

## When Other Christians Fail You

Why are we so disappointed when a fellow brother or sister in Christ fails us? It is heart-rending to think of the number of Christians who no longer go to worship because of the actions of other Christians. I have seen it happen a number of times over the years. One brother is offended over how another brother treated him; a sister is disappointed in the un-Christian-like reaction of another sister she held in high esteem; a member is upset not understanding why a decision was made by the eldership; and numerous other disappointments and provocations. It is so sad though that time and time again, when Christians are offended by other Christians, they quit coming to worship and walking faithfully before God.

First, why do we let the actions of other Christians affect our salvation? Why would I let someone's misbehavior prevent me from faithfully serving God? I think many are hurt because they forget that every Christian is human and not free from sinning. Yes, it is difficult when someone we greatly love and admire sins against us. We often think just because someone has been baptized into Christ that they will automatically act like Christ; and then, we take great offense when they do not. But what is the major problem when our faithfulness is based on other Christians? Our standards are not high enough! Our perfect example is Jesus Christ and He is whom we should greatly admire and strive to imitate.

There are biblical examples of Christians who greatly disappointed others. Certainly, the apostle Paul was saddened when Demas forsook Christ and returned to the world (2 Timothy 4.10). Do you not think that John was greatly disheartened when Diotrephes sinned in "loving to have the preeminence" and would not recognize John's apostolic authority and thus prevented John and others from visiting the church near Ephesus? Surely there are Christians who loved Philetus and Hymenaeus; but then, Philetus and Hymenaeus started teaching false doctrine and fell away from the truth, disappointing many.

Are we basing our faith on the faith of others? Certainly, Paul, John, and many others were disappointed when brethren left the church; but they did not let that prevent their



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# Falling Upon One's Face

## Luke 5.12

- 1) Have you ever fallen flat on your face?
- 2) Have you ever fallen upon your face before the Lord?
- 3) Many people in scripture fell upon their faces for several different reasons.

### Some Fell Upon Their Face...

#### I) In Seeing God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Ezekiel 1.28; 3.23; 43.3; 44.4).

- A) \_\_\_\_\_ got to see the essence of God.
  - 1) How did Ezekiel react (Ezekiel 1.28)?
  - 2) Ezekiel fell on his face.
- B) How did \_\_\_\_\_ react when He saw Jesus (Revelation 1.17)?
- C) How do you think you would have responded?

#### II) In \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) \_\_\_\_\_ fell upon his face in worship of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 5.14, 15).
- B) The hosts of heaven fell before the Lord.
  - 1) All the \_\_\_\_\_ fell before God and worshiped (Revelation 7.11).
  - 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ who sit on thrones before God fell on their faces to worship God (Revelation 11.16).
- C) How do \_\_\_\_\_ worship God?

#### III) In \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ fell on their faces in fear of the Almighty God (I Kings 18.39).
  - 1) The children of Israel would not make a decision on who the true God was.
  - 2) Is it possible to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_?
- B) The closest \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus fell on their faces afraid (Matthew 17.5, 6).
- C) Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ God?

#### IV) In \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ pleaded for mercy (Numbers. 16.22).
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ was leading a rebellion against the authority of Moses and Aaron.
  - 2) Can one man's sin bring \_\_\_\_\_ upon all people (Gen. 3.17-19)?
- B) Will I \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ upon my face in judgment?

#### V) In Seeking \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) A \_\_\_\_\_ fell upon his face before Jesus (Luke 5.12).
- B) \_\_\_\_\_ prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26.39).

**Conclusion:** Do you need to fall upon your face before God today?

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steadfastness in the faith. We may be abused by others and have our feelings deeply wounded. But would it not be more appropriate, instead of being offended, to be saddened that Satan has taken hold in their lives? Should we not go to God in prayer on their behalf? We get to a point where we admire other Christians for their faithfulness and may even put them on a pedestal. But our admiration is misplaced. Instead of greatly admiring others, should we not be admiring "seeing Jesus" in them? We should rejoice and hold in great esteem others who submit to the will of Christ and permits Him to use them for His service. And there is nothing wrong with having great respect for other faithful Christians as long as we do not put them before Christ. When disappointments come, should we not go to that person and try to resolve our hurt feelings? Jesus gives us a step-by-step solution when we have problems with one another (Matthew 18.15-17). Next time you are offended, go to God in prayer and follow His Word in correcting the wrong. Come judgment day, you will be very glad you did. Think about it!

Gary

## C O N N E C T I O N

**C** Good morning WH family! Welcome to November, can you believe it?? Today, we are featuring Taj Gray in our Connection Corner.

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**R** Taj was born in El Paso, the son of two military parents. So, as you can probably guess, Taj has racked up some substantial "frequent flyer" miles in his young life. The family moved from Ft Bliss in El Paso to bases in Delaware, Dallas and Atlanta by the time he was 3 or 4 years old. After returning to Dallas for a short time, they were stationed in England, Dallas, Arlington, and San Antonio. These were followed by stations in S Korea and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where Taj spent most of his junior and senior years in high school. While in Cuba, Taj learned to play the flute and tuba for the concert bands and played on the tennis, flag football, track, kickball and bowling teams. In his "free" time, he also volunteered with the "S2S" (Student to Student) program where children of military families welcomed new military kids and helped them to acclimate. He also competed in speech contests, advancing to the National Military Speech Championship round. For the last ½ of his senior year, the family moved to Yuma, AZ, where he graduated from high school.



Taj returned to Dallas and began studying stock trading and is currently enrolled in a marketing study program. He was in an "Experiencing God" class where they were given an assignment to "look and see where God is working and join it." Taj saw the WH Food Pantry program and decided to come and join us here and has continued to help in that work.

With his mother still working with the Defense Dept all over the world, Taj has continued to take wonderful trips, such as to Bahrain, Japan, Thailand, Turkey, Mexico, Bahamas, Honduras, and Belize. On his "bucket list" of places to travel to, Taj still hopes one day to vacation in Tahiti. There is certainly "no moss growing on this rolling stone!"

I encourage you to reach out and get to know Taj, I guarantee you will leave with a new friend and a smile!

Les Keele



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\**Shepherd of the month*

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## MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

**Welcome** - Layton Garner

**Song Leader** - Jonny Bartee

**Song** - We Praise Thee, O God

**Song** - Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

**Song** - To God Be The Glory

**Prayer** - Steve Taylor

**Scripture** - **Luke 5.12**

**Song** - Hallelujah What A Savior

**Lord's Supper** - Milt Birmingham

**Prayer for Contribution** - Milt Birmingham

**Song** - I'll Live In Glory

**Falling Upon One's Face** - Gary Williams

**Song** - There's Power In The Blood

**Announcements** - Les Keele

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal** - Chuck Meyer

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, November 6**

Luke 9 - 12

**Tuesday, November 7**

Luke 13 - 16

**Wednesday, November 8**

Luke 17 - 20

**Thursday, November 9**

Luke 21 - 24

**Friday, November 10**

John 1 - 4

**Saturday, November 11**

John 5 - 8

**Sunday, November 12**

John 9 - 12

### Last Week

<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>AM Worship:</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>Contribution: \$</b>	<b>18,809.37</b>
<b>PM Worship:</b>	<b>0</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>

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Members

### November 5, 2023

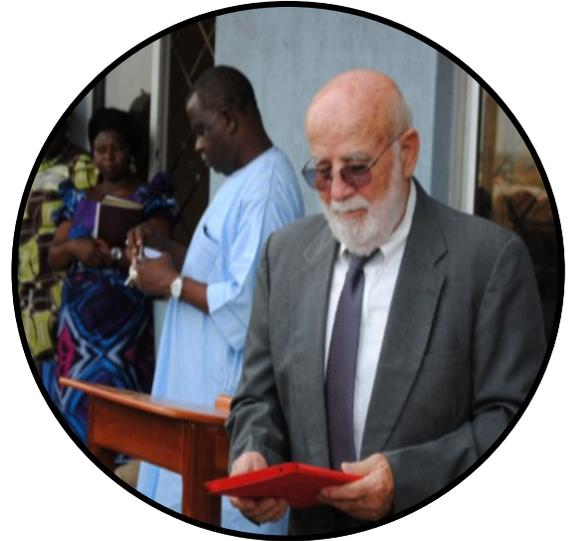
NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Susie Steadman 11/2/2023	She has chronic intestinal problems due to past surgeries. 8700 N. Normandale St. #106, FORT WORTH, TX 76116	Her issues to pass so she can have surgery
Joe Billman 11/2/23	He is in Harris Down Town, Richardson room 322. He had some seizers. 8808 Kate, Fort Worth, TX 76108	Full recovery
Johnie Wright 10/24/2023	Has been diagnosed with COVID. 8600 Vista Royale Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Quick healing
Susan Carpenter Ward 10/26/2023	Has suffered a stroke and is in Harris, ICU. She has had one surgery to remove the clot in her brain and will have another surgery to remove a second discovered clot. 3000 Choctaw, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Recovery and healing
Bridgett Yawn 10/22/2023	Needs prayers for strength in her faith and patience with her physical afflictions. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Needs as requested
Lucille Patterson 10/17/2023	Has had a UTI and elevated cholesterol. 178 Crown Pointe Boulevard, Room 129, Willow Park, Texas 76086	Better health
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, calls, and cards. Water Mark At Broadway Cityview; 5301 Bryant Irvin Road, Apartment #132, Fort Worth, Texas 76132	Better days
Caleb Bartee 10/03/2023	Has a torn ACL and Lateral Meniscus. He had surgery on November 2 to repair the damage. 8629 Vista Royale Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Successful rehab, and recovery
Nancy Wright 9/29/2023	Was released from rehab and is back at home. 8600 Vista Royale Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Continued healing and comfort from pain
Brandon Duncan 9/3/2023	Recovering from knee surgery and prayers for his family as his grandfather slips further into dementia. 9928 Farmington Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	For knee to strengthen and heal; comfort and peace for his family

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.

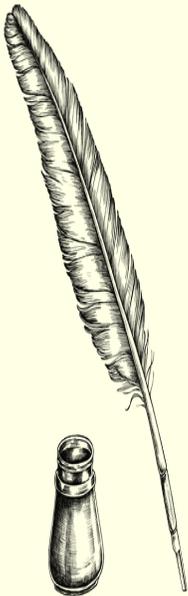
**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
**Family & Friends**  
**November 5, 2023**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REQUESTED BY</b>	<b>SITUATION</b>	<b>PRAY FOR</b>
John Saba, the husband of	Dana Saba	Had stents put in his legs.	Better circulation with no pain 10/23/2023
David Yarbrough, the father of	Angie Kirkpatrick	Had surgery on Thursday, October 19, to place a port for dialysis.	Prayers for upcoming dialysis, and better health 10/10/2023
Christopher Lowrey, son of	Doug and Barbara Lowrey	Christopher and his shipmates are in the Mediterranean and are off the coast of Israel.	Their safety and their families at home 10/09/2023
George Milhim, brother of	Betty Kille	Has a brain tumor, broken shoulder, and six cracked ribs.	Successful surgery, physical and spiritual healing 10/08/2023
Bill Harris, brother-in-law of	Nancy Wright	Has cancer.	That the doctors can help him 9/24/2023
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

Today, Steven Worley, the Director of Development, and one of the founders, of the School of Biblical Studies in Jos, Nigeria, will be with us during the 9 o'clock Bible study hour. He will share with us how the school is progressing and what the plans are for the continued success of their programs. Working with the SBS Jos has been a major mission effort for the Western Hills congregation for over twenty years. Nigeria has one of the largest Muslim populations in the world which makes for a very challenging and important mission to educate students and help them develop the skills necessary to spread the Gospel of Jesus in Northwest Africa.



## A Note of Encouragement:



1 Thessalonians 5 :9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. <sup>12</sup> Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. <sup>13</sup> Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

This week we need to write words of encouragement to Robert Bazan who is one of our missionaries that works with Mexico - Mission, Texas. His email address is [Robertbcocn@yahoo.com](mailto:Robertbcocn@yahoo.com).

✦✦✦ Congratulations to Kasie Muongnamvong on becoming a Christian last Sunday, October 29. Please welcome our new sister in Christ and let her know she is loved. ✦✦✦

## NEW ADDRESSES

CHRIS INTHARANSY: 1800 FULLER WISER ROAD, APARTMENT 633, EULESS, TEXAS 76039

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AND HER PHONE NUMBER IS 817-929-6095.



Ben and Courtney welcomed Luke Kendel Meyer into this world on Thursday, October 26. He weighs in at 6 pounds, 3 ounces and is 19 inches long. The proud siblings are Layton, Brady, and Claire. Beaming grandparents are Chuck and Julie Meyer and great-grandparents are Charles and Carol Meyer.

A table has been set up in the west foyer for Luke Kendel Meyer so that we can shower him with love and bless them with gifts and gift cards.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

**JUNE 2 - JUNE 5**

Please look in the foyer and sign up for all the areas in which you wish to work at VBS. Slots are going fast; so, sign up early to get your preferred spot!



WE ARE IN NEED OF ONE MORE FAMILY TO HOST A SMALL GROUP ON SUNDAY EVENINGS. ONCE THAT HOME IS OPENED, WE CAN BEGIN OUR SMALL GROUPS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE LET LES KEELE KNOW.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Morning Fall Quarter Classes

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

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.

December Class:

**SUNDAY**

**RUSS BARTEE: AUDITORIUM:**

**WEDNESDAY**

**DEATRA KEELE AND LISA WILLIAMS:**

**LADIES' CLASS: PRAYER**

**ROBERT SCOTT: YOUNG MARRIED AND  
SINGLES:**

**LES KEELE: MEN'S CLASS:**

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Pam Eubanks

18 Joe Billman

6 Buck Thomas

18 Chuck Meyer

11 Joe Bravenec

18 Sara Stom

11 Joyce Franz

19 Linda Draper

11 Tommy Wade

22 Russ Bartee

12 Holly Thomas

22 Charles Stephan

15 Jim Haas

30 Laura Pace

17 Lillian Kite

Children

17 Ray Meisenhalder

18 Caleb Bartee

18 Faiha Al-Atrash

28 Guendee Torrez