

## Do I Bring God Glory?

Have you ever heard someone referred to as an exceptional Christian? Understanding that we certainly do not live for the praise of men, why would someone regard another in such high esteem? Their attitude? Their knowledge of the Word? Their acts of kindness? Certainly, you could answer any of the three aforementioned questions with a sound "yes," when in reality, all three are essential. One's attitude, knowledge, and actions should be evident that you are a Christian striving to glorify God. Jesus tells us, **"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5.16)**. Everything about us should reflect the glory of our God.

How do I go about bringing God glory? Aristotle once said, *"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is not an act, but a habit."* Is that not true about our Christianity as well? Should not our love for Christ show in all we do? The apostle Paul wrote to the church in Colossae, **"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father by Him" (Colossians 3.17)**. We wear the name Christian, and we should reflect the image of Christ in us. It should be evident in the thoughts of our hearts, the words of our tongue, and the work of our hands. How do I know if I am doing such? Well, consider asking yourself the question, *"Can I get down on my knees and ask Christ to go with me or bless me in what I am thinking, saying, or doing?"*

The Bible teaches that we will be judged by our words (Matthew 12.37), and our deeds (Matthew 16.27; Romans 2.6; 2 Corinthians 5.10), not just by what we know and believe. As Christians, we are to work as well as know (James 4.17), act as well as believe (James 4.24), and do as well as say (Matthew 23). I know a sister in Christ who noticed an elderly lady in the parking lot at the hospital whose car battery had gone dead. She volunteered to "jump her off" and stood in the pouring down rain to do so. I truly believe that God smiled upon His child as He watched her work. Would you have done the same? Or, would you have been more concerned about getting wet or wasting your valuable time? Whose time is it anyway? Or, what determines value in life? James said, **"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit' -- yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.'"** (James 4.13-15). Should we slow down and look for ways to help others and glorify God? Think about it!



# Self-Diagnosis

## Hebrews 4.11-13

1. Have you ever tried to diagnose your own problem?
2. Is self-diagnosis a problem in our Christian faith?
3. Is there a standard of judgment?

### Will You...

#### I. Strive To Enter God's Place Of \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 4.11)?

- A. It takes \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. It takes effort to \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. It takes effort to enter God's place of \_\_\_\_\_.

#### II. Recognize The Power Of \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 4.12)?

- A. God's Word is personified as \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. God's Word can \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ your soul.
- C. God's Word can know what is in your \_\_\_\_\_.

#### III. Realize There Is No Place To \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 4.13)?

- A. No one can \_\_\_\_\_ from God's presence.
- B. We are \_\_\_\_\_ before God.
- C. We must give an \_\_\_\_\_ for how we \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:** How well are you diagnosing yourself this morning?

# C O N N E C T I O N

Good morning WH family! Today we are featuring Stanley Gish in our Connection Corner.

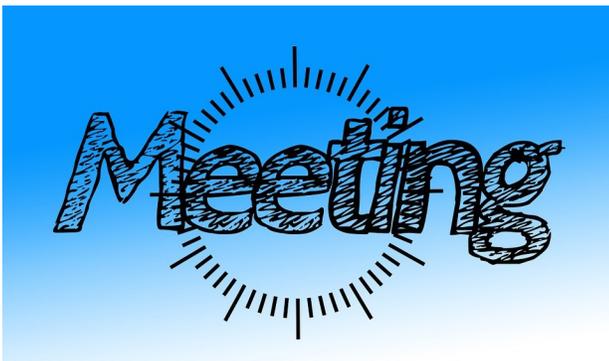


Stanley was born in Fort Worth, and, like many of our members, graduated from Arlington Heights High School. Stanley had a close relationship with his brother and he says that he “liked to follow in my brother’s footsteps.” So, while at Arlington Heights, Stanley joined the ROTC program and participated in the ROTC drill team competitions. Following high school, Stanley enrolled at University of Texas-Austin where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering. He is a huge Texas Longhorn fan (as is a columnist that shall remain anonymous. Did I mention that Texas won the Big 12 and is going to National Championship playoffs? If I didn’t, Stanley will!) He then went on to complete his Master’s of Science in Aerospace Engineering at UT.

Stanley moved to Huntsville, AL, and went to work for the Boeing Company in its Space Program Division. His group was involved in the development of one of the Lunar Rover models for the Apollo program competition. After a year at Boeing, Stan returned to Fort Worth and went to work for General Dynamics (now Lockheed Martin) as an engineer for the next 37 years until his retirement. Stanley worked with several programs during his career, including the F-111 and F-16 fighter jets.

Stanley was married to his wife Penny (also a WH member) for 37 years until her passing several years ago. Due to her health issues, he was her caretaker for many years and they were unable to attend in person; but, he has been a long-time member of our WH family. Since he has been able to return, Stanley helped provide transportation for doctor and dialysis appointments for some WH members, has hosted small groups in his home, and is a vital part of our Food Pantry. Stanley has 2 sons, 1 daughter and 1 granddaughter. Reach out and get to know Stanley, I know you will be greeted warmly with a big smile and be blessed!

Les Keele



Please be advised that our **ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING** will be on **January 14, 2024 at 5:00 PM.** We ask that all attend this event.

## SHEPHERDS

Greg Ball	214-801-7375
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Dan Kille	817-793-7493
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* Ross Tomlinson	682-429-1983
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\* *Shepherd of the month*

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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** - Ben Meyer

**Song Leader** - Matt Sloan

**Song** - Awesome God!

**Song** - Rise Up, O Men Of God

**Song** - Have Thine Own Way

**Prayer** - Les Keele

**Scripture** - Hebrews 4:11-13

**Song** - Come Share The Lord

**Lord's Supper** - Greg Ball

**Prayer for Contribution** - Greg Ball

**Song** - Footprints of Jesus

**Self-Diagnosis** - Gary Williams

**Song** - Hark, The Gentle Voice

**Announcements** - Les Keele

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal** - Ross Tomlinson

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, December 11

II Thessalonians 3 - I Timothy 3

### Tuesday, December 12

I Timothy 4 - 6

### Wednesday, December 13

II Timothy 1 - 4

### Thursday, December 14

Titus 1 - Philemon

### Friday, December 15

Hebrews 1 - 4

### Saturday, December 16

Hebrews 5 - 8

### Sunday, December 17

Hebrews 9 - 13

### Last Week

<b>Bible Class:</b>	141	<b>Wednesday:</b>	89
<b>AM Worship:</b>	199	<b>Contribution:</b>	\$ 16,964.20
<b>PM Worship:</b>	45	<b>Budget:</b>	\$ 12,978.00

### Times of Assemblies

<b>Bible Class:</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Sunday Morning Worship:</b>	10:00 AM
<b>Sunday Evening Worship:</b>	5:00 PM
<b>Wednesday Evening:</b>	7:00 PM

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Members

### December 10, 2023

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Jeff Swan <small>12/03/2023</small>	Had an accident while walking his dog and broke his femur. He had surgery on Monday, December 4 and is in Harris Downtown, Justin Tower, Room 303. 1717 High Ridge Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Healing and rehab
Missy Hall <small>12/03/2023</small>	Has pneumonia and pancreatitis. 5601 Westhaven Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76132	Better health and recovery
Jimmy Bolt <small>12/03/2023</small>	Sister passed away last week. 3243 North Cardinal Road, Azle, Texas 76020	Comfort and peace
Brandon Duncan <small>12/04/2023</small>	Great aunt, Beth, passed away on Friday, December 1. His grandfather, Danny Wampler, has stopped eating and drinking. 9928 Farmington Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Comfort and peace
Jean Cox	Is in Harris Southwest Hospital, Room 5248. 5134 Ledgestone Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76132	Healing
Carolyn Williams	Terri Reed, Carolyn's daughter, passed away on November 16, 2023. 8211 Llano, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Peace and comfort for the family
Gail Willmington	Is having great pain in her knee causing leg and back issues. She can't have surgery until February, 2024. 1603 Tierney Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76112	Reduction in pain
Judy Blair <small>11/16/23</small>	She had knee replacement surgery November 16, 2023. 121 Lilac Lane, Azle, Texas 76020	Quick healing and recovery

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

### December 10, 2023

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Dennis McConn, father-in-law of Auna's son-in-law	Auna Walton	Had emergency surgery the other day and is fighting infection.	Recovery and eradication of infection <span style="float: right;">12/08/2023</span>
Eldon McCoy, father of	Randy McCoy	Suffered a fall which caused a brain bleed resulting in a hemorrhagic stroke. He has been placed on hospice.	Comfort and peace for all involved <span style="float: right;">12/04/2023</span>
Lauren Mulkelroy and family are friends of	Michelle Glenn	Was in a car accident. Husband and children passed away at the scene.	Lauren's recovery, comfort, and peace <span style="float: right;">11/29/23</span>
Danny Wampler, grandfather of	Brandon Duncan	Is not doing well and his health is going down rapidly since he has stopped eating and drinking.	The family to experience peace and comfort <span style="float: right;">11/14/2023</span>
Art and Rita Renfro, friends of	Betsy Strother	Art has upcoming shoulder replacement surgery. Rita received good news - no cancer!	Art's surgery to go well and quick healing <span style="float: right;">11/14/2023</span>
David Yarbrough, the father of	Angie Kirkpatrick	Is now on dialysis.	Prayers for better health <span style="float: right;">10/10/2023</span>
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 <span style="float: right;">10/09/2023</span>
George Milhim, brother of	Betty Kille	Has a brain tumor, broken shoulder, and six cracked ribs.	Successful surgery, physical and spiritual healing <span style="float: right;">10/08/2023</span>

# LOOK!

There will be NO Children's Church on **December 24.**

The Church office will be closed **December 25, 26, and 27** for Christmas as well as **January 1** for New Year's Day.

NO Sunday Evening Service on **December 24** (Christmas Eve)



**Please send words of love and**

**encouragement to Daniel Gabi in Nigeria. His email is danielwgabi@yahoo.com**

## 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!



Zach Brookshire would like to know all who would be willing and able to help with a church workday to fix things around the building. Please notify the office if you would be willing to participate.

**November Food Bank Statistics**  
243 – Families Served  
\$617.88 – Cost to WHCOC  
6,232 lbs. – Estimated Weight of Food

*Welcome*

**Please meet and welcome Tiffany Kocur to our family. Her phone number is 817-538-1824.**

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP



There will be a Ladies' Ornament Exchange for all ladies with children still at home and younger. Please bring a wrapped ornament and a sweet or savory finger food to share on Thursday, **December 14**, at 6:30 PM to

The Bowie Home

9809 Stoney Bridge Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76108

On December 31, at 6:00 PM, there will be a New Year's Eve Fellowship in the fellowship hall. Please bring your games, cards, finger foods, and drinks for all to enjoy.



## Sundays:

Auditorium: Revelation: Russ Bartee

Young Married and Singles: 1 & 2 Peter: Robert Scott

## Wednesday Nights:

Ladies' Class: Prayer: Deatra Keele and Lisa Williams

Men's Class: Step Up To The Plate: Les Keele

Join Us For Our Tuesday Morning Bible Classes At 10 AM.  
Men's Topic: 10 Steps to the New Spiritual You - Milt Birmingham  
Ladies' Topic: First Peter - Paula Pauley

**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.**



**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.**

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Kao Chanthanounsy

2 René Johnston

2 Melissa Montanez

2 Jeff Thiravong

2 Ross Tomlinson

3 Robert Bow

4 Jean Cox

4 Adam Powers

4 Bev Pratt

7 Kristie McLeroy

8 Lee Bradley

8 Thomas Chakrathouk

9 Dorothy Anderson

10 Christina Intharansy

12 Lorenza Fernandez

12 Martin Franz

12 Thonglouath Manyloun

12 Auna Walton

14 Wayne Gary

17 Jake Dekoker

17 Gloria Speak

18 LaRue Bow

19 Steven Johnston

20 Mary Jo Winters

21 Chuck King

22 Bob Willyerd

23 Ronny Tucker

24 Betty Adams

24 Lucille Patterson

26 Zach Brookshire

30 Jay Garner

30 Cassidy Tunnell

30 Karen Haas

31 Thienxay Manyloun

## **Children**

10 Tanner Chakrathouk

12 Ian Thomas

27 Jonathan Everett

30 Jack Meyers