

Every December, in neighborhoods all across our community, we begin to see a glow. People on ladders, crawling on rooftops laying strings of lights. Trees begin to twinkle with color. Entire houses seem to sparkle in the night. And what do people plan to do?

They will pile into cars, bundle up in coats, and drive slowly through the streets just to look at the lights. There is something in us that is drawn to brightness, beauty, and wonder—especially now in the darker months of the year.

I was thinking, you know, just as Christmas lights pull people out of their homes to see something bright, Jesus—the *Light of the World*—draws people toward Himself. *When Christ and His love shines, darkness loses its grip. Hope breaks through. Hearts soften. Lives turn.* People seek what they cannot fully explain but deeply need.

But here is a powerful truth: Jesus shines today through His people—His church—you and me, right here at Western Hills. We do not *produce* the light; we *reflect* it. Our worship, our unity, our kindness, our patience, our joy, and our compassion are like lights on a hillside saying, “Come and see what God is doing here.”

When visitors walk through our doors, most of them are not looking for perfection. They are looking for light. They are looking for warmth, welcome, peace, and direction. They are hoping to see something real, something hopeful, something worth stopping to look at—just like a home glowing on a dark December night.

So as the world drives slowly through neighborhoods admiring Christmas lights, let’s remember:

- We are the lights Jesus has placed in this community.
- We are the windows through which people can see His love.
- We are the invitation that leads them to the true Light.

May our church family shine brightly—not just in December, but in every season—so that all who wander in darkness might be drawn to the One who gives life, hope, and everlasting light.

---Les Keele



Have you ever wanted to have a “one on one” conversation with God?

Our question should not be “is God _____” it should be “are we _____?”

I. Important facts about God speaking to us:

- A. We need to be sure we have heard God’s _____ before we worry about what He hasn’t _____.
- B. His _____ know His _____. John 10.1-5
- C. The _____ God speaks may not be what we were _____. I Kings 19.11-13
- D. If we are not obedient to his voice, He _____ us! John 9.31; Proverbs 15.29; 2 Chronicles 7.14

II. God Speaks to us through:

- _____ . Ezekiel 2.1-10; Genesis 17; 1 Samuel 3.10-14; Deuteronomy 5.4; 1 Kings 19.9-18; Matthew 3.17; John 12.28-30
- _____ . Luke 1.26-38; Matthew 28.1-7; Luke 1.8-23
- _____ . Genesis 28.12; Acts 9.10-12; Matthew 1.18-25
- _____ . Romans 15.18-19; John 20.30-31; John 3.2
- _____ . Proverbs 3.5-6; 16.9, 33; Jeremiah 33.3; Isaiah 46.9-11; Ephesians 1.11; Psalm 40.5
- _____ . John 6.63; 2 Timothy 3.16; Jeremiah 15.16; Hebrews 4.12
- _____ . Acts 2; James 5.19-20; 1 Kings 12.1-15; Galatians 2.11-14; Acts 18.24-28
- _____ . Psalm 19.1; Romans 1.20; Job 12.7-9; Acts 14.17; Psalm 8.3-4
- _____ . Romans 2.15; 1 Timothy 1.19; 2 Corinthians 1.12; John 8.9; 1 John 3.20; Matthew 5.23-24

III. How to recognize God’s voice

- Take time to _____ . Psalm 46.10
- Set the _____ . Matthew 6.33; 1 John 2.15-17; Hebrews 12.1-2
- Come into _____ . Psalm 145.18; Jeremiah 33.3, 11-16; James 4.8
- Make it your _____ . Daniel 6.10; 1 Timothy 4.7-8; Proverbs 22.6; Hebrews 10.25-26
- Ask for _____ . James 1.5-6; Proverbs 3.5-6; 2.1-6

Final Thought: Matthew 7.24-27 “Everyone who _____ these words of mine and _____ them will be like a wise man . . .

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Good morning church family! It happens every December; stores fill with people searching for the *perfect* Christmas gifts. We compare prices, hunt for sales, wrap presents, and *hope* the person opening them will feel remembered and loved. There is joy in giving, and thoughtful gifts can certainly bless others.

But Scripture calls us to recognize a deeper kind of giving—gifts no store can provide and no budget can limit. While we shop for what can be bought and wrapped, God invites us to prepare gifts that touch the heart and last long after Christmas morning.



- **Grace** — A gift wrapped in patience, offered instead of irritation, and given freely because God has given it to us first.
- **Forgiveness** — A gift that tears down walls, loosens old hurts, and restores peace in relationships.
- **Presence** — Not the kind that comes in a box, but the kind that sits, listens, remembers, and chooses to be there.
- **Encouragement** — Words that lift the tired and weary, calm the anxious, and speak life into someone who feels overlooked or forgotten.
- **Service** — Quiet acts of love that reflect the heart of Christ, who came “*not to be served, but to serve.*”

These are the gifts that do not fade, do not break, and not require returns.

This Christmas season, as we wrap presents with paper, ribbon and tape, let us also wrap our lives in the character of Christ. Shopping carts may fill our hands, but the Holy Spirit fills our hearts with gifts far more valuable—gifts that are meant to be given away generously.

When all the paper is thrown away and the decorations come down, the gifts that will still be remembered are the ones that looked most like Jesus. May we be a family of God who gives what truly matters.

-Les Keele

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Layton Garner
Song Leader - Jonathan Bartee
Song - I'll Live In Glory
Song - Heavenly Sunlight
Song - On Zion's Glorious Summit
Opening Prayer - David Birdow
Scripture - John 10:1-5
Song - Because He Lives!
Lord's Supper - Rob Donahue
Prayer for Contribution - Rob Donahue
Song - Lord, Speak To Me
God Speaks! - Les Keele
Song - Kneel At The Cross
Announcements - Les Keele
Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Ross Tomlinson

Our Code for Tithe.ly
Giving



OR 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, December 15
 Isaiah 10-13; Revelation 6

Thursday, December 18
 Isaiah 22-24; Revelation 9

Tuesday, December 16
 Isaiah 14-16; Revelation 7; Psalm 23

Friday, December 19
 Isaiah 25-28; Revelation 10

Wednesday, December 17
 Isaiah 17-21; Revelation 8

Saturday, December 20
 Isaiah 29-31; Revelation 11

Sunday, December 21
 Isaiah 32-35; Revelation 12

Last Week

Bible Class	119	Wednesday	96
Worship	178	Contribution	\$ 22,169.89
Thai - Lao	33	Budget	\$ 14,216.88
Worship PM	63		

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

FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Jeff Holland, nephew of	Judy Birmingham	Bladder cancer has reoccured.	The doctors to determine the most beneficial treatment 12/02/2025
Nic DiRocco, son of	Linda DiRocco	More symptomatic with his MS and he is already on the best medication.	The doctors to find ways of negating his symptoms 12/10/2025
Paula, sister of	Patti Musselman	Cancer has returned and the chemo is not working. They are switching to a brand-new drug.	Doctors' skill and knowledge; new drug works and will eradicate the cancer 11/23/2025
Mother of	Robert Scott	Health issues.	Healing 11/19/2025
Shane Grantham	Michael and Kitti Davis	Suffers from cancer.	Healing 11/23/2025
Becky Stark, cousin's wife of	Adam Powers	Emergency surgery to remove brain aneurysm.	Healing 11/23/2025
Art Renfroe, friend of	Betsy Strother	Suffered a stroke.	Complete healing 11/14/2025
Brooke, neice of	Misty Martinez	Will have rods place in her hip this summer to correct dysplasia from birth.	For her to handle the pain while awaiting surgery 11/14/2025
Tracie Jones, wife of	Russ Jones	Health issues.	Healing 11/14/2025
Terry Stom, husband of	Pam Stom	Has returned home.	Healing 11/30/2025
Dianne Snapp, daughter of	Tom and Paula Pauley	Is undergoing neurological testing.	Results to direct the doctors' diagnoses

MEMBERS PRAYER LIST

NAME	SITUATION	PRAYER
Bob Willyerd 12/07/2025	Has returned home on palliative care. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Comfort
Dahlia Cade 12/09/2025	Has been in the hospital after suffering a heart attack. She has now been moved to Alligiant Center. 3832 Kelvin Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76133	Strength to return and her heart to recover
Carl and Fern Green 12/09/2025	Carl has been in the hospital but is now at home and Fern has also been having some health issues. 310 East Oak Street, Aledo, Texas 76008	Improved health for both of them
Leah Savage 11/24/2025	Is healing at home from a blood clot and severely bruised heel. 2464 Indian Cove, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing and recovery
Danny Lee 12/04/2025	Has returned home to recover. 216 Hidden Valley, Aledo, Texas 76008	Healing and recovery
Thonglouth Manyoun 11/30/2025	In the passing of her husband, Thienxay, and her leg is bothering her with extreme pain. 5913 Lakeview Court, Fort Worth, Texas 76137	Comfort and healing
Charles Stephan 12/03/2025	Is being moved to Willow Park Rehab, Room 411. 633 South Kate kStreet, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Patricia Emerson 12/01/2025	Cancer has returned. 6536 Wooddale, Fort Worth, Texas 76148	Remission and healing
Kitti Davis 11/23/2025	Is suffering from Parkinson's. 812 Ala Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Shirley Bennett 10/16/2025	Is recuperating at home under the care of her son and Minnie. No visitors at this time, please. 4018 Ridgelea Country Club, #508, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Healing and return to good health
Lorenza Fernandez 10/22/2025	Is taking care of Emilio and herself. 232 Lochness Drive, Benbrook, Texas. 76126	Strength to assist Emilio
Emilio Fernandez 10/22/2025	Recovering at home from his falls. 232 Lochness Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing and strength to walk
Dan Pratt 09/25/2025	Awaiting knee surgery. 10920 Hawkings Home Boulevard, Post Office Box 126437, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Scheduling of surgery and success
Brandon Duncan 10/22/2025	Will have spinal infusion surgery on December 15 which will require an overnight stay in the hospital. He has been taken off all pain medication in preparation for the surgery. 110 McAnear Street, Cleburne, Texas 76033	The ability to withstand the pain until surgery; successful surgery and pain relief
Mary East 07/08/2025	Is on hospice at the home of Mark and Karen Brahn and remains very weak. 101 Rambling Trail, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Strength and comfort for Mary; guidance for Mark and Karen
Rob Donahue 11/14/2025	Is in need of a new job. 4529 Starlight Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	That God provides the perfect place for him

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Thursday, December 18
7:00 AM
IHOP - Cherry Lane

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies' Bible Class will meet
December 16

Please bring soups, sandwiches, and desserts for our holiday luncheon following our class in which we will complete the book of James.

Men's Class is not meeting.
Both Classes Resume January 6, 2026

WORDS OF THANKS

To Our Beloved Church Family,

Words cannot fully express our deep gratitude for the incredible love and support you have shown us during this difficult time following the passing of my dad.

Your prayers were a source of strength and comfort to our family. We are so thankful to our church family for the calls, messages, cards, and the support of those that traveled to attend the funeral.

We are so blessed to be a part of this church family. We have felt the love and prayers every moment.

In Christian love, The Brookshire Family,
Zach, Amy, Boyce, Abel, and Eli

WINTER QUARTER CLASSES

Sunday Morning Classes

Auditorium: Jonathan Bartee: Apologetics For The Faithful Christian

Young Adult Class: Education Building: Riley Bowie: Habits of the Household
Books may be purchased in the office for \$7

Wednesday Night Class

Auditorium: Jay Garner: Philippians



THAI - LAO FELLOWSHIP

The Elders have agreed to combine the Thai - Lao Fellowship and our Fellowship effective December 7, 2025. As they come under the direction of our eldership, we welcome our brothers and sisters with great joy. Details are still being worked out, but Gary and Les will be preaching once a month during their worship with an interpreter. Our worship meetings will continue as always. We look forward to this new endeavor.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

THAI - LAO FELLOWSHIP INVITES
EVERYONE
DECEMBER 21
Sunday 10 AM - 12 PM

We warmly invite everyone to join us for a joyful Christmas celebration with a fun \$20 gift exchange, games, a shared meal, and a time of worshipping God together in a joyful and festive atmosphere. We will follow our regular worship schedule which will include a special a cappella choir presentation. After the worship service, we will share a fellowship meal together followed by a gift exchange.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

HELP NEEDED!

We are providing a Christmas Luncheon for Leonard Leadership Academy Staff and Employees

on

Monday, December 15

You may assist us with the preparation of

Chili

Soup

Shredded Cheese

Sour Cream

You may bring your items to the building next

Sunday, December 14 or to the building

Monday morning by 10:00 AM. Thank you

so much!

Isaiah 40:3-5

A voice of one calling : "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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