 5/1/2025
Joe Ruiz, grandson of	Patricia Neislar	Joe is cancer free but will need to be tested every 3 months.	For him to stay in remission 5/02/2025
Tracy Bolt, mother of	Jimmy Bolt	Had surgery and is recovering at home.	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 and blood count.	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	Had 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		<b>UPDATE:</b> 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

# 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.