

## Do I Know I Need God? (2)

As we continue our study on realizing how much we need God, the scriptures teach that God provides faithful Christians with strength and confidence. The apostle Paul was confident that regardless of his situation in life, that through Christ he would have the strength to overcome all (Philippians 4.13). When God called Joshua to believe in Him after the death of Moses, He told Joshua to ***“be strong and courageous”*** for He would neither fail him nor forsake him (Joshua 1.6-9). God told Joshua not to be afraid but to be strong and take great confidence in His presence. In the life of David, numerous times in the psalms he credited God as his strength and comfort (Psalm 23; 18.1, 2; 27.1). We face all kinds of trials, temptations, and challenges in our lives today. And we serve the exact same God as David, Joshua, and Paul. Do we see God as our strength and comfort? With God all our difficulties can be endured and possibly totally overcome. Do you see how much you truly need God?

Did you know that some people in the Old Testament were referred to as *“friends”* of God? ***“Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend” (Exodus 33.11)***. In James 2.23, one reads, ***“And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness’—and he was called a friend of God.”*** Can you imagine being called *“a friend of God?”* Consider, have you ever felt totally alone and as if you didn’t have a friend in the world? The emotional pain and agony one may suffer in stressful times is tremendously enhanced when one feels no one truly cares about him. But if one will believe in God and is true to Him, God promises He will never leave him nor forsake him (Hebrews 13.5). God is a friend to all who will sincerely and obediently follow Him. Are you faithfully following God, and do you have Him as a friend?

I need God because He gives me hope of eternally living in His presence in heaven above. When the apostle John received the Revelation while on the isle of Patmos, he recounted seeing heaven. In seeing the new Jerusalem coming down from God, he said, ***“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God” (Revelation 21.3)***. Can you imagine yourself walking with God? What a blessed hope! Being faithful to God gives me such a wonderful hope of eternity, forever living with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. I definitely need God,  
Gary

# Is Grace A Two-Way Street?

Matthew 18.21 - 22

- 1) What have we studied so far about God's grace?
  - a) 1<sup>st</sup> lesson—Is God's grace extended to all?
  - b) 2<sup>nd</sup> lesson—Can I miss out on God's grace?
  - c) 3<sup>rd</sup> lesson—Can God's grace change me?
- 2) This morning, I want us to ask: *“Is Grace A Two-Way Street?”*
- 3) Forgiveness is the most powerful witness to the grace of God.

## In The Account Of The Unforgiving Servant, We See...

### I) Grace \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 18.23-27).

- A) The servant had an unsurmountable debt which he could \_\_\_\_\_
- B) The king \_\_\_\_\_ him of the debt and \_\_\_\_\_ him of the debt he owed.
- C) What does the great debt represent?
- D) Do I realize that God offers the same \_\_\_\_\_ to me?
  - 1) God's grace is extended to everyone.
  - 2) Will I be a recipient of God's grace?

### II) Grace \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 18.28-34).

- A) The unmerciful servant \_\_\_\_\_ to extend grace to the man who owed him very little.
- B) Do I have to \_\_\_\_\_ grace to \_\_\_\_\_ grace (Matthew 18.33)?
- C) Who am I having trouble forgiving?
  - 1) *“They hurt me. I don't have to extend grace until they ask for forgiveness.”* Is that true?
  - 2) Stop thinking about what has been done \_\_\_\_\_ you and start thinking about what's been done \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- D) How do we actually forgive someone else?
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ is what makes forgiveness possible.
  - 2) We must forgive others instead of \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives.

### III) Grace In The \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 18.35).

- A) Jesus said that His Father would do the same to everyone who does not \_\_\_\_\_ his brother from his \_\_\_\_\_.
- B) Will my lack of giving grace affect my \_\_\_\_\_ at Jesus' return (James 2.13)?
- C) May we always remember that for everyone who sins against \_\_\_\_\_, I have multiple times sinned against \_\_\_\_\_, and God has always \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- D) Will you freely extend grace to others as God has so freely extended it to you?

**Conclusion:** Are you in need of God's grace today?

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Good morning WH! Today we are featuring Mark & Patti Musselman in our Connection Corner.



Mark was born in Abilene, TX & moved several times in the early years following his dad's teaching opportunities. The family finally settled in Tulare, CA where Mark attended high school & participated in wrestling, cross-country track, & played tuba for the band. He attended Pepperdine University, Lubbock Christian College & ultimately Texas Tech where he graduated with a degree in Finance.

Patti was born in & grew up in Snyder, TX. At Snyder High School, she participated in track, band & chorus. Following graduation, she won a volleyball scholarship & attended York College before transferring to Lubbock Christian College where she sang in the chorus, as fate would have it, at the same time as Mark sang with the LCC chorus as well. Mark was assigned as her escort walking her in to events, & he has been walking by her ever since. Patti agreed to marry Mark "after I got my car!" (Ask her about how that worked.) Patti had graduated ("she is older than me," Mark will remind you) & Mark was finishing up at Texas Tech. "We were so poor that every week we would go collect cans & sell them to fill up our cars with gas, & then have enough left for a Taco Bell date!"

Patti began teaching & coaching volleyball while Mark went to work in the Savings & Loan business. Mark decided to join Edward Jones & move to Ft Worth & Patti's mom, Dot, moved in with them. They were blessed with Dot's wonderful company (& her cooking) for over 20 yrs. Mark & Patti (as well as Dot until she passed) have been involved with WH in so many ways, Mark leading singing, helping in finance committee, & Patti teaching classes & helping in many other areas as well. They hosted wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July parties for the entire church for many years until Mark retired and they began to travel, including several trips with the Sojourners ministry.

Mark & Patti have 2 daughters & 7 grandchildren & split time between Texas, Arizona & Virginia. Like so many other members, I could take pages to share all the rich stories of this family. If you haven't gotten to know them yet, reach out & you will have some good times, laughs & blessings, I guarantee it!

Les Keele  
(edited by Deatra Keele- ask her about that!)



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING:

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Corporate Meeting of members of the Western Hills Church of Christ will be held at 8800 Chapin Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76116 on April 2nd at 5:45 p.m.



### Wednesday Night Adult Classes:

WHAT DOES GOD WANT WITH YOU RIGHT HERE... RIGHT NOW?

## SHEPHERDS

Greg Ball	214-801-7375
*Russ Bartee	817-938-5825
Dan Kille	817-793-7493
Chuck Meyer	817-448-0060
Ross Tomlinson	682-429-1983
John Walton	817-441-0000

\**Shepherd of the month*

## MINISTERS

Gary Williams: <i>Pulpit Minister</i>	662-321-3208
Les Keele: <i>Associate Minister</i>	817-808-0566
James Bowie: <i>Youth Minister</i>	817-944-4492
John Boudtaroth: <i>Laotian Minister</i>	817-891-2132
Ken Intharansy: <i>Laotian Minister</i>	817-501-6838

## 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** - Robert Scott

**Song Leader** - Jonathan Bartee

**Song** - My Life Is In You, Lord

**Song** - I Love You, Lord

**Song** - God Give Us Christian Homes

**Prayer** - Glenn Baird

**Scripture** - Matthew 18:21 - 22

**Song** - Nailed To The Cross

**Lord's Supper** - Chuck King

**Prayer for Contribution** - Chuck King

**Children's Bible Time Dismissal**

**Song** - God Is The Fountain Whence

**Is Grace A Two Way Street?** - Gary Williams

**Song** - There's A Fountain Free

**Song** - I Am A Sheep

**Announcements** - Russ Bartee

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal** - Russ Bartee

**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.

*Donate by  
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Here is ours:  
Thank You!*



**Sunday, April 2: Life of Christ Commentary Vol. 2, Lesson 120 on pages 555- 565.**

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### Monday, March 27

1 Samuel 23 - 26

### Tuesday, March 28

1 Samuel 27 - 29

### Wednesday, March 29

1 Samuel 30 - 2 Samuel 1

### Thursday, March 30

2 Samuel 2 - 4

### Friday, March 31

2 Samuel 5 - 7

### Saturday, April 1

2 Samuel 8 - 10

### Sunday, April 2

2 Samuel 11 - 13

### Last Week

<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>AM Worship:</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>Contribution:</b>	<b>\$ 11,495.80</b>
<b>PM Worship:</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 12,978.00</b>

### Times of Assemblies

<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Morning Worship:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Evening Worship:</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday Evening:</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

# LTC NEWS



**LTC Practice**  
**1 P.M. K4C Puppets**  
**MS & HS Drama**  
**2 P.M. K4C Drama**  
**MS & HS Puppets**  
**3 P.M. Chorus**  
**4 P.M. Bible Bowl**  
**5 P.M. Speech**



## Middle School and High School News

March 26: 11 A.M. Senior Dinner Meeting

April 5: Ladies Bible Class; for LTC young ladies to practice

April 14: Guy's camp out at Garners.



## Sympathy



Lucian Richardson passed on 3/21/23. Her visitation will be at Greenwood Funeral Home, March 29th from 6 P.M. - 8 P.M. The Funeral will be March 30th at 10 A.M. here at Western Hills. Please remember the family your prayers.



**Grace Murray; 2836 Ballington Dr.**  
**Apt.# 414 Fort Worth, TX, 76116**  
**(817) 225-8688**



“For those who wish to contribute directly to the relief efforts in Turkey, please go to this webpage listing agencies accepting contributions (<https://christianchronicle.org/turkey-earthquake-how-to-help/>).



**FOOD BANK STATS FOR FEBRUARY, 2023.**  
170 – Families Served;  
\$742.14 – Cost to WHCOC  
7409 pounds – Estimated Weight of Food



How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Isaiah 52:7

As a new encouragement opportunity, we will be posting an email for one of our missionaries every two weeks. Please send words of love and support. This week: Eswatini- Ukwazi International Christian University. Brad Carter is the President; [brad@africanchristiancollege.org](mailto:brad@africanchristiancollege.org)

Until /April 8

## Volunteers Please!

April 1

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Egg Hunt Begins at 12:00 PM

Ages: 2 Years - 5th Grade

Bring your basket and enjoy FREE games, crafts, bounce house and egg hunt!

LOOK FOR THE SIGN UP SHEET TO VOLUNTEER.

Thank you for the candy and eggs!

## New Sunday Morning Classes

Auditorium: The Life of Christ: Gary Williams

The Young Married/Young Adults: The Five Love Languages: Les Keele: Room 207  
Educational Building

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Members

March 26, 2023

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Dwight Blair	Has Covid. 121 Lilac Lane, Azle, TX 76020	Quick healing and for Judy to not get sick
Joe Billman and family	Consuelo, Joe Billman's wife, passed away on March 9th, 2023	The family
Bridget Yawn	Has bronchitis, COPD and other health issues.	Quick healing
Evelyn Woolsey	She fell and was in the hospital for a week but has now been moved to Garden Terrace on Oakmont for rehab.	Quick healing
Yvonne Hallum 3/17/2023	She broke her back on January 16 and is still having issues. 3235 Rosemeade Dr. #1913, Fort Worth, TX 76116	Pain relief and healing
Bill Baumann 3/9/2023	Has been moved back to Baylor. They need to do back surgery. 3712 Ben Creek Ct., Aledo, TX 76008	Prayers for successful surgery and out of pain
Dahlia Cade 3/9/2023	Had hip replacement on March 8th. No visitors for now. Cards and phone calls appreciated. 3832 Kelvin Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76133	Prayers for quick healing and reduction of pain
Carolyn Williams 03/05/2023	Has pneumonia. 8211 Llano Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Healing and better health
Dana Saba 02/12/2023	Her husband, John, lost his brother, Albert, in Lebanon. 3804 Busseron Drive, Benbrook, TX 76116	Strength and comfort for the family
Patricia Emerson 02/05/2023	Has returned home from the hospital following her bout with blood clots in her lungs. 6536 Woodale, Wautauga, TX 76148	Recovery and increased strength
Joe & Jodi Gentry 3/16/23	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 110 B. 1000 McKinley Street, Benbrook, TX 76126	Better health and days

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Family & Friends

March 26, 2023

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Dan Stalling father-in-law to daughter of	Kristie McLeroy	Nutritionist figured out diet that he can tolerate due to mini-stroke that's affected his capability to eat.	That he doesn't have any problems from his new diet
Wayne Wilson, father of	Mindy Markum	He is in Harris down town with pneumonia.	Quick recovery and healing 3/14/23
Buddy Holland, brother of	Judy Birmingham	His metastasized cancer is not responding to the chemo pills. He will begin chemotherapy and immunotherapy next.	These next treatments to have the desired results 02/28/2023
Brandon (son-in-law) and Crockett (his father) of	Sheryl Willyerd	God knows the situation.	For God to work and handle the situations 02/28/2023
Richard Herrington, son of the late Glenna Herrington	Marge Sager	Is undergoing cancer treatments.	Strength and healing 02/28/2023
Gordon Shaw		WBS student who is struggling with his belief in God.	Faith and belief 02/28/2023
Ethan Porter, grandson of	Carolyn Williams	Please send cards to him since he still considers himself a member here. Ethan and Kim Porter, 1264 Persimmon Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92021	
Violet Jane, great-granddaughter of	Charles and Carol Meyer	2 1/2 month old who was born following the car crash that killed her mother.	Her increased health and development that will allow her to reach all benchmarks of normal growth; prayers for the family as they grieve and adjust to life 02/05/2023

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
**Family & Friends**  
**March 26, 2023**

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Our Police Force, our country, and the people of Turkey and the Middle East	The Ladies' Class	Almost 40,000 people have died from the earthquakes and the mass destruction.	Relief from all the struggles <span style="float: right;">02/28/2023</span>
Mike, friend of	Zach Brookshire	Is struggling with his faith as he is facing dialysis for his kidneys.	His increased faith and that the dialysis will be successful <span style="float: right;">02/05/2023</span>
Nina Silvas, grandmother of	Steven Johnston	Had a hip replacement and is having difficulties with the pain.	Complete healing and for the pain to subside <span style="float: right;">02/05/2023</span>
Kyla Bennett	Frankie Smith	Is having difficulties following the return of her brain tumor.	The doctors and healing
Verna Redd, grandmother of	Taj Gray	Is in pain and poor health.	Relief from pain <span style="float: right;">1/10/2023</span>
Pam, cousin of	Les Keele	Is in need of a kidney transplant.	For a donor and to be moved up on the transplant list <span style="float: right;">12/18/2022</span>

All prayer requests will remain on the list for 30 days. Following that time, the request will be removed unless the office is notified differently

# Happy March Birthdays

1 Stephen Myers

2 John Larson

3 Beverly Forgey

4 Jim Gilbert

7 Adriana Torrez

8 Charles Kite

11 Mike Whitacre

15 Janelle Ball

17 Amy Bartee

18 Bea House

20 Steve Taylor

21 Mark Musselman

22 Betsy Strother

22 Karen Taylor

23 Glenn Baird

23 Lucian Richardson

29 Monty Bowers

## Children:

10 Boyce Miller

16 Bella Gilbert

24 Maddox Duncan

26 Selah Garner

27 Brena Thomas

# The Crucifixion, Part 2: The Last Three Hours

*Looking into the Face of Jesus*

*The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 540-554*

## **Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 119**

1. At noon, what supernatural event occurred?
2. How can we be certain this was not a "natural" event?
3. How long did it last?
4. Which psalm was Jesus quoting when He asked, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"
5. By quoting the above psalm, what was Jesus asserting?
6. Those present thought Jesus was calling for whom?
7. Why did Jesus say, "I am thirsty"?
8. What dual meaning is suggested for Jesus' statement "It is finished"?
9. Following His saying, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit," what did Jesus do?
10. Why did Jesus die so soon?
11. What effect did the events at Golgotha have on the centurion?
12. What two characteristics of God presented a dilemma, and how did God reconcile this dilemma?
13. According to Hebrews 9:22, what is necessary for there to be forgiveness?
14. Even though we cannot fully understand what God has done for us, what can we do?
15. In thinking about the day on which Jesus died, what is the most important matter we agree on?
16. What are two reasons to believe Jesus died on Friday?

# **The Crucifixion, Part 3: The Miracles of the Cross**

*Looking into the Face of Jesus*

*The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 555-565*

## **Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 120**

1. How do we know the darkness was not a natural event (such as a solar eclipse)?
2. What are some possible meanings for the darkness?
3. What was the meaning of the earthquake?
4. How was the veil in the temple torn?
5. What would have been happening in the temple at 3:00 PM?
6. How do critics try to explain away the rending of the veil?
7. How are these "explanations" answered?
8. What did the rending of the veil mean?
9. Was the earthquake "selective" in the tombs that were opened?
10. Excluding this event, how many others were raised from the dead in the Bible?

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**FREE**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual**  
*Easter*  
**EGG HUNT**

**Western Hills Church of Christ  
8800 Chapin Road, Fort Worth,  
TX 76116**

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Egg hunt begins at 12 p.m.

**For Ages 2 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

Bring your basket and enjoy **FREE** games,  
crafts, bounce house and egg hunt!