



Blessed Assurance

Have you ever questioned deep down inside whether or not you will go to heaven? Sometimes, we let our doubts and fears overcome what we know. Why do we permit that to happen? The scriptures teach that **"God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power" (2 Timothy 1.7)**. Paul makes it clear that if one has "a spirit of fear," it did not come from the Lord. R.C.H. Lenski suggested that this "power" is not mere courage or bravery in danger; rather it implies "power to work on, to hold out, to endure all things." When we cling to the truth and do the Father's will, He gives us power to stay close to Him. Do you remember Paul saying, **"I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me" (2 Timothy 1.12)**. Paul rest assured God would keep him in His love. The apostle John said, **"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5.13)**. We can be confident of our salvation and that God will give us eternal life! If we will love God and keep His commandments (John 14.15), then we can be sure that **"neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8.38, 39)**. Heaven awaits! Praise God!

Gary

What Am I Doing With My Gift?

2 Timothy 1.1-5

1. Do you have a special gift given unto you by God?
2. How are you using your gift?
3. What did Paul want Timothy to do with his gift?

Paul Reminded Timothy To...

I. _____ Into _____ The Gift Of God (2 Timothy 1,6, 7).

- A. What _____ had Timothy been given?
- B. Paul told Timothy to _____ it and _____ it.
 1. Who would try to extinguish it?
 2. God strengthens us by giving us a spirit of _____ and _____ and _____.
- C. Do I need to "fan into flame" the gift God has given me?

II. Not Be _____ Of The _____ (2 Timothy 1.8-12).

- A. Timothy was not to be ashamed, but ready to do what?
- B. What is the _____ (2 Timothy 1.9, 10)?
 1. God _____ us and _____ us through the gospel.
 2. Jesus abolished _____ and brought _____ and _____ to light through the gospel.
- C. Am I ever ashamed of the gospel?

III. Follow The Pattern Of _____ (2 Timothy 1.13).

- A. A pattern does not allow for _____.
- B. Timothy was to do this through _____ and _____.
 1. How we speak is important as what we speak.
 2. We must speak the _____ in _____ (Ephesians 4.15).

IV. _____ The _____ Of The Gospel (2 Timothy 1.14).

- A. Timothy did not have to do it on his own.
 1. Who would give Timothy the _____ and _____ needed?
 2. Does the _____ dwell within me (Acts 2.38; I Corinthians 6.19, 20)?
- B. Paul gave Timothy two examples.
- C. Am I trying to do everything _____?

Conclusion: Are you using your gift for God today?

CONNECTION

C As part of our effort to reconnect as a church family after so much isolation following the pandemic, we are going to feature our church family members in stories to help us reconnect and get to know each other better.

R Hello church family! This week I would like to share Johnie & Nancy Wright with you. Nancy and Johnie have been members at Western Hills for over 10 years, coming to us from the West Berry congregation when it closed. They will have been married for 58 years this July since meeting at an apartment complex party where they both lived in Dallas. Nancy said she met him, liked him and "got him!" They have one beloved daughter Darla and four "perfect" grandchildren.

Johnie worked at Lockheed and it's predecessors for 35 years while Nancy devoted herself to Darla, whom they were blessed to adopt at only 2 days old. When they moved to Fort Worth, they began attending The West Berry congregation with Johnie's sister. It is here that Johnie and Nancy were baptized in 1966. While Nancy has been hampered in recent years with some health issues, she brags on Johnie for being with our church family "every time the doors are open."

After his retirement, up until the pandemic, they frequently wintered in Mission, Texas. But even when they were away from us on these trips, they made a point of meeting with the church in McAllen, Texas. They are with us in spirit, even when away or prevented from attending because of health issues.

If you call or visit this delightful family, ask Nancy about a couple of things— How Sharon Pippin's son grew to have a crush on Nancy or exactly what all Johnie does for her around the house — at this writing, he was out mowing the grass and doing the dishes. Nancy, do you rent him out?!!!
Les Keele



Our sympathy is extended to Minnie Collins and Shirley Bennet in the loss of their sister, Joanne Griffin, after a long illness. She passed Tuesday evening around 8:00 PM. A private, family only, graveside service will be held Monday afternoon.

We also extend our sympathy to Randy, Dee Dee, and Sarah McCoy in the passing of Randy's mother, Alva. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

GRIEF RECOVERY CLASS: Began Wednesday, April 20 and will run for 6 weeks. The class will begin at **6:30 PM**. Please see Les or Deatra Keele for further information.



We will be providing refreshments for the Mother/Son Banquet on Friday, May 6, at the Western Hills Primary School. See Frankie Smith if you wish to help with cookies, vegetable tray, drinks, etc.



Reading for Sunday, May 1: Pages 255-265 in the Life of Christ Commentary in preparation for Lessons 31 and 32.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Grief Recovery - 6:30 PM in Room 107, Wednesday
Ladies' and Men's Class: Tuesday Mornings, 10:00 AM
Small Groups

SHEPHERDS

Greg Ball 214-801-7375
 Russ Bartee 817-938-5825
 Jay Crook 817-991-3162
 Dan Kille 817-793-7493
 Chuck Meyer 817-448-0060
 *Tom Pauley 817-370-5515
 Ross Tomlinson 682-429-1983
 John Walton 817-441-0000

**Shepherd of the Month*

MINISTERS

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 Les Keele: 817-808-0566
Associate Minister
 James Bowie: 817-944-4492
Youth Minister
 John Boudtaroth: 817-891-2132
Laotian Minister
 Ken Intharansy: 817-501-6838
Laotian Minister

DEACONS

Jon Bartee: 817-889-2686
 James Bowie: 817-944-4492
 Brandon Duncan: 903-603-1059
 Jay Garner: 817-205-2070
 Doug Lowrey: 817-249-0238
 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 - Les Keele

Song Leader - Matt Sloan

Song - Here I Am To Worship

Song - Remind Me, Dear Lord

Prayer - Robert Bow

Scripture - II Timothy 1:1-5

Song - Thomas' Song

Communion - Arthur Torrez

Dismiss children 3 years - Kindergarten to Children's Bible Time

Song - The Battle Belongs To The Lord

What Am I Doing With My Gift? - Gary Williams

Song - Only A Step

Prayer for the Contribution - Arthur Torrez

Song - Mighty To Save

Announcements - Tom Pauley

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Tom Pauley

CONTRIBUTION: *No collection plates will be passed during worship service today. Instead we ask that you drop your contribution in one of the white boxes as you enter /exit the auditorium. You may also give online or mail your contributions to the building.*

CHILDREN'S BIBLE TIME: We offer a children's class on Sunday mornings during the sermon for kids ages 3 years through Kindergarten. The song leader will dismiss the children at the appropriate time to be escorted to the Bible Time room in the east hallway. **We also have an attended nursery during the entire service for those 2 years & under.**

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, April 25

I Chronicles 10-12

Tuesday, April 26

I Chronicles 13-15

Wednesday, April 27

I Chronicles 16-18

Thursday, April 28

I Chronicles 19-21

Friday, April 29

I Chronicles 22-25

Saturday, April 30

I Chronicles 26-29

Sunday, May 1

II Chronicles 1-3

LAST WEEK

Bible Class:	99	Wednesday:	86
AM Worship:	203	Contribution:	\$ 8,784.44
PM Worship:	102	Budget:	\$ 14,193.04

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members

April 24, 2022

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Jennifer Scott	Had a gardening accident on Thursday, April 21. She received medical care at the time but must see a plastic surgeon on Wednesday. 9633 Minton Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76108	Relief from pain, skill and wisdom for the doctors and surgeons, successful recovery
Randy, Dee Dee, and Sarah McCoy	The passing of Randy's mother, Alva McCoy. 3957 W. Spurgeon Street, Fort Worth, TX 76133	Comfort for the family
Nathan Bowie	Will have shoulder surgery in Little Rock on Tuesday, April 26. 915 East Market Avenue, Box 13328, Searcy, AR 72149	Skill for the surgeons, successful recovery, freedom from pain
Ethel Melendy	Her nephew, Clay Jones from Clovis, passed away Thursday, April 21, after having had pneumonia and being placed on a vent. 123 E. FM. 1187, Aledo, TX 76008	Peace, comfort, and understanding for his parents and for Ethel.
Donna Brawley	Grieving the loss of her sister and wanting to restore the relationship with her own son. 8000 Calmont Avenue, Apt. #121, Fort Worth, TX 76116	Peace and comfort
Nancy Wright	Has had another injection in her spine to relieve the pain. 8600 Vista Royale Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76108	Relief from the pain
Barbara Lowrey	Saw the doctors on Monday, April 11, to see if she will require shots for her back pain. 921 Timberline Drive, Benbrook, TX 76126	The doctors to prescribe the best treatment to ease her pain
Gary Baker	Has lost his father, his new wife, and now his mother. 5501 Dennis Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76114	Comfort and peace
Wincie Neusse	Doctors found a spot on her lungs, she had a PET Scan on Wednesday, April 6. 5537 Crosscreek Lane, #2096 Fort Worth, TX 76109	God's healing hand
Michelle Glenn	Is in constant back pain. 7516 Pear Tree Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76133	That the injections will stop her pain
Brandon & Jennifer Duncan	His new job and Jennifer's search for a new job. 9928 Farmington Drive, Benbrook, TX 76126	Job security in the coming months
MaKayla Johnston	Is home following her surgery where she will be bandaged for up to eight weeks. 108 Brock Hill Lane, Weatherford, TX 76088	Thanks to God that all has gone so well and that the healing will be quick and complete
Frankie Shelton	Is going to have a surgical procedure. 1200 Winscott Road, Unit B, Benbrook, TX 76126	Comfort and Relief
Cheryl Omer	Is in Colonial Gardens Memory Care of Fort Worth. 6939 River Park Circle, Fort Worth, TX 76116 She may have visitors at this time.	Healing, comfort, and peace for Roger and their children
Jodi & Joe Gentry	Is dealing with the day to day care and treatment of Jodi. 408 Rim Rock Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76108	For the Doctors to know how to help Jodi and Joe's strength, patience, and understanding

PRAYER REQUESTS

Family & Friends

April 24, 2022

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Gloria Wilson, friend of	Robin Stephan	Has recently lost her husband.	Comfort and ease of adjustment to living without him
Ricky, friend of	The Bows	Is a houseparent at Lubbock Children's Home, cottage 4, and is battling stage 4 colon cancer.	Strength and healing
Bubba Irvin, cousin to	Adam Powers	Is on dialysis and in need of a kidney transplant.	The transplant to happen soon
Shawn Kaba, friend of	Judy Vestal	Cancer has returned and is in stage 4.	God's hand of quick healing and comfort
Nephew of	Sharon Pippin	His wife is from Ukraine and her father preachers in Kieve, Ukraine.	Safety and peace for all in the country, especially the household of faith
Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine	Ladies' Bible class	The war is making people flee to other areas and other countries.	Protect and guide our Brothers and Sisters in Christ
Eldon McCoy, father of	Randy McCoy	Alva, his wife, passed away.	Peace and comfort for the family

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1	Arthur Torrez	21	Patsy Wiley
2	Tiam Bounmany	23	John Boudtaroth
2	Brenda Rodman	23	Sandy Edmonds
2	Gail Wilmington	23	Alice Guerrera
3	Kitti Davis		
3	Pat McGuyer		
5	Diann Clark		
5	Geoff Rodman		
7	Teddy Nantharath		
10	Becca Crook		
11	Lee Grantham	4	Brady Meyer
12	Dan Kille	10	Harper Dekoker
12	Peggy Menzdorf	15	Jaden Clay
13	Brittany Swan	24	Ellie Sloan
14	Dahlia Cade	31	Kathryn Bartee
21	Curtis Fisher		
21	Sherry King		
21	Judy Vestal		

Children

The Sermon on the Mount, Part 9

Where is Your Heart?

Looking into the Face of Jesus

The Life of Christ, 1

Pages 243, 244

Lesson Plan 29

1. Where did Jesus challenge His disciples to store up their treasures?
2. What did Paul say concerning storing up treasures in 1 Timothy 1:18, 19?
3. How did people often hide their treasures in Jesus' day?
4. What did Jesus emphasize concerning earthly treasures?
5. What did Jesus emphasize concerning heavenly treasures?
6. Was Jesus forbidding making provisions for the future?
7. Did Jesus condemn the amassing of possessions as an end within itself?
8. What did Jesus say about the importance of priorities?

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The Sermon on the Mount, Part 10

Do Not Worry

Looking into the Face of Jesus The Life of Christ, 1

Pages 245-246

Individual Study Guide

Lesson Plan 30

1. What causes people to worry?
2. Where should our affections be focused?
3. What is the key to overcoming worry?
4. What does it mean to "seek first His kingdom and His righteousness"?
5. What is the importance of faith when dealing with anxiety?
6. What is the importance of understanding that God knows and He cares?
7. Was Jesus' teaching against having concern for the future?
8. What is the difference between legitimate concern and mindless fretting?
9. What does Proverbs 30:25 teach?
10. Why is the principle of stewardship important in helping us prepare for tomorrow?