

Do I Possess Courage?

Courage in the Bible is defined as: “to be bold,” “strong,” “to fasten upon, hence, to seize.” Over and over, God told Joshua **“to be strong and courageous” (Joshua 1.6, 7, 9, 18)**. Joshua was to seize every opportunity to fulfill the will of God. He was to go in and take the promise land with boldness and without fear because God was with him. Imagine trying to enter a nation and take possession of it. Every battle would be **“Are we strong enough to take this city?”** You would constantly be counting your soldiers and the available weapons and ammunition. Strategy and planning sessions would be held around the clock. Well, God told Joshua that he would be with him and to enter the promise land with great courage and no fear. Basically, do not worry about it, I am with you. Just knowing that God was with him gave Joshua bravery to lead Israel into the land **“flowing with milk and honey.”**

Would it not be wonderful today if every member of the Lord’s church was just as courageous? What if every member of Western Hills possessed great courage and determination to do the Lord’s will? Courage to tell people about Jesus. Courage to stand up for the truth. Courage to let their light shine in a dark and dying world. To be a living, thriving church of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we must possess courage. Courage to expand the borders of the kingdom. Courage to seek out the lost and not just wait for them to come to us. Today’s evangelistic efforts have been more centered around what can we do to make them want to come to us and worship with us, instead of us going out to find them. Why do you think that is so? Isn’t it because it is much easier to stay in the comfort of our own facilities and never have to go where we do not feel comfortable? It takes courage to go out into the unknown.

This week, let us concentrate on becoming more courageous in working for our Lord. Be determined that you will call at least one person to talk about Jesus and how they need Him in their lives; or call to invite them to come worship with you next Sunday. Write a note and stick it on your mirror or door of the refrigerator challenging you to do something for the Lord this week that you did not do last week. Be courageous! Do the work of the Lord! I am thankful you are walking after God today. May we strive to be courageous soldiers of Christ in our daily walk with Him. Will anyone see the results of your courageous efforts? Will you have a visitor sitting with you next week? May God bless you as you strive to His will!



Gary

Who's The Lame One?

Scripture Reading: Acts 4.5-10

- 1) Have you ever felt like you just were not physically able to do something?
- 2) Have you ever met a person who had been paralyzed from an accident or disease?
- 3) Do you think that it is possible to be spiritually handicapped?
- 4) Let's notice a man who was in a spiritual place but not for a spiritual reason.
- 5) **Please open your Bibles To Acts 3.**

In The Healing Of The Lame Man, Let's Notice....

I) The _____ (Acts 3.1).

- A) Peter and John went to the _____ at the hour of prayer.
 - 1) What do you remember about Peter and John?
 - 2) Do you remember the _____ of Peter?
- B) Why was the man brought daily to the temple?
- C) What are we doing for the Lord?

II) The _____ (Acts 3.2).

- A) The man was crippled from _____.
- B) Have you ever thought, "*Why this beggar?*"
 - 1) Why do you think Peter and John chose him out of all the beggars at the temple?
 - 2) Do you think it was because this beggar was definitely _____?
- C) Do you see the spiritual parallel?
 - 1) Without _____ we are cripple.
 - 2) We need the Lord's help to "*rise up and walk.*"
 - 3) We have the _____ who can cleanse our souls crying out to us to _____ (Matthew 11.28-30).

III) The _____ (Acts 3.3-6a).

- A) For what do you think this lame man _____ when Peter and John stopped?
- B) What do you put your hope in today?
 - 1) Financial security?
 - 2) Others?
 - 3) Our only hope is in _____.

IV) The _____ (Acts 3.6b-8a).

- A) Peter specifically name " _____."
- B) Healers today blame the lack of their ability to heal on the one who needs healing—saying the person does not have enough faith to be healed.
- C) What was the importance of Peter mentioning that their sin was done in _____?

V) The _____ (Acts 8b-11).

- A) The healed man was walking, leaping, and _____.
- B) There is joy to be had when we are healed _____!

Conclusion: Are you happy in Christ?

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Good morning church family! It's good to be back with you after our vacation trip. So, after a couple of weeks off, Connection Corner is back in business as today we feature Vernon Hamilton.



Vernon is a lifelong resident of Ft Worth and graduated from North Side High School. He enrolled in the DeVry Technical College to study electrical engineering and went to Chicago for his studies. However, this was during the Vietnam war era, and Uncle Sam soon called his name and Vernon was drafted into the Army. He made the long bus ride back to Ft Worth and was sent to Ft Polk, LA for basic training. He was then sent to Atlanta and completed his training as a Military Police Officer.

Vernon's next posting was in Wiesbaden, Germany, followed by being stationed in Tacoma, WA, until the end of his enlistment period. He returned to Ft Worth and completed his degree in Electrical Engineering at DeVry. He started working for General Dynamics and following layoffs there, continued his career at Texas Instruments in Dallas. After several years at TI, Vernon moved on to the Frito Lay Company in Irving, and retired a few years ago.

Vernon has been a member of WH for over 10 years, and he enjoys assisting in the worship services as well as supporting and helping with the door knocking efforts. He participates in our food pantry ministry and is very interested in spreading the word of God, assembling booklets, and making them available to the pantry clients. I encourage you to reach out and get to know Vernon, you will be blessed.

Les Keele



Please Add To Your Directory

Anthony McGraw placed membership on September 10th: 3501 Renzel Blvd. # 136 Fort Worth, TX 76116 email: anthonymcgraw51@gmail.com

Justin & Faith Wideman: placed membership on September 10th. Their address is 1300 N. Jim Wright Fwy #925, White Settlement, Tx, 76108. Their phone numbers are: Faith's (615) 972-2070, Justin's (817) 368-5654. Email: justin@wideman.org

Keith and Debbie Turner: 2928 Whitetail Chase Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108. Their phone number is 940-452-2727 and their email is: keitht336@gmail.com

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**Shepherd of the month*

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Steve Taylor	817-291-2065
Buck Thomas	817-733-2620
Arthur Torrez	817-721-2726

MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Taj Gray

Song Leader - Jonathan Bartee

Song - The Great Redeemer

Song - He Gave Me A Song

Song - Heavenly Sunlight

Prayer - Danny Lee

Scripture - Acts 4.5-10

Song - Thomas' Song

Lord's Supper - Chuck King

Prayer for Contribution - Chuck King

Song - Mansion Over The Hilltop

Who's The Lame One? - Gary Williams

Song - Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Announcements - Russ Bartee

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Russ Bartee

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.

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, September 25

Ezekiel 38 - 40

Tuesday, September 26

Ezekiel 41 - 43

Wednesday, September 27

Ezekiel 44 - 46

Thursday, September 28

Ezekiel 47 - 48

Friday, September 29

Daniel 1 - 3

Saturday, September 30

Daniel 4 - 7

Sunday, October 1

Daniel 8 - 10

Last Week

Bible Class:	131	Wednesday:	91
AM Worship:	221	Contribution:	\$ 10,478.56
PM Worship:	54	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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members

September 24, 2023

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Milt Birmingham 9/22/23	Has tested positive for Covid. 5021 Birch Hollow Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76132	To get well quickly
Aubrey & Yvonne Hallum 9/24/23	Their health is not good. 25 Leonard Trail apt #317, WESTWORTH VILLAGE, TX 76114	Them to be healthier
Paula Pauley 9/21/23	They need their house to sell. 4620 Ocean Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76123	Their house to sell
Bob Willyerd 9/18/2023	He had surgery on his spine September 22, at Harris Down Town. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	To recover quickly and everything to work according to plan.
Shirley Bennett and Minnie Collins nephew 9/10/23	Michael Griffin passed away from bone cancer. Shirley Bennett, 4018 Ridglea Ctry Club. #508 Fort Worth 76126; Collins, Minnie, 4040 Ridglea Country Club # 1102 Fort Worth, TX 76126	Comfort and peace for the family
Brandon Duncan 9/3/2023	Continued prayers for recovery from the surgery, specifically that the knee strengthens quickly and stops swelling through the day. 9928 Farmington Dr., Benbrook, TX 76126	Quick healing
Tom Pauley 08/27/2023	I need your help. I have been in a battle with the demons of hell and I need prayers. Please pray for me. I love you more than words can say. 4620 Ocean Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76123	Strength to fight the good fight; peace, comfort from God
Kitti Davis 0820/2023	Has gone to the doctor regarding her auto-immune disease and her recent Parkinsons diagnosis. 812 Ala Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	For the doctors to have knowledge, wisdom, and skill to prescribe the best treatments
Nancy Moody 08/21/2023	Her sister, Shirley, passed away on Monday, August 21. She was also the daughter of Polly McCarty. 917 Willow Way, Forth Worth, Texas 76126	The family's comfort and peace
Bridgett Yawn 08/13/2023	Has a staff infection in her leg, and is sick. 213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Healing



Sympathy

Evelyn Woolsey passed away on Wednesday, September 20. More information about the arrangements will follow as we receive them. Please keep the family in your prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS
Family & Friends
September 24, 2023

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Lola Kelly, friend of	Jim Gilbert	She has a fast spreading cancer.	Healing and comfort 9/22/23
Tina Farrar, friend of	Frankie Smith	She broke both elbows. She will need help with feeding.	Quick healing and comfort 9/16/23
Hawk, grandson of	Kristi McLeroy	Had lots of test run.	That his test results come back favorable 9/20/23
Bill Harris, brother-in-law of	Nancy Wright	He has cancer.	That the doctors can help him 9/24/23
Pierce McGlaun, great grandson of	Bill Baumann	He has type 1 diabetes and is only 4 yrs old.	That they are able to regulate his sugar 9/17/23
Carrie Johnson, sister of best friend	Chandra Mann	She is recovering from a life or death surgery.	Quick healing 9/14/23
The Daughter-in-law of	Dana Saba	She is struggling.	Healing and guidance 9/3/2023
Glenda Corley, sister of	Johnie Wright	Has been placed on hospice in her own home.	Peace for her and her family 08/28/2023
Kevin, neighbor of	Zach Brookshire	Had brain surgery Friday, August 18. The family has visited with us on several different occasions.	Recovery and healing 08/18/2023
Kyla Anderson, family member of	Auna Walton	She has been battling leukemia. All treatments have been stopped in an effort to build her up.	For her numbers to be where they need to be so her treatments can continue 08/010/2023
DeAnn Trevino, friend of	Leah Bowie	Has been diagnosed with cancer and will need chemo before they can perform surgery to remove the mass.	Peace, comfort, healing, skilled doctors 08/02/2023

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.

Sunday Morning Fall Quarter Classes

Young Adults/Young Marrieds: Song Of Solomon: A Book Of Romance: Les Keele
Auditorium: 2 Corinthians: Gary Williams



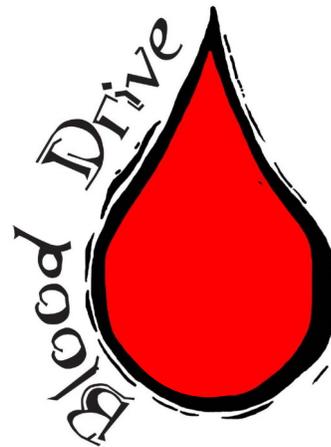
Children's Bible Hour

If you would like to help or teach, please sign the clipboard in the foyer.

If you have children between 3 years old and 2nd grade, please complete an attendance form which is also located in the foyer.

Should you have any questions, please see Vicki Bowers.

**Blood Drive,
Rescheduled for
December 10, 2023.**



Be the inspiration for someone today!

Please send an uplifting note this week to the School Of Biblical Studies.

Their email is: contact.sbsjos@gmail.com

(9/24/23-10/7/23)

Sunday Nights

Plan to attend Evening worship for a class on:

**Evanglizing Your Community: Tools To Share The Gospel With Your
Neighbors**

Taught by Gary and Les

One book per family provided

Join Us For Our: Tuesday Morning Bible Classes At 10 AM.

Men's Topic: Test The Spirits - Roger Omer

Ladies' Topic: First Peter - Paula Pauley



Please join us for a bridal shower honoring Cassidy Fisher, bride elect of Danton Tunnell and daughter of LeAnn Fisher on October 1, 2023. The shower will be held at the church building from 2 - 4 pm. The bride and groom have made selections at Walmart, Amazon, Crate and Barrel, and Williams Sonoma. If you have a favorite recipe to share with the bride, please bring it to the shower.

Coming Soon

**Please add to your calendar: October 28th Door Knocking;
October 29th Friends and Family
October 31st Fall Festival**



Wednesday

7 PM

Ecclesiastes

Les Keele

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 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 PM



Please pick up your cans for Foster's Home for Children in the foyers. The cans will be picked up sometime in November.

**Food Bank Stats for August
270 - Families Served
\$1172.80 - Cost to WHCOC
9035 lbs - Estimated Weight of Food**



Happy September Birthdays!

1 BOB HOWARD

2 JENNIFER DUNCAN

4 NANCY WRIGHT

5 JOHNNIE WRIGHT

6 MICHAEL DAVIS

7 JOE GARCIA

7 NATHAN RUTLEDGE

8 THONGLE SIHARATH

10 AMBER GRIER

16 ISAIS TORREZ

18 JILL SLOAN

18 NATHAN BOWIE

18 STANLEY GISH

19 SUE CARPENTER

19 SUE LITTLE-SMITH

19 LEANN FISHER

20 JUDY BLAIR

20 PETER BROWN

23 FRANKIE SMITH

25 DEBBIE ROLLINS

25 DAVID WILMINGTON

26 ROY EUBANKS

26 MARY EAST

28 SUSIE STEADMAN

29 WRAY GRIER

29 NANCY MULLINIKS

30 ROBERT SCOTT

30 DANA SABA

CHILDREN

1 LILAH BOLT

15 GAVIN GRIER

17 XAYDEN HUPP

25 ANDREW SCOTT