

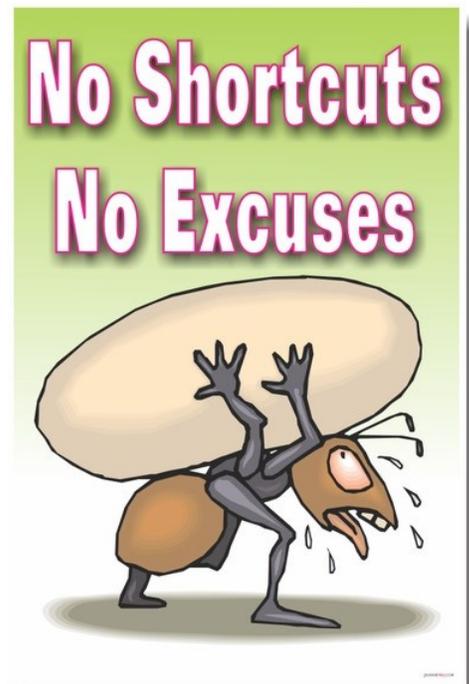
## No Shortcut To Healing

My first doctor's visit following surgery on my neck resulted in being rebuked. Initially, I was told that I would have to wear a neck brace for six weeks following surgery. Three weeks later, expecting to hear that my recovering was excellent, I heard a strict rebuke about not wearing my neck brace tight enough. That was the last thing I wanted to hear. I thought it was pretty awkward to begin with, but now having it tighter makes it extremely uncomfortable. Then I thought, "Only three more weeks so I can suffer through it." The doctor then delivered another shocker, I learned that the weaning off process took up to a month. Starting February 02, I can have the brace off for one hour, the second day—one hour, the third and fourth days—two hours, the fifth and sixth days—three hours, etcetera. I left the doctor's office thinking, "There's no short cuts to healing!"

It also made me think that there are no short cuts to being healed spiritually. As a Christian, when I sin, the only way to be forgiven is to repent and turn from sin. Many, though, sin and just think that they can be forgiven over time just for being good. I've seen people leave the church and then come back, some, years later. When they first returned, they sat way in the back. After a period of time, they moved up midway, then finally making their way to the front and being very active in the work of the church. The only problem was that they never repented from walking away from God and living in sin. Yes, everyone at church was so excited to see them return and welcomed them with open arms; but the Bible teaches, to return to God, you must seek forgiveness through repenting of your sin. Do you remember when Simon the sorcerer saw that Peter and John had the ability to lay their hands on people giving them the Holy Spirit and that Simon tried to offer them money to buy the power for himself (Acts 8.14-24)? Peter severely rebuked him and said, "**Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you**" (Acts 8.22). Simon sinned and Peter told him how to seek forgiveness: repent and pray to God. There is no shortcut to returning to the Lord. If one has sinned, he/she must repent and ask God to forgive him.

Some people think that they can stay in God's favor living the way they are and ignoring having to go through this only way to forgiveness. What about you? Do you have sin in your life, currently or in the past, of which you need to repent? God loves you! He offers you an eternal home in heaven above. But you must live according to His Word and not try to circumvent it. The hope of eternity is yours, only for the asking. Think about it!

Gary



**What's it *there fore*?**

2 Corinthians 12.7-10

- 2005 National Science Foundation study--
    1. 40,000 avg \_\_\_\_\_ daily
    2. 80% of those are considered \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. 95% of those are the same as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We tend to focus on our \_\_\_\_\_ rather than our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We tend to focus on what's \_\_\_\_\_ rather than what we \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Have you had an online order show in \_\_\_\_\_ or in \_\_\_\_\_?
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1. What was Paul's \_\_\_\_\_?

2. What did Paul \_\_\_\_\_ it?

3. What was God's \_\_\_\_\_?

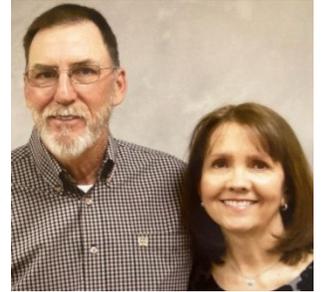
4. What was it \_\_\_\_\_?

*Jesus took on a whole \_\_\_\_\_ to enable me to deal with \_\_\_\_\_.*

# C O N N E C T I O N

## C O R N E R

Good morning church family! I hope we all made it through the freezing temps ok! Today we are featuring Roy & Pam Eubanks in our Connection Corner.



Roy was born in FW and graduated from Western Hills High School. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and most outdoor sports, but spent much of his free time helping with his dad's new gas station located just off the traffic circle, where he would pump gas, fill tires, fix flats, check under the hood & give you a glass if you bought \$2 worth of gas! Oh, the good old days! After high school, Roy began working in the construction industry and learned how to use heavy equipment such as forklifts, graders & dozers. He spent 10 years with Walker Construction before moving on to work for the City of Benbrook Street department, where he retired after 28 years. All in all, Roy spent 40 yrs working with heavy equipment. Now he works PT for a golf course, which pays him in free golf to support his "habit." (Yes, he is a golf addict.)

Pam was born in Cleburne, and after a few short years in New Mexico, moved back to FW. She attended Paschal for 2 yrs and then graduated from SW High School. She participated in the pep squad and especially enjoyed gymnastics, particularly the uneven bars. She attended TCJC for 2 years before working as an elementary school teacher's aide. Pam then found her career as a Pharmacy Tech at Medical Plaza Hospital, where she retired after a 34-year career there. She spent the next few years helping to care for her sister during her illness until she passed away.

Roy and Pam met through Roy's roommate and began double dating. They really loved to go bowling (where Pam beat him regularly!) Roy popped the big question at Spaghetti Warehouse in the special "Box Car" booth they had there. They soon married and have been blessed with 2 children, one of which, Brian, is a WH member also. They have been WH members for about 9 years and jumped in with both feet! They have helped in the Food Pantry and helped process the contribution for several years. They attend the men's and ladies' bible classes regularly and I don't think you will ever see a fellowship where they aren't pitching in with the cleanup. And that's just a bit of their service to the family here. Seek them out and get to know them better, you'll be blessed.

Les Keele



**Small Group Sign-ups:** are in the front west foyer. So please check them out and sign-up. Sunday, February 4th will be our first small groups meeting date for 2024.

FOOD BANK STATS  
198 – Families Served  
\$931.94 – Cost to WHCOC  
6779 lbs – Estimated Weight of Food

## 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** - Jay Garner

**Song Leader** - Matt Sloan

**Song** - We're Marching To Zion

**Song** - Ten Thousand Reasons

**Song** - We Shall Assemble

**Prayer** - Ben Meyer

**Scripture** - 2 Corinthians 12 : 7 - 10

**Song** - Ten Thousand Angels

**Lord's Supper** - Zach Brookshire

**Prayer for Contribution** - Zach Brookshire

**Song** - Song - I Will Sing The Wondrous Story

**What's It Therefore** - Les Keele

**Song** - All Things Are Ready

**Announcements** - Les Keele

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal** - John Walton

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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, January 22**

Exodus 14 - 16

**Tuesday, January 23**

Exodus 17 - 19

**Wednesday, January 24**

Exodus 20 - 22

**Thursday, January 25**

Exodus 23 - 25

**Friday, January 26**

Exodus 16 - 28

**Saturday, January 27**

Exodus 29 - 31

**Sunday, January 28**

Exodus 32 - 34

### Last Week

<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>AM Worship:</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>Contribution:</b>	<b>\$ 10,476.61</b>
<b>PM Worship:</b>		<b>Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 12,978.00</b>

### Times of Assemblies

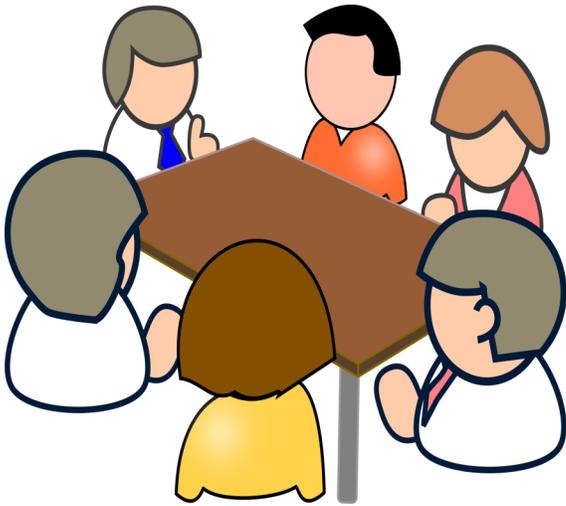
<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Morning Worship:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Evening Worship:</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday Evening:</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Members

### January 21, 2024

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Chandra Mann 1/12/24	Her abdominal cancer has come back, she will be having a biopsy and will know more soon.	Healing and good news
Nancy Wright 12/11/2023	She caught covid while in Stonegate rehab, Room 111. 8600 Vista Royale Drive, Fort Worth, TTX 76108	Successful Rehab and healing
Anthony McGraw 12/25/23	is hospitalized in ICU with a leg clot, stent, and stomach blockage. 3501 Renzel Blvd. # 136 , Fort Worth, TX 76116	Healing
Gary Williams 12/25/23	He had neck surgery and now doing therapy. 9829 Maryville Ln., Fort Worth, TX 76108	Healing
Gail Willmington	Is having great pain in her knee causing leg and back issues. She will have surgery in February 12. 1603 Tierney Road, Fort Worth, TTX 76112	Reduction in pain and a successful surgery



## Notice Of Annual Corporate Meeting And 2024 Budget Review:

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Corporate Meeting of members of the Western Hills Church of Christ will be held at 8800 Chapin Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76116 on January 21 at 5:45 p.m.

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

### January 21, 2024

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Bob Blevins family. Father-in-law to Dorothy Andersons daughter.	Dorothy Anderson	Dorothy Andersons son-in-law's dad Bob Blevins, passed on Jan 18th.	Comfort and peace
Sara Beth, sister of	Justin Wideman	Sarah Beth gave birth to Emma Rynn a weeks ago.	Thankful for a healthy delivery and baby
Jared, Brother-in-law to Charlie, nephew of	Ellen Bartee	Receiving a kidney on January 23.	Complete success and healing
Charlie, nephew of	Ellen Bartee	Donating a kidney on January 23.	Complete success and healing
Bailey, great niece of	Sherry King	She underwent surgery to remove a large cyst on her heart. It went well.	Thanksgiving and quick healing
Hattie Surles, sister to	Paula Pauley	She fell face first into a fence and is sick.	Quick healing 1/9/2024
Pat Richey, friend of	Beverly Forgey	She has covid.	Healing 1/11/2024
Lena Jackson	Eva Torrez	She has severe diabetes.	healing and comfort 12/25/23
Hawk, grandson of	Kristie McLeroy	He is 8 month old and has spinal bifida. He is undergoing treatments to help his bladder grow.	For the treatments to work and healing 01/08/2023
Myra Stanhope, sister of	Janelle Ball	Her husband, Doug, passed away on December 16.	Comfort and peace for Myra, her children, grandchildren and extended family 12/16/2023
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

# Sympathy



Judy Birmingham's sister-in-law Janet Holland passed away January 9th Please pray for her husband who has had health issues.

Please keep this family in your prayers.



## Today

Zach Brookshire is holding a Work Day after services. Lunch will be provided. Please speak with Zach if you will be able to help in this effort. He would like to know the skill sets that will be available to him.

*Thank You*

Thank you to all the beautiful souls that helped prep for the carpet cleaners , you are all, awesome and truly a gift from God.

**LTC:** Reminder to turn in sign-up sheets, registration fee, and hotel reservations to James or Leah. Coaches must do background check.

## Kids Rally

February 3rd

10am-2:30pm

@Airport Freeway CoC

\$10 includes t-shirt and lunch

2nd-6th grade

Theme: Exodus

Let Leah Bowie know if your child will be attending.



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

## 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!

**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.**

### **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: 1 & 2 Peter - Milt Birmingham

Ladies' Topic: Minor Prophets - Various Teachers

Please Read Hosea to prepare for class on January 23th

# January Birthdays

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>2 Niam Chansombath</b>    | <b>29 Ellen Bartee</b>     |
| <b>5 Susie Muongnamvong</b>  | <b>29 Gary Williams</b>    |
| <b>5 Robin Stephan</b>       |                            |
| <b>7 Louise Beagle</b>       |                            |
| <b>7 Brandon Duncan</b>      |                            |
| <b>10 Mary Ann Poulsen</b>   |                            |
| <b>12 Beverly Lipham</b>     |                            |
| <b>12 Randy McCoy</b>        | <b>CHILDREN</b>            |
| <b>13 Greg Ball</b>          | <b>1 Trace Witherspoon</b> |
| <b>14 Charlie Beagle</b>     | <b>4 Eli Brookshire</b>    |
| <b>16 Jonny Bartee</b>       | <b>4 Able Brookshire</b>   |
| <b>17 Joshua Witherspoon</b> | <b>7 Chyler Reynolds</b>   |
| <b>17 Bridget Yawn</b>       | <b>9 Asher Rutledge</b>    |
| <b>21 Julie Meyer</b>        | <b>13 Jonathan Price</b>   |
| <b>25 Mary Helen Bowie</b>   | <b>18 Harlo DeKoker</b>    |
| <b>26 Fern Martin</b>        | <b>19 Talan Ngo</b>        |



# Happy Birthday to you, February People

2 Joy Nanthareth  
3 Chris Intharansy  
5 Meth Boudtaroth  
7 Mignon Bandy  
8 Makayla Johnston  
10 Dwight Blair  
12 Kim Brown  
12 Jean Wiggins  
13 Marie Perez  
14 Joe Gentry  
15 Michelle Glenn  
16 Andrew Montanez  
16 Carol Meyer  
17 Sandra Wade  
17 John Wright  
25 Carlene Reeves  
27 Mary Lou Lee  
27 Paula Pauley  
27 Gene Menzdorf

## Children:

13 Lily Scott  
21 Mason Martinez  
25 Stephanie Duncan

