

“A Word Fitly Spoken”

The Proverb writer stated, ***“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver” (Proverbs 25.11)***. I have always thought, “Boy, isn’t that right!” It is amazing what an encouraging word can do for someone whose spirit is low. Many people struggle with feelings of uselessness, depression, anxiety over financial problems, health, and the list could go on and on. It is also sad to say that when most people ask, “How are you doing?” that they really don’t want to hear it. The question is one of many pleasantries we as American people think we ought to say. But to listen sincerely and give a word of encouragement is truly a blessing to the suffering individual.

I find it interesting that the writer said, “A word *fitly* spoken.” Have you ever tried to do repair work with the wrong set of tools? Trying to use a metric ratcheting wrench when you need the standard one is hopeless. Or, have you ever tried cutting down your monkey grass in early spring with just a pair of scissors? It is amazing how easy a job can be when you have the right piece of equipment that fits the task at hand. Now apply that to *“a word fitly spoken.”* When the right words are spoken, the encouragement they produce can be *“the tool”* that easily lifts someone’s burden. The Proverb writer described them as ***“apples of gold in a setting of silver.”*** Words that edify and encourage are precious in that they soothe the weary soul.



The silver setting sure makes the golden apples look a lot more exquisite. When my wife and I first married, I would give gifts in the Wal-Mart bag in which I brought them home. In my mind, it was foolish to spend money on wrapping paper and pretty ribbons. But what a difference the package can make in perceived value. The gift received is delightfully appreciated and the thrill of unwrapping and cringing because you tore the paper is priceless. To know that someone went to the trouble of wrapping a gift “just for you,” when the majority of us feel so unworthy to receive it to begin with, is incomparable.

Now think about your words and how you say them to others. Words that are spoken with a hateful tone do nothing but destroy. And so often we justify the way we said them by saying, “Well, they needed to hear it.” Do you realize that the Proverb writer is stressing how much more effective your words would be if you use the right ones and spoke them in the proper way? Your words may even be words of reproof, correction, or instruction in righteousness (2 Timothy 3.16), which the person definitely needs to hear. But how you say those words can make the difference between appreciating the advice and scorning the deliverer. A word of counsel, encouragement, or reproof, when it is spoken with propriety, and is well-timed, and suited to the occasion, is conspicuously beautiful. May all our words be perceived as ***“apples of gold in settings of silver.”***

Gary

Are You Different? 2 Corinthians 6.14-18

1. Did you have any spiritual struggles last week?
2. We are God's children who have been called to come out of the world.
3. What exactly does it mean **"to come out of the world?"**

God Calls Us To Come Out And...

I. Be _____ (2 Corinthians 6.17).

- A. How does "being separate" apply to me?
 1. "Being separate" means that I do not allow the world to dictate my _____ and _____.
 2. I have been called into a _____ with _____.
- B. Why should I change the way I live?
 1. I change the way I live because when I come out of the world, I come to _____.
 2. We must remember that the world has _____ God.
- C. God has always required His children to be separated from others (2 Corinthians 6.14-17).

II. Live _____.

- A. Do we let our fleshly desires lead us?
 1. What did Paul exhort the children of Rome to do (Romans 13.12, 14)?
 2. Jesus encouraged us to "_____ " anything that causes us to _____ (Matthew 5.27-30).
 3. We must change our _____ and _____ to grow into the image of Christ (Colossians 3.8-10; Ephesians 4.22-24).
- B. The Bible often uses the imagery of putting off and putting on clothing to represent a change in _____ (Genesis 35.1, 2; Zechariah 3.1-4).
 1. What did "putting off" dirty clothing symbolize?
 2. Clean clothing represented _____ and a change in _____ to live for God.
 3. Metaphorically speaking, what kind of garments are you wearing today?

III. Make Ourselves _____.

- A. How do we "cleans" ourselves?
 1. We must understand what _____ us.
 2. How do I deal with my _____?
- B. Receiving _____ from our Lord signifies _____ (Revelation 6.10, 11; Revelation 7.9; Revelation 7.13, 14).

Conclusion: Do you need to change who you are today?

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Good morning church family! Today we are featuring long time members, Aubrey and Yvonne Hallum in our connection corner.

Aubrey was born in Seymour, Texas but spent most of his youth in Fort Worth, graduating from North Side High School, where he was on the archery, track and football teams. He received his undergraduate degree in Architecture from University of Texas and also served in the Marine Reserves.



Yvonne was born in Elizabeth, Louisiana but moved to Fort Worth in her teen years. She graduated from Arlington Heights High School where she participated in all art forms and the Jr. Historian Club. Upon graduation, she became a freelance model for such chains as Stripling's, Monnig's, and Leonard's. She also worked for Fort Worth National Bank in advertising and was chosen as Shrine Princess for the Fort Worth Stock Show parade.

Aubrey and Yvonne met at a cookout that Aubrey attended with his friend. Yvonne was fascinated by his "baby face" and they soon began dating. They dated while Aubrey was in college, marrying just before his graduation. They moved to New York City, where Yvonne became a secretary for an industrial design firm and Aubrey worked for an architectural firm. Later, an opportunity came to move to Washington DC, where Aubrey worked on the design team for a Capitol building renovation project. After moving to Dallas, Aubrey and a partner formed their own firm, and over his career, Aubrey was instrumental in the design of over 40 church buildings, including the Waterview church of Christ. His church building designs have been honored by being featured in the ACU Library in Abilene.

Yvonne, for many of these years, developed her artistic talent in multiple medias, oil, pastels, charcoal, etc. She has been featured in several art shows in the area and has a beautiful showcase of her work in their home. As if that wasn't enough, she was also an accomplished sailor, winning awards with the Fort Worth Boat Club! Along their life together, Aubrey and Yvonne were blessed with 2 sons, 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Though no longer able to attend in person, I would encourage you to visit them and get to know them, all of you will be blessed!

Les Keele



Please keep Ukwazi International Christian University in your thoughts and prayers. You may send heartening words to them at brad@africanchristiancollege.org in order to spur them on in their good works.

"Pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should." - Colossians 4:3, 4

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Layton Garner

Song Leader - Matt Sloan

Song - Let God Arise

Song - How Can I Keep From Singing?

Song - Fairest Lord Jesus

Prayer - Zach Brookshire

Scripture - 2 Corinthians 6.14-18

Song - Thomas' Song

Lord's Supper - Joe Gentry

Prayer for Contribution - Joe Gentry

Song - Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty

Are You Different? - Gary Williams

Song - Do You Know My Jesus?

Song - He Loves Me

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Dan Kille

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 9

Amos 4 - 6

Tuesday, October 10

Amos 7 - 9

Wednesday, October 11

Obadiah - Jonah 2

Thursday, October 12

Jonah 3 - 4

Friday, October 13

Micah 1 - 3

Saturday, October 14

Micah 4 - 7

Sunday, October 15

Nahum 1 - 3

Last Week

Bible Class:	128	Wednesday:	103
AM Worship:	204	Contribution:	\$ 11,001.71
PM Worship:	59	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 8, 2023

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
The Perez Family 10/03/2023	In the tragic death of Alfonso.	Understanding, comfort, peace
Paula Pauley 10/05/2023	Was in the ER on Friday, October 6, with a possible broken ankle. 4620 Ocean Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76123	healing
Linda Tong 10/05/2023	Cousin, Merrill Fish, passed away on Friday, October 6. 709 Royal View Court, Willow Park, Texas 76087	Comfort for the family and prayers for Bobbye as she will face her cancer alone and grieve her husband
Bud and Betty Wilcox 10/04/2023	Bud is having issues with his diabetes and will have some cancer spots burned off. Betty is in a lot of pain. They would love visits, call, and cards. Water Mark At Broadway Cityview; 5301 Bryant Irvin Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76132	Better days
Jean Cox 10/04/2023	Is unable to get out but would love calls and visits. 5134 Ledgestone Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76132	Company
D'Anne Beall 10/04/2023	Has been admitted to Baylor All Saints, Room 382, Building C. She was to have kidney stone surgery this past Friday. 9001 South Normandale, #1055, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Recovery and healing
Caleb Bartee 10/03/2023	Has a torn ACL and Lateral Meniscus requiring surgery to repair. 8629 Vista Royale Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Successful surgery, rehab, and recovery
Nancy Wright 9/29/2023	Is in Harris Southwest Cityview Hospital, Room 4138, having issues with her esophagus and dehydration. 8600 Vista Royale Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing and comfort for pain
Intharansy Family 9/28/2023	Ken Intharansy passed away Sunday, September 24 7137 Bob Hanger Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	Peace and comfort for the family
Aubrey and Yvonne Hallum 9/24/2023	Their health is not good. 25 Leonard Trail, Apartment #317, Westworth Village, Texas 76114	Them to be healthier
Bob Willyerd 9/18/2023	had surgery on his spine September 22. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	To recover quickly and everything to work according to plan
Shirley Bennett's and Minnie Collins' nephew 9/10/23	Michael Griffin passed away from bone cancer. Shirley Bennett, 4018 Ridglea Country Club, #508, Fort Worth, Texas 76126; Minnie Collins, 4040 Ridglea Country Club, # 1102, Fort Worth, Texas 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 Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Quick 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 8, 2023

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Dwayne Beagle, son of	Charlie and Louise Beagle	Is suffering from hip neuropathy.	Pain relief 10/03/2023
Monica, daughter of	Michelle Glenn	Under COVID quarantine until today.	Recovery 10/03/2023
Melody Roberts and family, sister of	Jeff Swan	Margaret (Maggie) Ocampo passed away on September 22. She was the niece of Jeff Swan.	Comfort and peace 9/26/2023
Bobbye Fish, cousin of	Linda Tong	Bobbye has cancer for the 3rd time and her husband, Merrill, passed away Friday, October 6.	Better health and healing, comfort 9/22/2023
Lola Kelly, friend of	Jim Gilbert	Has a fast spreading cancer.	Healing and comfort 9/22/2023
Tina Farrar, friend of	Frankie Smith	Broke both elbows and will need help with eating.	Quick healing and comfort 9/16/2023
Hawk, grandson of	Kristi McLeroy	Had lots of test run.	That his test results come back favorable 9/20/2023
Bill Harris, brother-in-law of	Nancy Wright	Has cancer.	That the doctors can help him 9/24/2023
Pierce McGlaun, great-grandson of	Bill Baumann	Four-year-old has type 1 diabetes.	That they are able to regulate his sugar 9/17/2023
Carrie Johnson, sister of best friend	Chandra Mann	She is recovering from a life or death surgery.	Quick healing 9/14/2023
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
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 08/10/2023
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



The services for Alfonso Perez will be on Tuesday, October 10. The visitation will begin at 9 AM with the funeral at 11 AM. The graveside will be across the parking lot in the Western Hills Plot. There will be a meal following in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact the office if you are willing to assist with the meal. There will be no men's class or ladies' class on this day.

Sunday Morning Fall Quarter Classes

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

Wednesday

7 PM

Ecclesiastes

Les Keele



Food Bank Stats for September

251 - Families Served

\$979.13 - Cost to WHCOC

6,959 pounds - Estimated Weight of Food

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



Coming Soon

October 28 Door Knocking

October 29 Friends and Family Day

October 31 Fall Festival



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