

Do You Forget About Jesus?

Life can be extremely challenging at times. Bills can be overwhelming, difficulties can arise at work, family problems can dishearten even the strongest, having one's feelings hurt, or just not feeling appreciated can add to the stress and happiness of the blessings of a new day. It is easy to become discouraged and depressed after a while when there seems to be no relief of our troubles in sight. So, what do you do? I have always heard the expression that you just have *"to pull yourself up by your bootstraps."* Basically, the idiom means that it is up to you to improve your situation by your own efforts without help from other people. But because of the depths of the problems we suffer, we may think that that sounds impossible and wallow in self-pity and defeat. Can you truly make your own situation better and be happier in life?

As a child of God, we often forget that we have a heavenly Father that is willing to help us overcome any difficulties we may experience. Do you remember James saying, *"You do not have because you do not ask"* (James 4.2)? How often have we spent the day extremely low in spirit because we totally forgot to call upon God for comfort? Do you remember Paul writing to the Corinthians and saying that God is the *"God of all comfort"* (II Corinthians 1.3)? Our source of true consolation in all our struggles is God. There is no other source of genuine happiness but God; and He is abundantly able and willing to help us in our time of need. Psalm 50.15 is a wonderful verse. God says, *"And call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."* God says when trouble arises, to call upon Him, and He will deliver us. Then, rejoicing in His mercy, we will cry out in praise and glorify His holy name.



There are so many encouraging passages in the Psalms to uplift us from our struggles and to brighten even the gloomiest of days. Four times in Psalm 107, we read, *"Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress"* (Psalm 107.6, 13, 19, 28). In Psalm 28.6, 7, David says, *"Praise be to the LORD, for He has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him."* God loves us and is concerned about our well-being. Just think how much easier life would be if we would grow closer to God and rely more upon Him. Even on the most troublesome of days, our spirits can easily be lifted by remembering what a wonderful God we serve and what He has laid up in store for those who love Him. We can have great confidence in our God of all comfort! Amen.

Gary

Would You Die For Your Faith?

Acts 6.8-15

- 1) Do you have “great faith?”
- 2) There are people dying today because of their belief in Jesus.
- 3) Who was the first person in the New Testament to die for following Jesus?

Our Brother Stephen Was...

I) A Man Of _____ In God (Acts 6.5-10).

- A) What is faith? (Hebrews 11.1; John 8.24)
- B) Jesus referred to a centurion as having “ _____ ” (*Luke 7.9, NASB, NIV*).
 - 1) Such faith was not found in all of Israel.
 - 2) Where would Jesus find “*such faith*” today?
- C) Scriptures teach that faith....

II) _____ And _____ To God (Acts 7.54-59).

- A) Is courage necessary for a child of God? (I Samuel 17; Judges 7; Daniel 6)
- B) Do we let things _____ with our faithfulness before God?
 - 1) Peter and John were _____ (Acts 4.21).
 - (a) How did they handle the situation?
 - (b) The congregation prayed that the Lord would give them _____ to continue to proclaim the _____ (Acts 4.29).
 - 2) Peter and John were cast into _____ and _____ (Acts 5.41).
 - (a) Did they stop preaching?
 - (b) Would you?
 - 3) Does _____ prevent us from faithfully serving God (Matthew 10.28)?

III) Died “ _____ ” (Acts 7.60).

- A) Stephen had a _____ as he died.
 - 1) Is it _____ to _____ those who want to harm us?
 - 2) What did Jesus do (Luke 23.34)?
- B) Stephen _____.
 - 1) Stephen died.
 - 2) One day you and I will die and be buried if the Lord does not return first.
 - 3) The scriptures teach we have an _____ with _____ (Hebrews 9.27; 2 Corinthians 5.10).

IV) _____ By Devout Men (Acts 8.2).

- A) Why did so many shed tears at Stephen’s death?
- B) How will _____ be remembered?
- C) John heard a voice from heaven say, “*Blessed are the _____ who _____ in the Lord*” (*Revelation 14.13*).

Conclusion: Am I a faithful servant?

C O N N E C T I O N

C O R N E R

Good morning, WH family! Today in our Connection Corner, I need to make a special appeal for you to consider.

Family is all about connections, and the family of God is no different. Part of what made the early church special, and helped the church grow so dramatically, is the time that these brothers and sisters spent a great deal of time together. They shared time together in fellowship, service to one another, study, and in sharing their faith. Their time together was precious, highly valued, and beneficial to the individuals, as well as the church as a whole.

We are looking to start up our small groups again, and we need your help. We need members that are willing to be small group leaders and host small groups on Sunday afternoons or evenings. Every personal interaction and connection in life takes someone willing to initiate, to take the first step, to make the extra effort to reach out. If neither person is willing to initiate, connecting is impossible. We are asking for a few families to show extra special love for the church family by stepping up, and hosting a small group in their home.

In addition to the hosts, we need additional people willing to be co-leaders along with the hosts, helping keep in contact with members about group meetings and needs and helping lead group discussions and study, for example. I will work with all the hosts and leaders to help them with what they need to do in leading the small group.

I know that, in reality, most, if not all of us, can think of reasons that we “can’t” be a host or co-leader. Jesus, during his time on earth, encountered many who, when called to follow or serve, found reasons that they “can’t.” What helped the early church grow and spread his love so phenomenally were the ones who, in faith, overcame the “can’t” with “I will!”

If you are willing to be a host or co-leader, or, you would like to talk about the possibility, we ask that you contact me by Oct. 11th, in order for us to get the groups up and running soon.

Thank you, and God bless our family!

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

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*

MINISTERS

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

DEACONS

Jon Bartee	817-889-2686
James Bowie	817-944-4492
Brandon Duncan	903-603-1059
Jay Garner	817-205-2070
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 - Steve Taylor

Song Leader - Matt Sloan

Song - Mighty To Save

Song - Here I Am To Worship

Song - Near To The Heart Of God

Prayer - Chuck King

Scripture - Acts 6.8-15

Song - Hallelujah! What A Savior

Lord's Supper - Danny Lee

Prayer for Contribution - Danny Lee

Song - Days Of Elijah

Would You Die For Your Faith? - Gary Williams

Song - Come To Jesus

Song - He Loves Me

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, October 2

Daniel 11-12

Tuesday, October 3

Hosea 1 - 3

Wednesday, October 4

Hosea 4 - 7

Thursday, October 5

Hosea 8 - 10

Friday, October 6

Hosea 11 - 14

Saturday, October 7

Joel 1 - 3

Sunday, October 8

Amos 1 - 3

Last Week

Bible Class:	133	Wednesday:	109
AM Worship:	197	Contribution:	\$ 9,633.58
PM Worship:	56	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

October 1, 2023

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Nancy Wright 9/29/23	She is in Harris SouthWest Cityview hospital room 4138. Having issues with her esophagus and dehydration. 8600 Vista Royale Dr. Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing and comfort for pain
Intharansy Family 9/28/23	Ken Intharansy passed away Sunday, September 24 7137 Bob Hanger St, Fort Worth, TX 76179	Peace and comfort for the family
Roger Omer 9/25/23	Has tested positive for Covid. 3925 Snow Creek Dr.,Aledo, TX 76008	Quick healing
John & Auna Walton 9/24/2023	Have tested positive for Covid. 101 Bent Tree Court, Aledo, TX 76008	Them to get well quickly
Milt & Judy Birmingham 9/22/23	Have tested positive for Covid. 5021 Birch Hollow Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76132	Them 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

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
October 1, 2023

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Melody Roberts and family, sister of	Jeff Swan	Margaret (Maggie) Ocampo passed away on Sept. 22. She was the niece of Jeff Swan.	Comfort and peace 9/26/23
Bobbye and Merrill Fish, cousins of	Linda Tong	Bobbye has cancer for the 3rd times. and Merrill's leg problems hampering his ability to walk.	Better health and healing 9/22/23
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

Sunday Morning Fall Quarter Classes

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

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

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



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)

Coming Soon

Please mark your calendar: October 28th Door Knocking;

October 29th Friends and Family Day

October 31st Fall Festival





Please join us for a bridal shower honoring Cassidy Fisher, bride elect of Danton Tunnell and daughter of LeAnn Fisher today, 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.



Congratulations to Roger Omer and Joyce Duvall Omer, who were married on September 16th at Pine Tree Church of Christ in Longview, Texas.

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



Sympathy

Evelyn Woolsey passed away on Wednesday, September 20. Her viewing will be at Mount Olivet, Oct. 1, from 6 - 8 pm. Her service will be at Western Hills Church of Christ, Oct 2, at 10am. Internment will be in Evant Texas, at Murphree Cemetery at 2pm. Please keep the family in your prayers.



Help Please. After Sunday evening services, we need help setting up the fellowship hall for the funeral on Monday morning.

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

Happy Birthday October people!

1 Bouathong Chansombath

1 Les Keele

2 Tony Martin

2 Pheng Vilaysack

6 Sharon Pippin

6 Travis Whitacre

8 Roxann Whitacre

9 Jimmy Bolt

10 Betty Baumann

10 Jimmy Bolt

12 Patti Maynard

16 Melinda Markum

17 Barbara Adams

17 Tom Pauley

20 Sabrina Vilaysack

20 Tiffany Witherspoon

24 Elizabeth Intharansy

25 Cass DeKoker

25 Courtney Meyer

25 Suzan Ward

26 Amanda Garner

29 Jodi Gentry

29 Patricia Neislar

30 Bob Riley

31 Vickie Bowers

Children's Birthdays

1 Lyndon Watson

6 Tahlia Witherspoon

11 Layton Meyer

16 Caden Cato

21 Claire Meyer