



Welcome!

The Joy of the Lord

We often sing a song that begins *"The joy of the Lord will be my strength; I will not falter, I will not faint. He is my Shepherd; I am not afraid; the joy of the Lord is my strength."* It is a beautiful song; but did you know that the joy of the Lord is mentioned in scripture? Jesus told a parable about a master who gave three of his servants talents. To one servant he gave five talents, to another two, and the other, one. After being a way for a long time, the master returned and called his servants to give an account of how they had used the talents he had entrusted to them. The one with five made five more, as a result, the master said, ***"Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of the Lord"*** (Matthew 25.21, 23). The master said the exact same thing to the man with two talents who had made two more. The man with the one talent did not put it to use but hid it in the ground and then returned it with no profit. The master cast the worthless servant into outer darkness (Matthew 25.30). What is ***"the joy of the Lord"*** the master extended to the faithful servants? The Greek word literally means "joy," "cheerfulness, i.e., calm delight," or "gladness." The word was particularly applied to a time of feasting. So, the master was saying, "Enter into the joy I have prepared for you," as if he had prepared a great feast. Most believe the application is to the feast when Jesus returns, or the rewards He has prepared for His faithful servants. Albert Barnes stated, "The parable teaches that those who use and improve their talents shall, at the return of Christ, be promoted to great honors in heaven and be partakers of the joy of the Lord in the world of glory." God expects us to use the talents He has given us in service to Him. Are you using your's? Or have you hidden it in the ground? Will you experience the joy of the Lord at His return? Think about it!

Gary

How To Receive The Blessings Of The Lord

Deuteronomy 28.1-2

- 1) Have you ever considered yourself truly blessed?
- 2) Do we tend to notice what we don't have instead of what we do?
- 3) Are true blessings a result of our relationship with God?

I) How Did The _____ Of _____ Receive The Blessings Of Lord?

- A) God promised Abraham he would be _____ (Genesis 12.1-3).
- B) Do you remember God telling Moses to give instructions to Aaron and his sons about blessing the people of Israel (Numbers 6.24-26)?
- C) What did the people have to do to receive God's blessings?
 - 1) The children of Israel had to faithfully _____ the voice of the Lord and _____ all the commandments He had given them (Deuteronomy 28.1).
 - (a) Under the Hebrew economy, God blessed His people _____.
 - (b) Solomon said, "*A faithful man will _____ in _____*" (Proverbs 28.20).
 - 2) If they disobeyed God, they would be _____ (Deuteronomy 27.15-26).

II) How Do _____ God's Blessings Today?

- A) The apostle Paul tells us that today, all spiritual blessings are in _____ (Ephesians 1.3).
 - 1) The word "_____" is used eleven times in verses one through fifteen.
 - 2) Under the New Law, we are guaranteed _____ blessings, not _____.
- B) What are the spiritual blessings we receive?
 - 1) _____ (Ephesians 1.7)—
 - 2) _____ (Ephesians 1.7)—
 - 3) _____ (Ephesians 1.11)—
 - 4) _____ (Ephesians 2.16)—
 - 5) _____ to _____ (Ephesians 2.18).
- C) What do we _____ to _____ to receive God's blessings?
 - 1) We must be _____ into Christ (Galatians 3.26, 27; I Peter 3.20, 21).
 - 2) We must walk _____ before God (Ephesians 4.1).
- D) How's your life today?

Conclusion: Do you need to be blessed in the Lord today?

CONNECTION

Gooooooooood Morning Western Hills!



We are so glad to feature Betsy Strother this week in our connection corner.

Betsy has been part of our WH family for approximately 41 years. She moved to Ft. Worth with her family from Waco when she was 2 years old. Even back then Betsy loved to sing. Her mother liked to tell people she "came out of the wrapper singing". Her mother had an old stereo record player that Betsy liked to play opera records and "sing" in Italian even though she didn't know the words, much less what they meant. Later, her mom bought her a record player and records of her own and she has been singing ever since. I think she must have invented Karaoke! Singing has been such a huge part of her life, having sung with the original WH congregation chorus "Joyful Noise", the WH congregation talent shows, leading singing for ladies Bible class, and the Southside Community Chorus for many years.

Betsy graduated from Paschal High School and went on to college at ACU and UTA for her BS degree in Spanish, and obtained her masters in Spanish from UTA. She taught Jr. High Spanish for a few years before moving on to WH High School where she met a history and economics teacher named Tom that was an "institution" at Western Hills. Their first date didn't go so well as "we were both back at our homes in time to watch Harold Taft & the weather on the 10pm news!" But the relationship blossomed and 6 months later they married. A few years later, Betsy moved on to teach Spanish at Azle Jr. High for 12 years until her retirement, and Tom continued teaching at WH High School until his retirement. They enjoyed their retirement together and were active WH members until his passing a few years ago.

Betsy continues to serve this family by helping with the ladies bible class, audio/visual production, the pillow ministry and more. Try to get to know Betsy (and her two pups) and you will be blessed!



Les Keele



Volunteers are needed to work with the Tarrant County Jail Ministry to teach a bible class, one per week. Please See Amanda Garner 817-201-1879. There is a waiting list to attend the Bible Classes!

The Children's Home of Lubbock request 9 volt batteries: Eric Dickey will be by to pick them up on September 22.



Pillow Ministry will meet next Tuesday 9/20 after Ladies' Bible Class. There is something to do for everyone. Bring a sack lunch and stay to enjoy fellowship and services with one another.

The Crooks are needing help loading their moving van on Sep 22. If you are able please plan to be there at 9:00 am. Their address is 1400 La Sierra Rd. Edgecliff Village 76134.



Ladies, if you would like to share prayer time and gain strength by coming together with your Western Hills' sisters, Come to the Library, on Wednesday nights at 6:40.

Wincie Neusse's new address is 3425 Riveroad Ct. Apt. 2318 Fort Worth, Texas 76116. Phone 682-268-8893. Please update your directory.

Youth group activities:

Location : TBA
October 2nd-Dinner and Devo



Glenn Baird is needing help with the food Bank and distribution on Thursdays from 3pm- 6pm. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



SHEPHERDS

Greg Ball 214-801-7375
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 *Dan Kille 817-793-7493
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 John Walton 817-441-0000
 *Shepherd of the month

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 Matt Sloan: 405-471-3404
 Steve Taylor: 817-291-2065
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Food Bank : August

185 – Families Served
 \$829.92 – Cost to WHCOC
 9353 lbs – Estimated Weight of Food

MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Alex Bartee

Song Leader - Randy McCoy

Song - Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Song - Be With Me, Lord (Medley)/A Shield About Me

Prayer - Joe Gentry

Scripture - Deuteronomy 28.1-2

Song - We Saw Thee Not

Lord's Supper - Jay Crook

Prayer for Contribution- Jay Crook

Song - Wonderful Words Of Life

How To Receive The Blessings Of The Lord - Gary Williams

Song - Is Thy Heart Right With God?

Song - How Sweet, How Heavenly

Announcements - Dan Kille

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Dan Kille

Sunday, September 25: Life of Christ Commentary Vol. 2, Lessons 71 and 72 please read pages 102-118



After Services: There will be a Texas Pot Luck in the Fellowship Hall, in honor of the Crook Family.

Donate by QR Code?
 Here is ours:
 Thank You!



Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years. There is also a cry room available if needed.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, September 19

Ezekiel 20 - 22

Tuesday, September 20

Ezekiel 23 - 25

Wednesday, September 21

Ezekiel 26 - 28

Thursday, September 22

Ezekiel 29 - 31

Friday, September 23

Ezekiel 32 - 34

Saturday, September 24

Ezekiel 35 - 37

Sunday, September 25

Ezekiel 38 - 40

Last Week

Bible Class:	133	Wednesday:	102
AM Worship:	192	Contribution:	\$ 13,417.09
PM Worship:	55	Budget:	\$ 11,427.09

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

September 18, 2022

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Nancy Wright	She is having a back procedure on Oct 4, at Baylor Surgical Center.	Guide the Doctors and quick healing
Sandra Wade's Family	Her nephew Jon Williams past away. The funeral will be Sept 20th at Laurel Oaks in Mesquite @ 10am 1121 Oak Glen Cir. Fort Worth Tx 76114	Prayers for the family over their loss
Marie Perez	She is having trouble with her daily faith. She also asked for prayers for her husband and daughter. 3617 Townsend Dr. Fort Worth Tx 76110	Strengthen faith
Betty Baumann's family	Morene Popchoke, Betty Baumann's sister, passed away (9/13) If you want to send cards Please send to Debbie Green 920 W. Bridge St Granbury Tx 76048	The family over their loss
Ross Tomlinson (9/13/2022)	He had his appendix removed and a hernia fixed. He still has a bad infection. 8340 Mallard Ct. Fort Worth Tx 76108	Quick Healing
Patricia Emerson 08/28/2022	Has begun chemotherapy for triple negative breast cancer. 6536 Woodale, Wautauga, Texas 76148	Strength, healing, peace
Ken Intharansy 08/31/2022	Has COVID. 7309 Gillis Johnson Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	Speedy recovery
René Johnston 08/22/2022	Had surgery on September 1 to repair tears. 108 Brock Hill Lane, Weatherford, Texas 76088	Quick healing
Kathryn Sloan 08/18/2022	Has lupus and it has been flaring up and causing issues. 4209 Hollow Creek Ct. Aledo, Tx 76008	Health to improve
Stefani Sanchez 08/07/2022	Has been diagnosed with a brain aneurysm. 5525 Crosscreek Lane, Apartment 2110, Benbrook, Texas 76109	Guidance for the doctors and successful treatment
Polly McCarty	Is in Watermark @ Broadway Cityview room 1204 until September 14. Then she will be moving to an assisted living. 917 Willow Way Benbrook Tx 76126	Please pray for healing and for Nancy Moody and her decisions
Joe & Jodi Gentry	Jodi is dealing with emotional issues at this time. Please pray for Joe and Jodi. 408 Rim Rock Dr. Fort Worth, TX 76108	Wisdom for the doctors knowing how to help Jodi, strength and patience for Joe
Barbara Lowrey 07/21/2022	Severe back pain and is going to see surgeon soon. 921 Timberline Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing and relief from pain
Cheryl Omer	Is in Colonial Gardens Memory Care of Fort Worth. 6939 River Park Circle, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Healing, comfort, and peace for Roger and their children

PRAYER REQUESTS
Family & Friends
September 18, 2022

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Cherrie Bradberry Niece in-law to	Judy Birmingham	She is losing iron and needs transfusions	Healing
Cindy Fox Cousin of	Pat Molder	She has breast cancer and after surgery it metastasized to other parts of her body.	Healing
Jenna Adkins, daughter of Kendra Adkins	Amy Bartee	Jenna is 28 weeks pregnant and her water broke Wednesday, August 24.	Her ability to carry full term and for the baby to continue to develop <small>08/26/2022</small>
Jane Wilson, mother of	Mindy Markum	She fell and is going home to complete her Rehab.	Quick healing <small>08/22/2022</small>
Pat Davis, son-in-law of	Kathryn Sloan	Has an inoperable grapefruit-sized cancer in his liver.	The doctors and for his peace <small>08/18/2022</small>
Marty Tomlinson, son of,	Ross Tomlinson	Is in the hospital.	Healing <small>08/17/2022</small>
Sara Blackstock, sister of	Nancy Wright	Has been diagnosed with breast cancer and having a mastectomy on Sept 22.	Guidance and healing <small>07/2022</small>

Happy September Birthdays

1 Bob Howard
2 Jennifer Duncan
4 Nancy Wright
5 Johnnie Wright
6 Michael Davis
7 Joe Garcia
8 Missy Moore
8 Thongleuane Siharath
9 Brianna Chakrathouk
10 Amber Grier
16 Isaias Torrez
16 Gracy Vazquez
17 Janelle Reynolds
18 Nathan Bowie
18 Jill Sloan
19 Sue Carpenter
19 Lee Ann Fisher
19 Sue Little Smith
20 Judy Blair
20 Peter Brown
22 Kasie Muongnmvong
22 Mackenzie Myers
23 Frankie Smith
24 Brad Reynolds

25 Debbie Rollins
25 David Wilmington
26 Mary East
26 Roy Eubanks
26 Michael Lowrey
28 Jessica Boupraseuth Mills
29 Wray Grier
29 Nancy Mulliniks
30 Robert Scott

CHILDREN

1 Lilah Bolt
15 Gavin Grier
25 Andrew Scott

Later Judean Ministry, Part 7: Repentance

Looking into the Face of Christ

The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 102-113

Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 71

1. What is the literal meaning of the word "baptism"?
2. What is the meaning of the phrase "cast fire upon the earth" in Luke 12:49?
3. What is the meaning of the word "repentance"?
4. What is the message Christ taught in the parable of the barren fig tree?
5. In what year was Jerusalem destroyed by the Romans?
6. What are the two verses in Luke 13 that are duplicated?
7. Why is repentance important and necessary?
8. Which of God's commands do many find to be the hardest to obey?
9. What are two reasons repentance is difficult?
10. What does 2 Corinthians 7:9, 10 teach about repentance?
11. What kind of sorrow "produces repentance"?
12. What does the Greek word *metanoeo* mean?
13. What is the meaning of Matthew 11:24?

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Transition to His Perea Ministry

Looking into the Face of Jesus

The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 113-118

Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 72

1. For how many years had the crippled woman suffered with a disfiguring disease?
2. What did Paul call his physical "thorn in the flesh"?
3. How many of Jesus' previous miracles had resulted in a Sabbath controversy?
4. What did the "Feast of the Dedication" commemorate for the Jews?
5. What is the "Feast of the Dedication" called today?
6. In what part of the temple was the "portico of Solomon" located?
7. What did Jewish tradition say concerning the wall of Solomon's porch?
8. What was Daniel's term for the Messiah?
9. The Jewish leaders falsely accused Jesus of what sin?
10. What is John 10:28, 29 sometimes used to try to prove?
11. What is the meaning of the phrase "and the Scripture cannot be broken" in John 10:35?