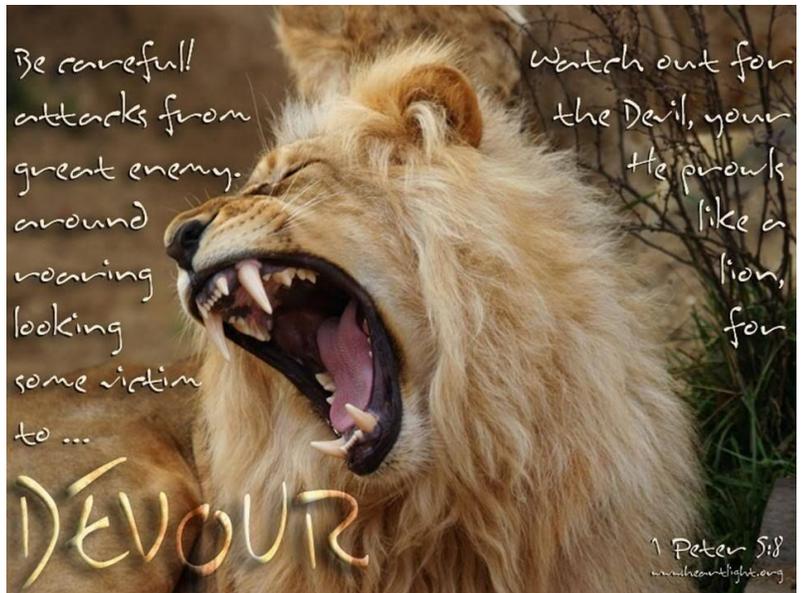


Did You Know That Sin Loves Company?

The scriptures teach that Satan is after each of us. The apostle Peter wrote, ***“Be soberminded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour”*** (I Peter 5.8). He wants to consume us through sin, to lead us away from God. Satan tempts us in many different ways. The apostle John tells us that Satan uses the things of the world, that is, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, to try to control us. Satan wants us to yield to sin because he knows that sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59.1, 2).



Did you know that Satan also uses other people to tempt you to sin? Why? Because sin loves company. Ananias and Sapphira conspired together to lie to the Holy Spirit (Acts 5.1-11). When Satan tempted Eve to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, why did she give the fruit for Adam to eat as well (Genesis 3)? Because sin loves company. What about us? Have we ever tried to get someone to come sin with us? There are some sins that cannot be committed alone. You cannot gossip about yourself. You cannot commit adultery by yourself. You cannot practice “alternative lifestyles” by yourself. It takes two! Drinking that leads to drunkenness is much more enjoyable when others are getting drunk with you. Sin appears to be more pleasurable when others are there cheering us on. Peter told us to be level-headed and watch for Satan to come around. That includes not letting others lead us away from God by encouraging us to come “have fun” with them. As Christians, to protect ourselves against the “wiles” of the devil, we must ***“Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong”*** (I Corinthians 16.13). Instead of letting others lead us away, we should be leading them to Jesus (Matthew 5.16; I Peter 3.1). Will you be a faithful Christian today?

Gary

What Does It Cost To Follow Jesus?

Luke 14.25-27

- 1) Have you ever heard the expression, “*Everything has a price.*”
 - a) We know the goods and services we purchase have a price.
 - b) But how can everything have a price?
- 2) Haven’t you heard that even peace has a price?
- 3) Does it cost anything to follow Jesus?

To Follow Jesus, I Must...

I) Put Jesus _____ (Luke 14.26, 27).

- A) What did Jesus mean when He said that we must “_____ our _____?”
- B) I must realize the _____ required (Luke 9.57-62).
 - 1) The commitment must not be made _____.
 - 2) Jesus must come _____ everyone and everything else in our lives.

II) Understand The _____ (Luke 14.28-33).

- A) Jesus gives two illustrations on assessing the cost of following Him.
 - 1) The tower builder must make sure he has enough resources to finish the task.
 - 2) The king must consider the odds of winning.
- B) Do I have to _____ all?
 - 1) Persevering with Jesus means being attached to _____, not to _____.
 - 2) _____
What am I not willing to give up?

III) Be _____ (Luke 14.34, 35).

- A) What was the purpose of salt in the ancient world?
 - 1) Salt without saltiness is _____.
 - 2) We have lost our salt if we are unwilling to _____ the _____ and make the _____ where Jesus says we must.
- B) I must not be a _____ disciple.
 - 1) To be of use to God, I must _____ to Him.
 - 2) Failure to pursue discipleship can indicate that _____ is not really present.
 - 3) How horrible it will be to be _____ by God when you could have been _____ by Him.

IV) Realize The _____ And The _____ (Luke 9.25).

- A) Does Jesus want us to have miserable lives on earth?
- B) What do I gain by following Jesus?
- C) We need to count the cost of _____ following Jesus.
 - 1) If we choose this life and not Jesus, then we may gain everything that this life has to offer.
 - 2) But we are giving up _____ with Jesus in heaven above.

Conclusion: Are you willing to miss heaven to live away from God?

C O N N E C T I O N

C Good morning church family! Hope you had a great 4th! This week we feature Wayne & Beverly Lipham in our Connection Corner.

R Beverly, a long-time member of WH, was born in Ft Worth and graduated from Arlington Heights High School. Much of her early years were dedicated to helping care for her brother who had Muscular Dystrophy.

N Her compassion is seen often during her life. Upon her graduation, she married and lived on various bases, including one in Germany. While stationed there, she was able to travel to Switzerland, Austria, Lucerne, & the Black Forest. She said that Christmas in Europe is something to behold for a Texan. So much snow and beautiful decorations to see. Upon returning to the US, she worked as a dental assistant until her children were born, at which time she became a full-time homemaker. When her children were grown, she began working for the Arlington ISD as a para-professional, working with handicapped children. She then resumed her dental assistant career until her retirement. Her husband, Wayne Ponder, passed away in 2012.



Right before Covid hit in 2019, Beverly saw Wayne Lipham sitting by himself at the Senior Center in Azle. Beverly went and introduced herself and they became fast friends, eventually marrying about 18 months ago.

Wayne was born in the farming community of Matador, TX and graduated from the high school there. As a teen, Wayne wasn't going to settle for putting a playing card in the spokes of his bicycle to "sound" like a motorcycle, he found a way to put a real motor on his bicycle!! Wayne spent his career primarily in the trucking industry, the last 28 years with Gulf Oil, until his retirement. Upon their marriage, Wayne joined Beverly here at WH. Wayne & Beverly love travelling in their RV, trail riding in the 4-wheel side by side, fishing & boating.

Make a special effort to reach out and get to know Wayne & Beverly, you will be blessed!

Les Keele

SUNDAY NIGHTS

PLAN TO ATTEND EVENING WORSHIP FOR A CLASS ON:

EVANGELIZING YOUR COMMUNITY: TOOLS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

TAUGHT BY GARY AND LES

ONE BOOK PER FAMILY PROVIDED

SHEPHERDS

Greg Ball	214-801-7375
Russ Bartee	817-938-5825
Dan Kille	817-793-7493
Chuck Meyer	682-553-5444
Ross Tomlinson	682-429-1983
*John Walton	817-441-0000

**Shepherd of the month*

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<i>Associate Minister</i>	
James Bowie:	817-944-4492
<i>Youth Minister</i>	
John Boundtaroth:	817-891-2132
<i>Laotian Minister</i>	
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<i>Laotian Minister</i>	

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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 - Roger Omer

Song Leader - Matt Sloan

Song - O Worship The King

Song - Blessed Assurance

Song - Open My Heart

Prayer - Robert Scott

Scripture - Luke 14.25-27

Song - Lamb Of God

Lord's Supper - Greg Ball

Prayer for Contribution - Greg Ball

Song - How Sweet How Heavenly

What Does It Cost To Follow Jesus? - Gary Williams

Song - I Bring My Sins To Thee

Song - Living By Faith

Announcements - John Walton

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - John Walton



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For our members and visitors with hearing difficulties, we now provide single side in-ear mono earbuds with a personal receiver for your convenience. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for one.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, July 10

Psalms 130 - 132

Tuesday, July 11

Psalms 133 - 135

Wednesday, July 12

Psalms 136 - 138

Thursday, July 13

Psalms 139 - 141

Friday, July 14

Psalms 142 - 144

Saturday, July 15

Psalms 145 - 147

Sunday, July 16

Psalms 148 - 150

Last Week

Bible Class:	129	Wednesday:	94
AM Worship:	209	Contribution:	\$ 14,449.70
PM Worship:	72	Budget:	\$ 12,978.00

Times of Assemblies

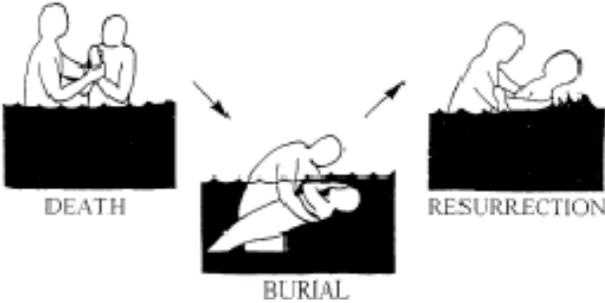
Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM



If you were unable to attend the shower and want to send a wedding gift to Michael Lowrey & Kristin; his address is: 14277 Preston Rd #1023, Dallas, TX, 75154. They are registered at [theknot.com/michaelkristin2023](https://www.theknot.com/michaelkristin2023)



Doug and Barbara Lowrey are moving to VA. Their new address in VA will be 224 Mooregate Court, Chesapeake, VA 23322. They will be missed.



We are rejoicing with the angels in Heaven! DJ Keller was baptized on Sunday, June 18, at Camp Blue Haven. Liam Scott was immersed by his daddy on June 24, here at the building. Please welcome them to the family of God!



The recipients for the 2023 - 2024 Mrs. Jimmie Lou Thomas Scholarship fund will be: Nathan Bowie, Ethan Kille, and Landon Kille. These young men will be attending Harding University in the fall and receiving an additional \$500.00 gift from Harding.



Congratulations to Katelynn and Jimmy Bolt on the birth of Rhett Michael Bolt. He was born 7/2/2023, 9lb. 9oz, 22 inches long.



Bud and Betty Wilcox have moved: Their new address is Watermark at Broadway Cityview; 5301 Bryant Irvin Rd, Apt# 132, Fort Worth, Texas, 76132.

Ben and DJ Keller's address has changed. Their new address is 10209 Lone Eagle Ct. Fort Worth, TX 76108.

Tracy Thrasher's new address is; 1404 Glenwood, Azle, TX 76020.

Please update your directories.

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.



BYO Brown Bag Suppers continue on Wednesday nights. Please bring your family's meal and we will enjoy a time of fellowship before evening services and classes. The building will be opened at 6:00 PM.

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



FAMILY MATTERS

LEARNING HOW TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

JULY 12	MICHAEL LUM	WEATHERFORD, TEXAS
JULY 19	DES STEYN	FORT WORTH, TEXAS
JULY 26	LEONARD KEELE	DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA
AUGUST 2	RYAN INLOW	FORT WORTH, TEXAS
AUGUST 9	LARRY KEELE	LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE



Our youth will be going on their yearly mission trip July 22 - 29, headed to Mission, Texas to assist in that area. Let's begin praying now for their safety and success. Thanks to James, Leah, and the moms and dads who make this possible.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members

July 9, 2023

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Brandon Duncan 7/6/2023	Tore his ACL ligament in his right knee along with the cartilage. He will have surgery on August 23rd. 9928 Farmington Drive, Benbrook, Texas, 76126	Successful surgery and quick healing
Ashleigh Hupp 7/5/2023	Went to the Emergency Room Wednesday evening for Pneumonia. 9617 Constellation Boulevard #7201, Fort Worth, Texas, 76108	Quick healing
Suzan Ward 06/26/2023	Is the daughter of Sue Carpenter and both are members here. Suzan lost her husband, David, to a sudden battle with cancer. 3000 Choctaw, Fort Worth, Texas, 76116	Comfort and peace for the family
James Yawn 06/18/2023	Will have back surgery on July 10 at Clearfork hospital. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Successful surgery and recovery
Mindy Markum 06/11/2023	Her father, Wayne Wilson, passed away June 10. 718 P.R. 3650, Paradise, Texas 76073	Peace and comfort
Patricia Neisler 06/11/2023	Is having severe pain in her knees that is prohibiting standing and mobility. 7113 Kermit Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Comfort as she deals with the pain
Lorenza Fernandez 06/07/2023	Fell and broke her wrist. 232 Lochness Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Complete healing
Angie Kirkpatrick 06/07/2023	Her mother, Beverly Yarbrough, passed away Monday, June 5. 1424 Yorkshire Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76134	Comfort and peace
Nancy Wright 06/05/2023	Fell and cracked several discs in her back. She is bruised and sore. 8600 Vista Royale Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Bill Baumann 05/04/2023	Has now been sent back to Willow Park Rehabilitation Betty Baumann: Harvest of Aledo: 1043 Bailey Ranch Road, Apartment #129, Aledo, Texas 76008	Better days

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. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS
Family & Friends
July 9, 2023

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Gabriella Navarro	Rene' Johnston	She was killed in a drive-by shooting in Como on July 3th. She was on the Weatherford High School drill team and just graduated.	Prayers for the family and her friends 7/6/2023
The town of Matador, Texas, hometown of	Wayne Lipham	Was hit by a tornado in which 4 were killed and many more injured.	Comfort for those who lost loved ones, healing for the injured, recovery for the area 06/26/2023
Harper DeKoker, granddaughter of	Barbie DeKoker	Had an appendectomy on Wednesday, June 21.	Speedy recovery 6/21/2023
Janet, WBS student of	Linda Tong	Asks for prayers regarding her parole.	That all works out according to God's will 06/12/2023
Linda Gillespie, friend of	Debbie Rollins	Has been notified that her cancer treatments are no longer working.	Her spirits to remain high and her numbers to remain low 06/12/2023
Taylor Bolt, cousin of	Jimmy Bolt	Was in a severe car accident resulting in the death of her husband on the scene. She is undergoing multiple reconstructive surgeries on her face and arm. They have three sons.	Comfort, peace, complete healing 06/12/2023
The Family of Max Aubel, former roommate of	Daniel Bowie	Passed away from cancer Tuesday, June 6.	Peace and comfort 06/07/2023
Justin and Emily Dito, friends of	Leah Bowie	Will begin IVF treatments next week after struggling with infertility for several years.	Strength, patience, and faith 06/05/2023
The Family of Mona Gilpin, lifelong friend of	Carol Meyer	Passed away June 8.	Comfort for the family and friends 06/05/2023
Lyn and Danny Spain	Larue Bow	Their grandchild, DJ Spain, was born early weighing 1 pound .64 ounces and is 12 inches long.	DJ to continue to develop and meet the benchmarks of childhood 06/01/2023
Madden Gore, nephew of	Lindsay Forehand	In need of prayers.	05/17/2023
Alisun McLeroy, daughter-in-law of	Kristie McLeroy	Had her baby boy, Hawk Lee, 7 pounds, 14.3 ounces and 19 inches long. He has joined the family at home.	Continued progress for Hawk and that there are no further complications 6/05/2023
Pam, cousin of	Les Keele	Is in need of a kidney transplant.	For a donor and to be moved up on the transplant list 12/18/2022

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!

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| 1 | CARL GREEN | 15 | WAYNE LIPHAM |
| 2 | RAY DOSHIER | 17 | PAM STOM |
| 4 | NILATH KIMLINH | 20 | EMILIO FERNANDEZ |
| 5 | DEATRA KEELE | 20 | EVA TORREZ |
| 7 | MARY ANN WAGNER | 25 | AMY BROOKSHIRE |
| 8 | FERN GREEN | 27 | VINCENT EVERETT |
| 9 | WANDA HOUSTON | 29 | WINCIE NEUSSE |
| 11 | BUD WILCOX | 30 | LUTHER CONE |
| 11 | ROGER OMER | 30 | JACKIE JASO |
| 11 | LEAH BOWIE | | |
| 12 | KHAMLA KIMLINH | | |
| 13 | BETTY BENNETT | | CHILDREN |
| 13 | PEGGY BRADLEY | 7 | EMMETT GARNER |
| 13 | EDWARD MANN | 26 | LIONEL MENDOZA |