



## Is Sin Really That Bad?

Do most people no longer take sin very seriously? Do we put little importance on repenting of sin? Is sin really that bad? In the Old Testament, we see several examples of people who were put to death for sinning against God. Plus, God even commanded for some people to be put to death. Some sins that resulted in death were murder, idolatry, blasphemy, and various sexual sins. One way people were put to death that we would consider cruel and unusual punishment was stoning. It was such a horrific way for one to die. Why did God command people to be stoned?

God had people put to death by stoning to teach people the severity of sin. Sinning against God and others is a violation of the laws of God. People needed to see how bad sin really was. Under the law of Moses, stoning was the method of execution for sins that were offensive to God. Stoning was where a group of people, usually peers of the guilty party, threw stones at the condemned person until he or she died. Both animals and people could be subjects of stoning (Exodus 21.28). Stoning seemed to have been associated with sins that caused irreparable damage to the spiritual or ceremonial purity of a person.



The Mosaic Law specified that before anyone could be put to death by stoning, there had to be a trial and at least two witnesses to testify. The Law said, ***“On the evidence of two witnesses or three witnesses the one who is to die shall be put to death; a person shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness” (Deuteronomy 17.6).*** Those witnesses were to be first in putting that person to death, and then all the rest of the people. In other words, those who testified against the condemned person had to cast the first stone. Examples of death by stoning in the Old Testament include Achan (Joshua 7) and Naboth, who was condemned by false witnesses (I Kings 21). In the New Testament, Stephen was the first Christian martyr who was stoned outside of Jerusalem by the Sanhedrin (Acts 7.54-60).

Would we take sin more seriously if we knew we could be put to death by stoning? What if we witnessed other people being stoned? Would that affect our view of sin? Regardless of what the sin is, God requires us to turn from it and live for Him. Is there sin in your life of which you need to repent?

Gary

# Too Late For Mercy

## Joshua 7.10-26

- 1) Do you think it is hard for us to admit that we have sinned?
- 2) Before Moses died, he passed the torch of leadership to Joshua.
- 3) Upon entering the Promised Land, the Israelites had a glorious victory at Jericho.
- 4) The second battle was against the little town of Ai—and Israel failed.
- 5) What happened?

### I) Israel Had \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 7.10, 11).

- A) God did not compliment the conduct of \_\_\_\_\_.
- B) God told Joshua that Israel had sinned and gave a list of sins committed. God said Israel had...
  - 1) 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4) 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5) 5<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6) 6<sup>th</sup>—Committed \_\_\_\_\_

### II) Israel's Directive For \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 11-15).

- A) God provided a way to cleanse Israel of the evil.
- B) The investigation was to be...
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_

### III) Israel's Identification Of The \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 16-18).

- A) *"Be sure your sins will find you out"* (Numbers 32.23).
  - 1) God did not tell Joshua \_\_\_\_\_ the sinner was.
  - 2) Did it have to do with God's \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  - 3) Did it have to do with Achan's \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- B) Once Achan was exposed, he was brought to Joshua.
  - 1) Joshua ordered Achan to \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19).
    - (a) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Achan's sin.
    - (b) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Achan's sin.
    - (c) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Achan's sin.
    - (d) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Achan's sin.
    - (e) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Achan's sin.
    - (f) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Achan's sin.

### IV) Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Sinner (Vv. 25, 26).

- A) Before the execution, Achan's sin had been firmly established by three witnesses.
  - 1) The first witness was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Achan by Divine intervention.
  - 2) The second was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Achan.
  - 3) The third was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Achan's sin by the finding of the stolen articles in his tent.
- B) Achan, his family, and all his possessions were taken to the valley of Achor.
  - 1) There is a play on the word "\_\_\_\_\_."
  - 2) Paul told the Galatians... (Galatians 6.7, 8).
- C) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the sin from Israel (vv. 25, 26).
- D) Why raise a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Conclusion:** Will I sin and sever my relationship with God and hurt the people I love? Or will I repent and receive God's mercy?

# CONNECTION

**C** Good morning WH family! Isn't it good to be together worshipping and praising God with each other. **O** These summer months are tough sometimes because we have so many travelling on vacations, summer camps, mission trips, etc. It seems like every week we have a hole here or there in the pews where some of our church family normally sit. The point is that with so much travelling, it is more important than ever for us to stay connected. We don't want to just assume that someone must be travelling or on vacation. **R** It is so easy to let people that need us slip through the cracks, and our opportunity to serve each other is missed. So, I encourage you to look around each time we meet and see who is missing and check up on them, give them a call or send a card. It is nice to know that someone notices and misses us when we are not there. Make a commitment to reach out and connect with some of our MIA's this week! **N** **E** **R**



This week, we are featuring Jeff Hubbard, lead minister at the North Davis church of Christ as our *Looking UP!* Summer Series speaker.



Jeff was born and raised in Memphis, TN. (Rumor has it that he was a big St Louis Cardinals fan, but since moving to TX has seen the light and become a Rangers fan!) Jeff graduated from Harding University with his bachelor's degree and has since obtained a master's degree from Abilene Christian. He began his ministry career as a youth minister and joined with his wife, Kera, they served at two different congregations over twelve years. Jeff and Kera were blessed with three daughters that, using his own words, "keep them on their toes!"

Jeff will be helping us *Look UP!* by teaching us from Proverbs 10.12. I encourage you to be *Looking UP!* those verses and be here with us on Wednesday – you'll be blessed!  
--Les Keele



<sup>31</sup> But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.  
Isaiah 40:31

**SUNDAY MORNING:** AUDITORIUM:  
DAVID BIRDOW: FAITH, FLAWS AND  
FORGIVENESS:  
LESSONS FROM KING DAVID

The Kerrville Flood Relief Fund has received \$7,329.00 . Thank you so much for your generosity.

**JUNE FOOD BANK STATS:**

178 – Families Served  
\$465.77 – Cost to WHCOC  
4559 lbs – Estimated Weight of Food

Courtney Meyer's cell phone number was wrong in the directory, it is 817-995-3576. Please update your directory.

CILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR will resume on  
**September 8.**

Have a fun and safe summer!

Stefani Sanchez is wanting to have a short meeting following worship service in the fellowship hall for planning **Ladies Day** on September 20th, today.

## 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: <i>Pulpit Minister</i>	662-321-3208
Les Keele: <i>Associate Minister</i>	817-808-0566
James Bowie: <i>Youth Minister</i>	817-944-4492

## 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** - Steve Taylor

**Song Leader** - Les Keele

**Song** - Thy Word Is A Lamp

**Song** - Jesus Is Coming Soon

**Prayer** - Adam Powers

**Scripture** - Joshua 7.10-26

**Song** - Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross

**Lord's Supper** - Buck Thomas

**Prayer for Contribution** - Buck Thomas

**Song** - Hear O Israel

**Too Late For Mercy** - Gary Williams

**Song** - Trust And Obey

**Announcements** - Les Keele

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal**- John Walton

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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, July 28

1 Chronicles 16; Luke 16, Psalms 62

### Tuesday, July 29

1 Chronicles 17-18; Luke 17

### Wednesday, July 30

1 Chronicles 19-20; Luke 18

### Thursday, July 31

1 Chronicles 21; Luke 19

### Friday, August 1

1 Chronicles 22; Luke 20

### Saturday, August 2

1 Chronicles 23; Luke 21

### Sunday, August 3

1 Chronicles 24; Luke 22

### Last Week

Bible Class	113	Wednesday	54
Worship	226	Contribution	\$ 17,822.95
PM Worship	38	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
Chris Intharansy <small>7/24/2025</small>	He'll be in Thailand from July 28th- August 15th. 1040 Blazin Bronco Trail, Haslet, TX 76052	Safe travels and return
John Poulsen, husband of Mary Ann Poulsen <small>7/8/2025</small>	He is suffering from Muscular Dystrophy and experiencing severe health issues. He is home on hospice. 8413 Leo Court, Benbrook, Texas 76116	For the doctors to find something that helps and for Mary Ann at this stressful time
Bob Willyerd <small>7/8/2025</small>	He is home from the hospital, but is still weak. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Better health and healing
Mary East <small>7/8/2025</small>	She was in the hospital and had surgery the 2nd week of June. She is now home but very weak. 101 Rambling Trail, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Streangth and healing for Mary, and guidance for Karen and Mark Brahn
Nathan Rutledge <small>6/29/2025</small>	He broke his hip and is at home healing. 1213 Trammell Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Quick recovery
Wayne Lipham <small>06/10/2025</small>	Is dealing with some eye issues that will require cataract and lens surgery. 6104 Silver View Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 76135	Procedures, recovery, and healing
Betty Kille <small>7/8/2025</small>	She is continuing treatments. 4112 Arroyo Trail, Fort Worth, Texas 76135	Strength, healing
Wayne Gary <small>7/13/2025</small>	Is having focusing issues with his eyes due to fluid. He is getting better. He wants to thank everyone for cards and prayers. 9912 Edmund Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing
Bridgett Yawn <small>04/30/2025</small>	Is recovering at home but is not improving like they would like. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Healing, strength, and peace
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>	Has is home but is still very weak. 633 South Kate Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Patricia Emerson <small>02/05/2025</small>	Cancer has returned. 6536 Wooddale, Fort Worth, Texas 76148	Treatments and healing

**CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR:** Patricia Neisler, Kitti Davis, Mignon Bandy, Sue Carpenter, Nancy Wright, Chandra Mann, Bob Willyerd, Wanda Houston, Charlie, Louise and Dwayne Beagle, Aubrey Hallum, Betty and Bill Baumann, Lillian and Charles Kite, Joe and Jody Gentry, Jacki Jaso, Betty Adams, John Poulsen.

### *Sympathy*

Delores Reeves, a member who was homebound, passed away on July 8. A viewing will be held on August 1 from 7 PM to 8 PM at Spencer Funeral Home. The funeral service is scheduled for August 2 at 11 AM, here at Western Hills. Followed by a graveside service at Cedar Hill Memorial Cemetery. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

## FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Eric, Crystal and Will Intfen.	Leah Bowie	Their daughter/sister passed away on June 25, 2025. She was 20 years old.	Comfort for the family 7/21/2025
Misty Cliff, a friend of	Wayne Gary	A young mother who is having complication from surgery which has left her permanently paralyzed from the waster down.	Pray for healing physically and emotionally 7/14/2025
Mark Clary, brother- in-law to	Jeff Swan	He is undergoing radiation for prostate cancer.	Healing 7/11/2025
Diana, Manager of	Tiffany Witherspoon	She had an epileptic episode and was rushed to the hospital requiring staples.	Healing and no long term damage 7/8/2025
Trent, friend of the sister of	Amanda Garner	Has lost his wife in a tragic accident. He has two college age children. He has said that he wants to use this time to grow closer to God.	Comfort for the family and that his relationship with God becomes richer and fuller 06/27/2025
Ricky McLane, brother of	Mary Ann Poulsen	His leg and foot are healing and they are working on his house from the tree falling on it.	That they can get the house to a livable condition and healing 7/8/2025
Dorene Helton, sister-in-law of	Vickie and Monty Bowers	No more cancer but she will continue her chemo for three more sessions.	Thanksgiving to God and continued improved health, help her handle the chemo 07/07/2025
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. His therapy is not working.	Guide the doctors to find treatments that will work 7/13/2025





# JULY FUN DAYS

## MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

- 1 CARL GREEN
- 2 RAY DOSHIER
- 4 NILATH KIMLINH
- 5 DEATRA KEELE
- 7 MARY ANN WAGNER
- 8 FERN GREEN
- 10 KATELYN BIRDOW
- 11 LEAH BOWIE
- 12 COURTNEY KIRKPATRICK
- 15 WAYNE LIPHAM
- 17 PAM STOM
- 20 EMILIO FERNANDEZ
- 20 EVA TORREZ
- 25 AMY BROOKSHIRE
- 27 VINCENT EVERETT
- 30 KAYLA KIRKPATRICK

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

- 2 RHETT BOLT
- 6 TRUMAN TOMME
- 6 ELLA TOMME
- 7 EMMETT GARNER
- 12 EDEN RUTLEDGE
- 26 LIONEL MENDOZA
- 27 KAIN BOLT

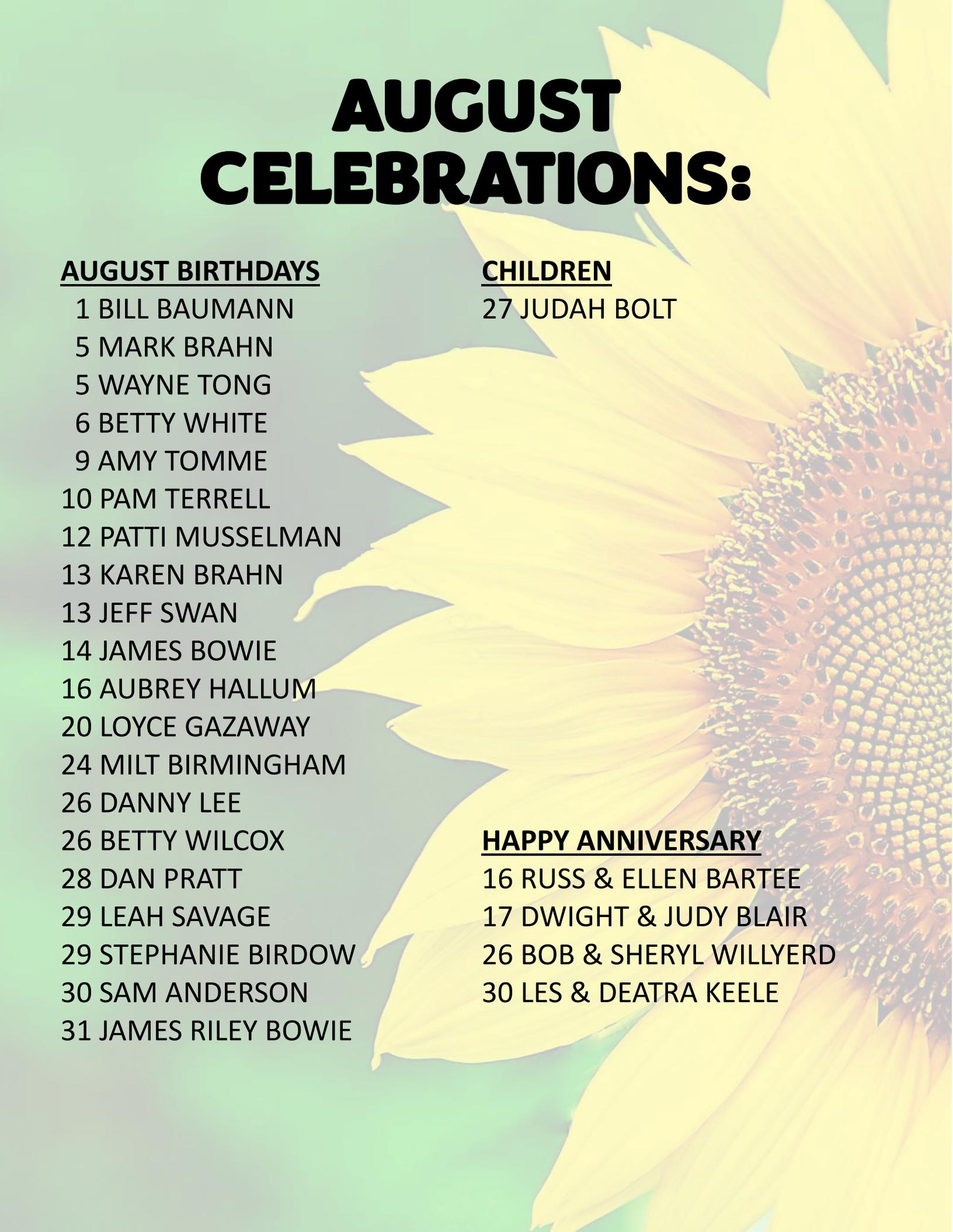
## REMEMBER ME? BIRTHDAYS

- 9 WANDA HOUSTON
- 11 BUD WILCOX
- 30 JACKIE JASO

## ANNIVERSARIES

JIMMY AND KATELYN BOLT	1	2014	11 YEARS
GREG AND JANELLE BALL	1	1977	48 YEARS
JOHNIE AND NANCY WRIGHT	11	1964	61 YEARS
MILT AND JUDY BIRMINGHAM	22	2022	3 YEARS
MATTHEW AND JILL SLOAN	28	2007	18 YEARS

# **AUGUST CELEBRATIONS:**



## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

1 BILL BAUMANN  
5 MARK BRAHN  
5 WAYNE TONG  
6 BETTY WHITE  
9 AMY TOMME  
10 PAM TERRELL  
12 PATTI MUSSELMAN  
13 KAREN BRAHN  
13 JEFF SWAN  
14 JAMES BOWIE  
16 AUBREY HALLUM  
20 LOYCE GAZAWAY  
24 MILT BIRMINGHAM  
26 DANNY LEE  
26 BETTY WILCOX  
28 DAN PRATT  
29 LEAH SAVAGE  
29 STEPHANIE BIRDOW  
30 SAM ANDERSON  
31 JAMES RILEY BOWIE

## **CHILDREN**

27 JUDAH BOLT

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

16 RUSS & ELLEN BARTEE  
17 DWIGHT & JUDY BLAIR  
26 BOB & SHERYL WILLYERD  
30 LES & DEATRA KEELE

# New Summer Quarter Schedule:

## Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class:

Taught by David Birdow in the auditorium. He will discuss "Faith, Flaws, & Forgiveness: Lessons from King David."

## Wednesday Night Bible Class:

We will have a guest speaker presenting on "Looking Up." This lesson will be broadcast live on our YouTube channel for those who are unable to attend.



## LOOKING UP WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	JULY 23	RUSSELL FRANTZ	GRAPEVINE, GRAPEVINE, TEXAS
<b>U</b>	<b>E</b>	JULY 30	JEFF HUBBARD	NORTH DAVIS, ARLINGTON, TEXAS
<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	AUGUST 6	TERRY HARRISON	NY AVENUE, ARLINGTON, TEXAS
<b>M</b>	<b>I</b>	AUGUST 13	LARRY KEELE	LAWRENCEBURG, LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE
<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	AUGUST 20	MIKE LANE	FREEMONT ROAD, GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS
<b>R</b>	<b>S</b>	AUGUST 27	ELI HINOJOSA	NORTH TARRANT, FORT WORTH, TEXAS