



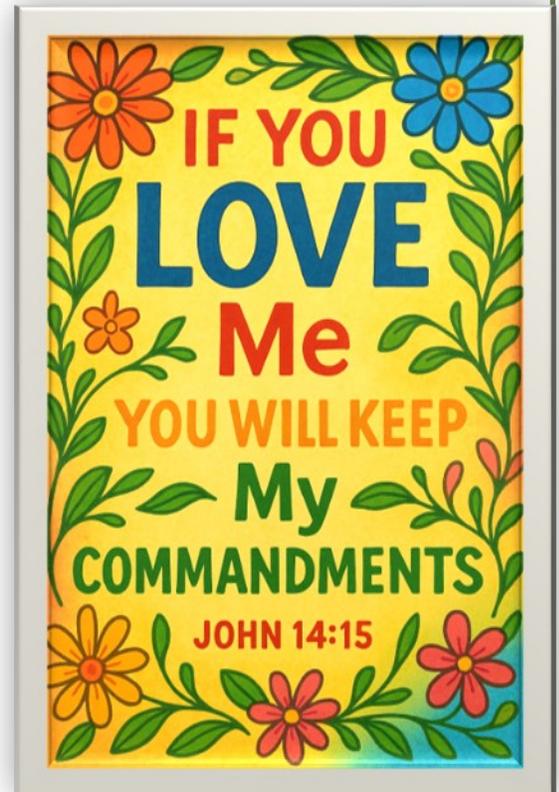
## Are We Commandment Keepers?

How many kinds of love can you name? First love? Puppy love? True love? Marital love? Sacrificial love? We are saved by the love of God; but are we required to do anything else? Jesus said, ***“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments” (John 14.15).*** Jesus said if we truly love Him then we will show it by keeping His commandments. Did you notice that it is not a request but a command? Does it really matter? Are we commandment keepers? Doesn't that sound cynical when it is said that way?

The Bible teaches that if we fail to express our love by keeping His commandments, then we never truly loved Jesus at all. There are numerous examples of people who kept the commandments of God. Noah built the ark exactly as God commanded; He didn't change a single thing. **Genesis 6.22** ***“Noah did everything just as God commanded him” (NIV).*** Abraham did all God told him to do. God told Abraham ***“Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you” (Genesis 12.1).*** How many of us would have enough faith to do that? To leave the United States and our families? But did you know that God does ask us to do that? No, not physically; but He does spiritually. **2 Corinthians 6.17** reads, ***“Therefore come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you” (NKJV).*** God calls us to live differently from the world. Our priorities are different—we long for heaven, not things of the world (I John 2.15-17). We lay up treasures in heaven, not on earth (Matthew 6.19-21). Are we doing that, or are we distracted by worldly values?

Just as we are commanded to keep Jesus' commandments, there is punishment for those who do not. We are commanded to walk after God and not after the world. Paul told the Christians in Colosse, ***“Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming” (Colossians 3.5, 6).*** When we choose to live in sin. When we choose not to keep God's commandments. When we are disobedient. The Scriptures come right out and say, ***“God will punish you.”*** We are told that the punishment for disobedience is for all eternity (Matthew 25.46). But, if we will love God and keep His commandments, heaven awaits the faithful. Oh to hear Jesus say to me on the day of judgment, ***“Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Matthew 25.34),*** will be worth it all. If I want to be among the faithful that enter into heaven, I must express my love for Jesus by loving Him and keeping His commandments. Do you love Jesus?

Gary



# Cleansing The Temple

John 2.13-15

- 1) The Temple was cleansed twice during the ministry of Jesus.
- 2) Both cleansings occurred at Passover.
- 3) If one does not truly repent, he will quickly return to his sin.

**I) The \_\_\_\_\_ By The \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) What do we know about the temple?
- B) What prompted the polluting of the temple?
  - 1) The children of Israel were commanded to bring \_\_\_\_\_ during the Passover observance.
  - 2) All Jews were commanded to pay the annual Temple tax which had to be paid in \_\_\_\_\_.
- C) Who were the thieves?

**II) The \_\_\_\_\_ By The \_\_\_\_\_ (John 2. 13-16).**

- A) Did Jesus lose His \_\_\_\_\_?
- B) What did Jesus do? Purifying the temple involved 7 things:
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 7) \_\_\_\_\_
- C) What does it mean to be a temple of the \_\_\_\_\_ today (I Corinthians 6.19, 20)?
- D) Do we have practices in our own spiritual lives that need to be overturned?

**III) The \_\_\_\_\_ By The \_\_\_\_\_ (John 2.18-20).**

- A) What did the Jews challenge?
- B) What did the Jews request (John 2.18)?
- C) How did the chief priests and scribes react?

**IV) The \_\_\_\_\_ By The \_\_\_\_\_ (John 2.21-22).**

- A) What did the disciples remember after Jesus' resurrection?
  - 1) The disciples remembered the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
  - 2) There are two rebukes in this remembering.
    - (a) How familiar are we with \_\_\_\_\_?
    - (b) Are we spiritually \_\_\_\_\_?
- B) What promise of Jesus did the disciples recall (John 2.22)?
- C) What caused the disciples to believe?
  - 1) They believed the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) They believed the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:** Do you need Jesus to cleanse your soul today?

# CONNECTION

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Good morning and welcome to August! The heat is ramping up and the kids are getting ready to go back to school. This also means some of our kids will be heading off to college soon. Let's all be praying for our kids and their families as they transition into the new school year.



This Wednesday night our Summer Series continues with Terry Harrison, pulpit minister from New York Avenue in Arlington. Terry Harrison is a graduate of Sunset International Bible Institute. Upon graduation, he worked as minister with the Southside Church in Killeen for 19 years.



From '96 through '01, he travelled into Russia teaching a program called Character Counts! to Russian school teachers. In 2001, he moved to Los Angeles to work with the Josephson Institute of Ethics as a curriculum development coordinator where he continued refining the Character Counts program and oversaw the development of other character-related education programs for sports and business. Following seven years of preaching in California, he and his family moved to Singapore where he served as the Dean for the Sunset International Bible Institute-Singapore. They returned to the U.S. in 2022, moving to Houston, Texas where Terry began serving as the Dean for Ministry Training-East Africa for the Sunset International Bible Institute.

Terry and Terilee Harrison have been married for 22 years and have four children. Make plans to be here with us Wednesday to keep "Looking UP!" You'll be blessed!

-- Les Keele



If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:11-13

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## MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

**Welcome -**

**Song Leader -** Johnny Bartee

**Song -** Praise The Lord

**Song -** Jesus Flow Like A River

**Prayer -** Dwight Blair

**Scripture -** John 2.13-15

**Song -** On Zion's Glorious Summit

**Lord's Supper -** Russ Bartee

**Prayer for Contribution -** Russ Bartee

**Song -** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**Cleansing The Temple -** Gary Williams

**Song -** 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

**Announcements -** Les Keele

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal -** Greg Ball

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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, August 4

1 Chronicles 25; Luke 23

### Tuesday, August 5

1 Chronicles 26; Luke 24; Psalm 98

### Wednesday, August 6

1 Chronicles 27-29; Psalm 30

### Thursday, August 7

2 Chronicles 1-3; Psalm 72

### Friday, August 8

2 Chronicles 4-6; Psalm 132

### Saturday, August 9

2 Chronicles 7-9; Psalm 100

### Sunday, August 10

2 Chronicles 10-12; Psalm 53

## Last Week

Bible Class	128	Wednesday	121
Worship	250	Contribution	\$ 13,760.87
PM Worship	59	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
Bridget Yawn <small>7/28/2025</small>	Her right foot has swollen to the knee. She is experiencing gout and many other issues, along with symptoms of myeloma. 9213 Idaho St., Joshua, TX 76058	Healing
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
Mary Ann Poulsen <small>7/8/2025</small>	Her husband John, passed away from complications of MD. 8413 Leo Court, Benbrook, Texas 76116	Comfort
Bob Willyerd <small>8/3/2025</small>	He is back in Harris SW hospital with another UTI. He is septic. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Better health and healing
Mary East <small>7/8/2025</small>	She has been put on hospice. She is now home but very weak. 101 Rambling Trail, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Strength 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 if her body allows. 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

**CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR:** Patricia Emerson, Charles Stephen, 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

# Youth Group: Back To School Bash

Sunday August 10th, from 6 - 8pm; After Sunday night service in the fellowship hall. Come enjoy games, crafts, and a pizza dinner. Make sure to invite a friend! Sign-up is in the foyer

**SUNDAY MORNING:** AUDITORIUM:  
DAVID BIRDOW: FAITH, FLAWS AND FORGIVENESS:  
LESSONS FROM KING DAVID  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT:**  
LOOKING UP: TERRY HARRISON

**JUNE FOOD BANK STATS:**

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



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

You're warmly invited to join us for an exciting ice cream social following the service on Sunday evening, August 24! Bring along your favorite ice cream and toppings to share with everyone—



## FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

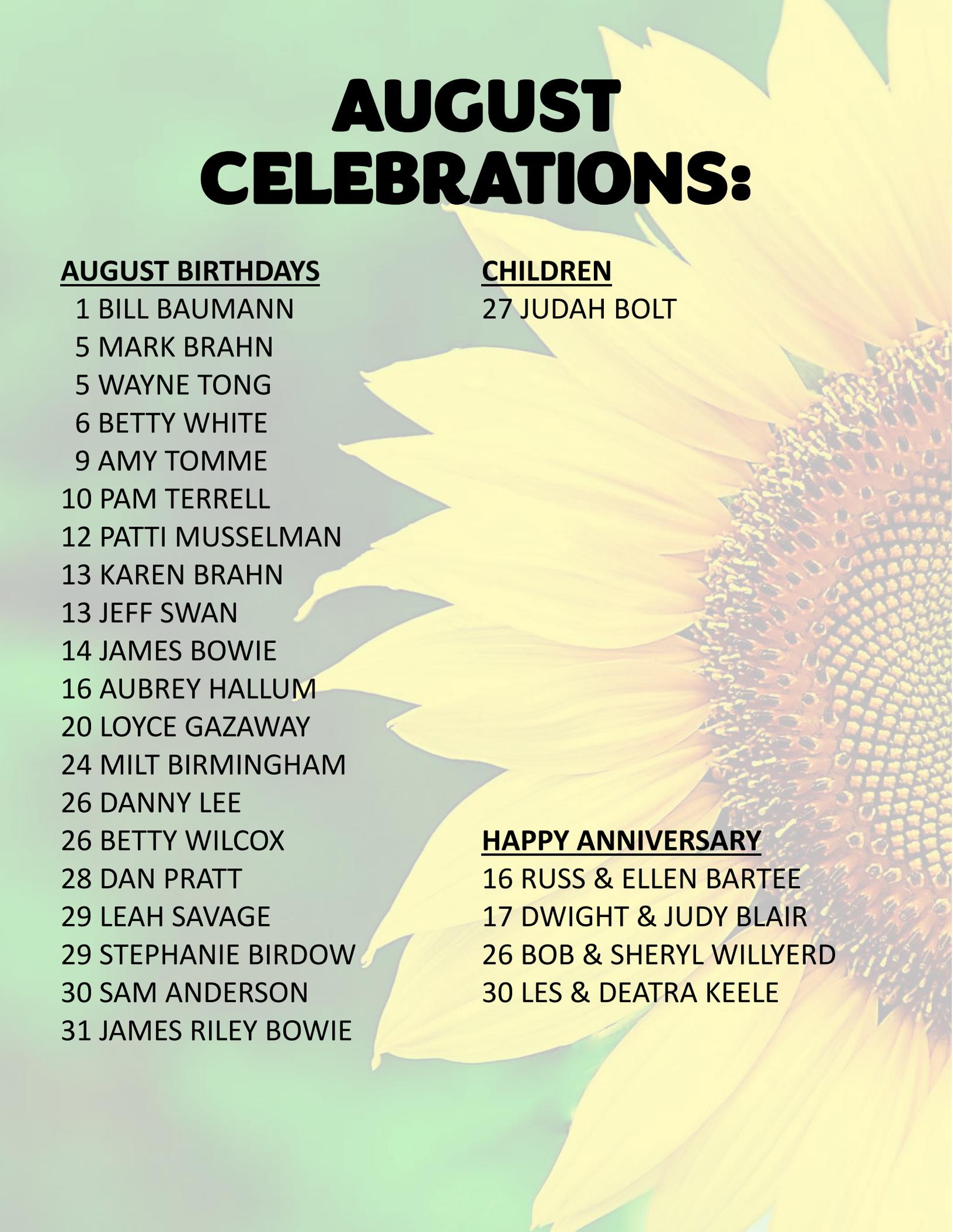
NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Bailey, friend of	Lilly Scott	She had knee surgery on both her knees.	Quick healing 7/31/2025
Louisa Hooten, niece of	Mindy Markum	She has a bad sprain.	Healing 07/30/2025
Eric, Crystal and Will Intfen	Leah Bowie	Their daughter/sister passed away on June 25, 2025. 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 7/8/2025
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

# PRAY

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1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

# **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

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AUGUST 6	TERRY HARRISON	NY AVENUE, ARLINGTON, TEXAS
AUGUST 13	LARRY KEELE	LAWRENCEBURG, LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE
AUGUST 20	MIKE LANE	FREEPORT ROAD, GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS
AUGUST 27	ELI HINOJOSA	NORTH TARRANT, FORT WORTH, TEXAS