



A Fresh Start

Have you ever wished you could go back in time and undo certain bad choices you made in life? Often, we might wonder how different life would be if we had chosen more wisely. If you are in a bad marriage, you may constantly look back and wished you had married someone else. Or maybe if you had never smoked the first joint that led you to a life of drugs. Others think, *“If I had just known better.”* Do you think the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4), ever imagined having five husbands then ending up shacking up with another man? Do you think each time the woman married that she thought, *“Finally, someone who will love me!”*? Isn’t it amazing what people will do and endure while searching for someone just to love them? Many people’s lives have turned out totally different than they anticipated. By this point in her life, the Samaritan woman probably thought life was hopeless—until she met Jesus. When she learned that Jesus was the promised Messiah, she returned to her village proclaiming the good news. Many people of that village were led to believe in Him because of the change they saw in her. She was given a fresh start in life because of her coming to believe in Christ. Do you need a fresh start? Today is the first day of a new year. Many people will be making New Year resolutions of things they hope to achieve or change in the coming year. Have you considered making a resolution to grow closer to Jesus this year? You can receive a fresh start in life. You can know what it feels like to ***“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice” (Philippians 4.4).*** Life “in Christ” is like no other. It will bring hope and joy where there was despair and gloom. Being “in Christ” will even save your soul. Do you need a fresh start with Jesus today?

Gary

Starting Over

Psalm 28.7

1. Have you ever wished you could start your life over?
2. I have often wanted to turn back the hands of time to when all our children were little but knowing what I know now!
3. What if you could change the regretted choices you made when you were younger?
4. Many people make "New Year Resolutions" hoping to change things in their lives with which they are not pleased.

The New Year Brings Opportunities To...

I. _____ Our Lives.

- A. What brings about _____?
 1. Doesn't it begin in the mind?
 2. How do I change my thinking (Romans 12.2; Philippians 4.8; Colossians 3.2)?
- B. What is the purpose of _____?
 1. Why were we _____ (Isaiah 43.7, 21)?
 2. Our focus should be on our _____.
- C. Do you need to renew your _____ (Jonah 2.1, 7; Proverbs 5.1, 2; Psalm 119.6)?

II. _____ To God.

- A. Having a relationship with God takes _____ on my part (James 4.8; 2 Chronicles 15.2).
- B. _____ is near (Psalm 145.18; Psalm 73.28; 2 Corinthians 1.3, 4).
- C. Being close to God brings _____ and _____ (Romans 15.13; Romans 14.17; Psalm 37.4; Isaiah 26.3).

III. _____ About Jesus.

- A. Why is it so important to tell other people about Jesus (Romans 1.16; Mark 16.16; John 3.36)?
- B. Are there biblical examples of people telling others?
 1. Peter and John (Acts 2; Acts 3.5).
 2. The apostle Paul's missionary journeys (Acts).
 3. The Samaritan woman at the well (John 4).
- C. _____ can I tell?

IV. Focus On The _____.

- A. I should not dwell on the _____ (Philippians 3.13, 14).
- B. Do not let the _____ of current situations cause you to lose focus.
- C. I must _____ in _____ (Romans 8.32; Luke 12.32-34; Isaiah 12.2).

Conclusion: Do you need to "start over" with God today?

Having a True "Happy New Year"

How many times in the last few days have you heard these words, "Happy New Year"? Probably far more than you can remember. These words may have various meanings depending on one's background and their own personal values. Have you ever considered the spiritual aspects and implications of this phrase?

Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount can so easily help us to see that the Bible speaks of happiness, not just at the beginning of a year, but about true happiness every day of the new year. Jesus began His first recorded discourse with the Beatitudes. The word "beatitudes" is a Latin word for being blessed. In His sermon, Jesus used the word "blessed" nine times. The Greek word found here is far different from the way we usually define the word. When the angel announced to Mary that she was to bear the Son of God, he said, "Blessed are you among women" (Luke 1:28). The windows of heaven had been opened and the favor of God had been poured on upon the virgin. The Greek word the angel used is not the one found in the Beatitudes.

Defining the word blessed in the Beatitudes. The word blessed in Matthew 5:3-11 indicates happiness and joy. Jesus defined the source of true happiness in this first sermon.

Who is the one who is blessed (happy)? What avenue should we follow to have true happiness from heaven?

- Have a humble spirit (poor in spirit), not filled with pride
 - Learning how to deal with grief (those who mourn)
 - Putting others before self (those who are meek)
- Longing to be righteous (hungering and thirsting for it)
 - Have a forgiving spirit (those who are merciful)
 - Purity of life and soul (pure in heart)
 - Sowing peace (being a peacemaker)
 - Suffering for doing right (persecuted)
 - Reviled (all kinds of evil falsely said about you)

Look at His conclusion. "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad." Now that's real happiness!

What is the motivation for seeking this kind of a happy new year? Look at the verses again and pay attention to what awaits us: being part of His kingdom here and in heaven (v. 3); being comforted by heaven (v. 4); possessing the earth in a way the ungodly will never understand (v. 5); filled with His righteousness (v. 6); receiving abundance of mercy (v. 7); seeing God (v. 8); being called God's child (v. 9); receiving His kingdom (v. 10); being associated with the prophets and having a great reward in heaven (v. 12). **Happy New Year!**

Dan Jenkins

Wednesday night Adult Classes:

Book of Ruth with video series - Les Keele (Fellowship hall) Room 104

Reaching Those Wondering What To Believe- Roger Omer (Fellowship Hall) Room 106

This class is intended to help focus on reaching unbelievers with the truths about God. As part of the class, you will be introduced to Mathetis, a social media tool developed by World Bible School, designed to assist individuals in making connections with unbelievers. The class will answer questions that unbelievers are likely to ask as they search. Come join in learning new methods for reaching others for Jesus.

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Roger Omer

Song Leader - Jonathan Bartee

Song - I'll Fly Away

Song - When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Song - When We All Get To Heaven

Prayer - Robert Bow

Scripture - Psalm 27:8

Song - Blessed Assurance

Song - My God And I

Lord's Supper - Chuck Meyer

Prayer for Contribution - Chuck Meyer

Children's Bible Time Dismissal

Song - Higher Ground

Starting Over - Gary Williams

Song - Hark! The Gentle Voice Of Jesus

Announcements - John Walton

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - John Walton

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.

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Sunday, January 8: Life of Christ Commentary Vol. 2, Lessons 99 - 100 Pages 343 - 361.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, January 2

Genesis 4 - 6

Tuesday, January 3

Genesis 7 -9

Wednesday, January 4

Genesis 10 - 12

Thursday, January 5

Genesis 13 - 15

Friday, January 6

Genesis 16 - 18

Saturday, January 7

Genesis 19 - 21

Sunday, January 8

Genesis 22 - 24

Last Week

Bible Class:	Wednesday:	86
AM Worship: 170	Contribution:	\$ 22,375.82
PM Worship:	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

January 1, 2023

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Bridgett Yawn 12/18/2022	Has walking pneumonia in addition to her cirrhosis of the liver. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Healing
Roger Omer and Family 01/01/2023	Cheryl passed away on Friday, December 30. Roger Omer, 3925 Snow Creek Drive, Aledo, Texas 76008: James and Leah Bowie and Family, 9809 Stoney Bridge Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Comfort for the family
Deborah Rollins and Family 01/01/2023	Her sister, Jackie Boyd, passed away on December 29. 5801 Waits Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76133	Comfort for the family
Jay Garner 12/14/2022	His mother and step father passed away December 14. 122 Silver Ridge Lane, Aledo, Texas 76008	Comfort for the family
Dwight Blair 12/14/2022	Had surgery on his wrist December 12. 121 Lilac Lane, Azle, Texas 76020	Healing
Aubrey Hallum	Had a biopsy December 1 and is waiting for results. 3235 Rosemeade Dr. #1913 Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Healing
Polly McCarty	Has been moved to Brookdale Tanglewood Oaks and is in room 27. She is unable to walk. 917 Willow Way, Benbrook, TX 76126	Quick healing
Wincie Neusse	Had news from the oncologist that they have located the cancer blocking her lungs and they plan to treat it soon. 3425 Riveroad Court, Apt. #2318, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Healing
Mignon Bandy	Is now at home but may not be ready for visitors. 3255 Rosemeade Drive, #2310, Fort Worth, Texas 76116-0984	For continued recovery and prayers of thankfulness
Brandon Duncan	Had knee surgery on December 29. 9928 Farmington Road, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Successful surgery and no problems from the anesthesia
Joe & Jodi Gentry	Jodi is dealing with emotional issues at this time. Please pray for Joe and Jodi. 408 Rim Rock Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	That doctors can help her
Charlie Beagle 12/01/2022	Is in Benbrook Nursing Home Memory Care, Room 112 A. 1000 McKinley Street, Benbrook, TX 76126	Better health and days

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PRAYER REQUESTS
Family & Friends
January 1, 2023

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Dave, son of	Marge Sager	Broke his ankle.	For the surgery to go well and for the healing to proceed <small>12/14/2022</small>
Pam, cousin of	Les Keele	Is in need of a kidney transplant.	For a donor and to be moved up on the transplant list <small>12/18/2022</small>
Jackson, great-grandson of	Pam Terrell	It has been determined that he has asthma.	Strength and healing <small>12/18/2022</small>
Jerry Phillips	Linda Tong	Had surgery Tuesday, December 6, to remove a cancerous kidney.	Healing <small>12/06/2022</small>
Pam French, cousin to Beverly, who is a long-time friend of	Linda Tong	Suffered extensive burns to her face, head, and vocal chords when her house exploded and burned.	Care and healing for all the family involved <small>12/06/2022</small>
Belinda Scholl	Roger Omer	Is on his Meals on Wheels route and she has cancer.	Healing <small>12/06/2022</small>
Jan Hewlett, long-time friend of	Judy Birmingham	Taken to the emergency room on December 5th with breathing difficulties.	Diagnosis and treatment <small>12/06/2022</small>
Sara Blackstock, sister of	Nancy Wright	Started chemotherapy November 8, and is having a hard time with it.	Quick healing

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Sunday Morning Adult Classes:

Life of Christ Gary Williams (Auditorium)

Life of Christ Robert Scott (Young Families/Young Adults) Ed Bldg. 207

Laotian Bible Class John Boudtaroth Room 112

These will resume on January 8, 2023

Our Connect Groups resume on January 8, 2023. If you haven't signed up for one, please find a group and join. You may contact the office for additional information.



Our Amanda Garner is in need of 1 or 2 Christians to care for her grandparents on a 24/7 schedule. If you, or someone you know, are interested in this opportunity, please call Amanda at 817-201-1879.

FOOD BANK STATS FOR NOVEMBER, 2022

159 – Families Served

\$770.98 – Cost to WHCOC

6,851 pounds – Estimated Weight of Food



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Holiday Worship and Office Schedules

The office will be closed on January 2, 2023.

There will be NO SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES OR EVENING SERVICES on January 1, 2023.

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes will be held as usual.

Our sympathy is extended to two dear families here at Western Hills. First to Deborah Rollins, Jennifer, Robert, Liam, Lily, and Andrew in the passing of her sister, Jackie Boyd, on Thursday, December 29.



And to Roger Omer, Leah, James, Riley, Cassie, Arthur, Daniel, and Nathan in the passing of Cheryl on Friday, December 30. Arrangements for both are incomplete at this time but we will notify the congregation when they are made.

Announcements are continued on the back page.

The Final Week (Tuesday):
The End of the Age and the Second Coming, Part 2
Looking into the Face of Jesus
The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 343-358
Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 99

1. When did the Roman armies begin to surround the city of Jerusalem?
2. What event is prophesized in Daniel 9?
3. In what year was Jerusalem destroyed?
4. What was the term "abomination" usually applied to in the Old Testament?
5. Did the early Christians understand Jesus' message concerning the destruction of Jerusalem?
6. Were the early Christians able to escape from the destruction of Jerusalem?
7. Who was Eusebius, and when did he live?
8. For how many years was Jerusalem under siege?
9. Who succeeded in capturing Jerusalem?
10. How many people perished during the siege of Jerusalem?
11. How many people were taken captive during the siege?
12. Were any Jews left alive in the city?
13. What occupies the site of the Jewish temple today?
14. What ended the Jewish nation's relationship with God?
15. To what did the "sun, moon, and stars" symbolism refer?
16. What does the Greek word angelos mean?
17. What is the meaning of the phrase "the abomination of desolation" in Matthew 24:15?
18. What does the Greek word genea mean?
19. What did Jesus say concerning "the sign" of His second coming?
20. Will there be an advanced warning for Jesus' second coming?

The Final Week (Tuesday):
Make Sure You Are Ready When Jesus Comes
Looking into the Face of Jesus
The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 358-361
Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 100

1. What message is taught in Matthew 24:42–51?
2. To what did Jesus compare His coming?
3. Can Jesus' second coming be predicted by looking at "the signs of the time"?
4. Being a young, unmarried Jewish woman was basically synonymous with what?
5. What kind of lamps were in common use during the time of Jesus?
6. How is the word "know" used in Matthew 25:12?
7. Why did the five "wise" maidens not share their oil with the others?

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The Final Week (Tuesday):

Working When Jesus Comes Looking into the Face of Jesus

The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 361-373

Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 101

1. The Parable of the Talents makes it clear that we must do what while we wait for Christ's return?
2. According to the most common understanding of a talent, how much was a talent worth?
3. To receive maximum impact from the Parable of the Talents, how must we see ourselves?
4. How did the master determine how much to give each servant?
5. How was the response of the five-talent and two-talent men to the master different from the response of the one-talent man?
6. How was the rabbi's "parable of the talents" different from Jesus' parable?
7. How was the response of the master to the five-talent and two-talent men different from his response to the one-talent man?

The Final Week (Tuesday/Wednesday): T

The Calm Before the Storm

Looking into the Face of Jesus The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 373-384

Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 102

1. What will happen immediately after Jesus returns?
2. How many judgments does the Bible say there will be?
3. In the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, why do the sheep inherit the kingdom?
4. In the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, why do the goats inherit "eternal fire"?
5. What determines whether a person is a sheep or a goat?
6. Why is it important that the same Greek word *aionios* is used to describe both the "punishment" and the "life" in Matthew 25:46?
7. Why did the Sanhedrin not want to arrest Jesus in public?
8. Why could the Sanhedrin not arrest Jesus in private?
9. How were the Sanhedrin's problems resolved?
10. How much did the Sanhedrin pay Judas?
11. According to Luke 22:3, what was the basic reason for Judas' betraying Jesus?

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January

Happy Birthday!

2 Niam Chansombath
5 Susie Muongnamvong
5 Robin Stephan
7 Louise Beagle
7 Brandon Duncan
11 Evelyn Woolsey
12 Beverly Ponder
14 Charlie Beagle
16 Jonathan Bartee
17 Bridgette Yawn
21 Jenny Marshall
21 Julie Meyer
25 Mary Helen Bowie
26 Fern Martin
27 Karen McIntyre
29 Ellen Bartee
29 Gary Williams

Children

7 Chyler Reynolds
13 Jonathan Price
16 Terrance Marshall
18 Harlo DeKoker
19 Talan Njo