

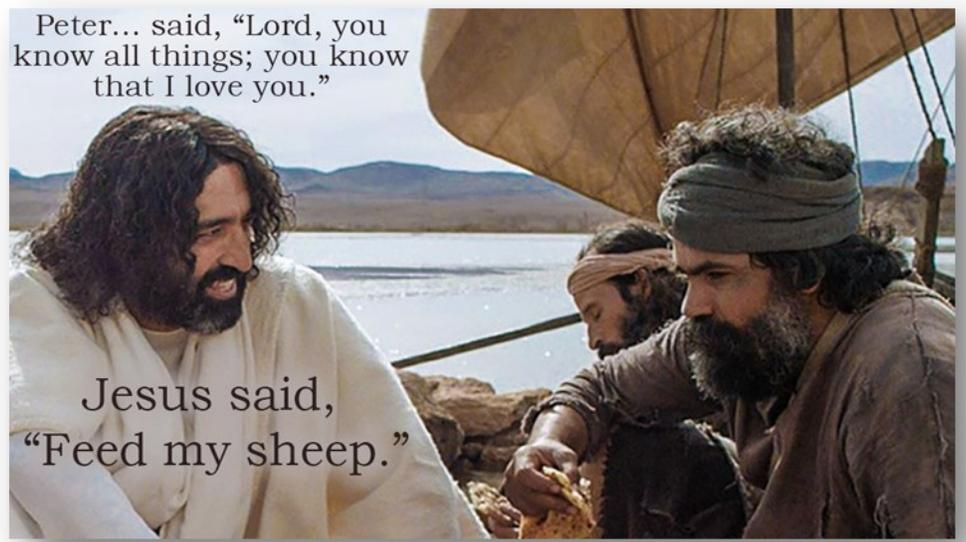


Do You Love Me?

John 21:15–17

After the resurrection, Jesus meets His disciples by the Sea of Galilee. It's a quiet, intimate moment—far from the crowds and chaos. And in this setting, Jesus turns to Peter, the disciple who had denied Him three times, and asks a question that echoes through the ages: “***Simon, son of John, do you love me?***” Not once, but three times. This isn't a rebuke—it's a restoration. Jesus isn't asking for a confession of guilt; He's inviting Peter back into relationship and purpose. Each time Peter affirms his love, Jesus responds with a commission: “***Feed my lambs.***” “***Take care of my sheep.***” “***Feed my sheep.***”

In the original Greek, Jesus first uses the word *agapē*—a selfless, sacrificial love. Peter responds with *phileō*—a brotherly, affectionate love. By the third time, Jesus meets Peter where he is, using *phileō* Himself. This shift reveals something profound: Jesus doesn't demand perfection; He meets us in our weakness and invites us to grow. Peter's denial had left him broken. But Jesus doesn't discard him. Instead, He restores him—publicly and personally. Before Peter can lead, he must be healed. Before he can feed others, he must be fed by grace. This pattern is true for us as well. Our failures do not disqualify us from leading other people to Jesus—they prepare us for it. When we encounter the mercy of God, we're prepared to extend it to others.



Jesus links love with action: “*If you love Me, feed My sheep.*” Love isn't just emotion—it's devotion. It's caring for others, guiding them, and laying down our lives in service. This call is for you. A call for you to share your faith. A call for you to help others. A call for you to share your love.

The question “***Do you love Me?***” isn't just for Peter. It's for every believer. It's a daily question that invites us to examine our hearts, renew our commitment, and embrace our calling. So today, hear Jesus' voice—not with condemnation, but with compassion. He's not asking for your résumé. He's asking for your heart.

Gary

What About Truth?

John 8.12

1. Have you ever walked through a dark room, unsure of what's around you, reaching out for something solid to guide your steps?
2. Have you ever felt that way spiritually?
3. Jesus invites us to step out of confusion and into clarity, out of fear and into faith, out of darkness and into the light of life.

I. The _____ of Truth.

A. Jesus said, *"I AM the Light of the world"* (John 8.12a).

1. Jesus is _____ (cf. Exodus 3.14).
2. Jesus is _____ (Isaiah 9.2; 42.6-7; 49.5-6; 60.1-3).
3. Jesus is _____ (John 1.29; Revelation 21.23)

B. The _____ of Christ (John 8.12b).

1. 5 benefits of light.
2. Jesus is the Light of the world does not mean that all people arbitrarily receive the "Light."
3. Only those who follow Him as "the Light" will be delivered from _____ and have the "_____."

II. The _____ of Truth.

A. The Pharisees accused Jesus of not telling the _____ (John 8.13).

1. The Pharisees were among the most persistent of Christ's _____.
2. The attack on Jesus focused on _____.

B. Jesus _____ the charge.

1. Jesus was aware of His _____ and _____ (John 8.14).
2. The Pharisees wanted to judge according to the _____ (6 applications).
3. Christ speaks the truth by the evidence of _____.
4. The danger of judging according to the flesh.

III. The _____ About The Truth.

A. How often is it that _____ who _____ the work of God are ignorant of the truth.

B. The enemies of Christ were ignorant of a number of very important matters.

1. Ignorant of the _____ of Christ (John 8.14).
2. Ignorant of the _____ of Christ (John 8.25).
3. Ignorant of the _____ of Christ (John 8.27).

C. The _____ of being ignorant of Christ.

D. The _____ of the ignorance (John 8.28, 29).

1. Cessation would not result in _____ but in _____.
2. Three important truths to be learned at Calvary.
 - a. 1st—the _____ of Jesus.
 - b. 2nd—the _____ of Jesus.
 - c. 3rd—the _____ of Jesus.

Conclusion: Do you need to come to the Light of the world today?

C O N N E C T I O N

C Good morning Western Hills family!

R If you missed the Back-to-School Bash last Sunday night, you missed a wonderful time of fun and fellowship! We enjoyed pizza, crafts, and games with all the kids. (I'm convinced some of them must be Connect Four champions—there's no other way I could have lost so many times!)

E Events like this bring us closer together and help us love and serve God as one family. Keep watching the bulletin for more opportunities to connect in the weeks ahead.

R We're down to the final two weeks of our "*Looking UP!*" Summer Series. This Wednesday, our guest speaker will be Mike Lane from the Freetown Road Church of Christ in Grand Prairie.

Mike has served as a minister in Tennessee, Oklahoma, and has been with Freetown Road since 2019. A graduate of the Southwest School of Biblical Studies, he also holds certificates from The Master's Seminary and The Expository Academy. He and his wife, Rachael, are blessed with two children.

Mike's message will come from Psalm 63:3–4. Let's spend time "*Looking UP!*" these verses this week so we can come prepared to be encouraged by God's Word. You'll be blessed!
- Les



To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who
are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my
transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!



Psalm 25:1-7

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Steven Johnson

Song Leader - Jonathan Bartee

Song - Sing To Me Of Heaven

Song - Heaven Came Down

Song - Lead Me Gently Home

Opening Prayer - Rob Donahue

Scripture - John 8:12

Song - A Hill Called Mount Calvary

Lord's Supper - Russ Jones

Prayer for Contribution - Russ Jones

Song - Seeking The Lost

What About Truth? - Gary Williams

Song - He Leadeth Me

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 18

2 Chronicles 31-32; Psalm 112

Tuesday, August 19

2 Chronicles 33-34; Psalm 16

Wednesday, August 20

Psalm 78

Thursday, August 21

Psalms 117-118; 2 Chronicles 35-36

Friday, August 22

Ezra 1-2; Psalm 84

Saturday, August 23

Ezra 3-5; Haggai 1-2

Sunday, August 24

Psalm 126; Ezra 6-8

Last Week

Bible Class	141	Wednesday	119
Worship	215	Contribution	\$ 38,375.69
PM Worship	76	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
Charles Stephan 08/15/2025	Is in Harris Tower, Room 628. 633 South Kate Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Toun Vilaysack 08/12/2025	Passed away peacefully surrounded by family August 8, 2025, at 10 PM in his home. Please keep them in your prayers. Funeral details are pending.	The Family
Bill Baumann 08/12/2025	Is in Harris Southwest, ICU. Harvest of Aledo, 1043 Bailey Ranch Road, Apartment 129, Aledo, Texas 76008	Positive mindset and positive progression in treatment
Dwight Blair 08/12/2025	Has broken his knee and is in Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of City View, 6701 Oakmont Boulevard, Room 206, Fort Worth, Texas 76132 Dwight would love some distractions; but, please call before you visit.	Healing
Kate Birdow 08/03/2025	Her transition to college.	A successful school year and for her empty nester parents, David and Stephany
Nancy Wright 08/03/2025	Has returned to her rehab facility. 8601 Cook Ranch Road, Apartment 350, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing and strength
Bridget Yawn 7/28/2025	Is improving. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Thankful for progress; may it continue
Mary Ann Poulsen 7/8/2025	Husband, John, passed away from complications of MD. 8413 Leo Court, Benbrook, Texas 76116	Comfort
Bob Willyerd 8/3/2025	Is back home. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Better health and healing
Mary East 7/8/2025	Has been put on hospice at home and remains very weak. 101 Rambling Trail, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Strength and healing for Mary, and guidance for Karen and Mark Brahn
Nathan Rutledge 6/29/2025	Broke his hip and is at home healing. 1213 Trammell Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Quick recovery
Wayne Lipham 06/10/2025	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 7/8/2025	Is continuing treatments if her body allows. 4112 Arroyo Trail, Fort Worth, Texas 76135	Strength, 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, and Betty Adams.

FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Marty Tomlinson, son of	Ross Tomlinson	Had surgery to remove kidney stones and a stint was inserted to prevent future stones.	Healing and recovery 08/12/2025
Michael and Kristen Lowrey, former members, parents are Doug and Barbara Lowrey	Roxann Whitacre	Have been blessed with a son/grandson, Luke Madison Lowrey, on August 5.	Thankfulness for a healthy baby and mother, growth, development, and family. 08/12/2025
Kelsey Johnson, friend of	Jill Sloan	Is a wife, mother of 5, and nurse at Medical City Weatherford who was involved in a head-on collision on August 4. She remains in the hospital with a long road to recovery.	Healing and comfort for her family 08/12/2025
Husband of	Pam Stom	Is in Baylor All Saints with breathing issues and is on a ventilator.	Healing 08/08/2025
Father of	Russ Jones	Had successful prostate cancer surgery.	Recovery and healing 08/03/2025
Pam, daughter of	Judith Dillard	God knows what is needed.	God's blessings 08/03/2025
Paul Saxton	Member at Brown Street	Has health issues in addition to blood clots.	Healing and recovery 08/03/2025
Baylee, friend of	Lilly Scott	Is doing much better.	Continued healing 7/31/2025
Eric, Crystal and Will Intfen	Leah Bowie	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	Young mother who is having complication from surgery which has left her permanently paralyzed from the waist down.	Pray for healing physically and emotionally 7/14/2025
Mark Clary, brother-in-law to	Jeff Swan	Is undergoing radiation for prostate cancer.	Healing 7/11/2025
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

SUMMER BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning:

Auditorium
David Birdow: Faith, Flaws And
Forgiveness:
Lessons From King David

Wednesday Night

Looking Up: Larry Keele
Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

FALL BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning:

Auditorium:
Geoffery Rodman - Study of The Psalms

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

Mens' and Ladies' Bible Classes will resume following Labor Day in September. Stay tuned for further notices as to times and subjects to be discussed.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

Will Resume

September 8

Please Vickie Bowers if you are willing and able to volunteer in this program.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

If you have unused greeting cards you no longer want, please bring them to the church office to use for an upcoming Ladies' Night Project. You may see Jennifer Scott should you have any questions. Thank you.

PILLOW MINISTRY

We had such a remarkable attendance at our Pillow Ministry workday last month ... so why don't we do it again! We still have a number of pillows that need to be stuffed, stitched, and bagged. For all who can, let's meet Tuesday, August 19 at 10:00 AM. And for those interested, we can plan to go to lunch together afterwards.

CARD OF THANKS

Mark and Karen Brahn and Mary East have sent a card of "thanks" for visits, cards, and phone calls.

The card will be posted on the middle foyer bulletin board.

FOOD BANK STATS

JULY FOOD BANK STATS:

200 – Families Served
\$888.38 – Cost to WHCOC
7,709 pounds – Estimated Weight of Food



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
22 LATRICE TUCKER
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

CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS

2 JENNIFER DUNCAN
5 JOHNNIE WRIGHT
6 MICHAEL DAVIS
7 NATHAN RUTLEDGE
16 ISAIAS TORREZ
18 STANLEY GISH
18 JILL SLOAN
19 LEANN FISHER
20 JUDY BLAIR
23 FRANKIE SMITH
25 DEBBIE ROLLINS
25 DAVID WILMINGTON
26 MARY EAST
26 ROY EUBANKS
28 SUSIE STEADMAN
28 KEENAN WILLIAMS
30 DANA SABA
30 ROBERT SCOTT

CHILDREN

1 LILAH BOLT
22 KASSIE MUONGNAMVONG
25 ANDREW SCOTT

REMEMBER ME?

4 NANCY WRIGHT
19 SUE CARPENTER
19 SUE LITTLE SMITH

ANNIVERSERIES

4	JAKE AND BARBIE DEKOKER	43 YRS	
18	JIM AND KAREN HAAS	60 YRS	
21	TOM AND PAULA PAULEY	59 YRS	
21	SAM AND DOROTHY ANDERSON	57 YRS	

SEPTEMBER

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 20	MIKE LANE	FREPORT ROAD, GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS
AUGUST 27	ELI HINOJOSA	NORTH TARRANT, FORT WORTH, TEXAS