



## Does Anyone See "Me?"

Have you ever competed for a job and felt like you were not being given a fair chance just because you were not as beautiful as the other candidates? Maybe you were "too old" or "too young" or "not married." It seems so unfair when you work so hard, just to be passed over due to looks, age, or marital status. Isn't it wonderful that God does not show favoritism toward those who are the strongest, best-looking, or most talented? God judges man by his character and his spiritual well-being.

Even children of God may be guilty of placing too much emphasis on physical appearances or their own preconceived ideas when it comes to determining a person's value of qualifications. Do you remember when God sent Samuel to find a new king to replace King Saul because God had rejected Saul because of his continual disobedience? In I Samuel 16.1-3, Samuel is sent to the house of Jesse the Bethlehemite for God had chosen one of Jesse's sons to be the next king of Israel. Jesse had eight sons and instantly called the oldest to appear before Samuel. Samuel thought, "Oh, yes. He's good looking and quite fit; surely, he is the Lord's anointed." But God told Samuel, **"Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart" (I Samuel 16.7).** Well, Jesse brought one son after another to appear before Samuel, but the Lord had not chosen any of them. Finally, Samuel asked, **"Are all your sons here?"** Jesse basically said, *"Well, there's the youngest, but he's out watching the sheep."* Does it not seem that Samuel's initial search was for physical appearance and that Jesse had essentially ruled out David due to his age?

Later, in I Samuel 17, when Goliath is introduced, he is described in physical terms of appearance, weaponry, and aggressiveness. When David came on the scene, nothing was said of his stature, his strength, or his weapons; rather, David is introduced as **"the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, named Jesse" (I Samuel 17.12).** Even King Saul rejected David initially, thinking David was too young. Again, man was placing one's worth on physical appearance and strength. But why had God chosen David? David was chosen because of what was in his heart, not on his outer physical qualities (I Samuel 13.14; 16.7).

In God's eyes, it does not matter whether I am short or tall, fat or thin, beautiful or **"weak-eyed."** My value to God and my ability to be used by God is strictly by what is in my heart. I may be old and walk very slowly. I may be a young man with no hair on my face. I may feel very unattractive with little self-esteem. But, if I love the Lord my God with all my heart, and with all my soul, and with all my strength, then I am precious in the sight of God. I can do anything my God desires if I will maintain an attitude of **"I can do all things through Him [Christ] who strengthens me" (Philippians 4.13).** So, what plans does God have for you? Will you trust in Him and do His will?  
Gary



## Why Faith?

### Hebrews 11.6

1. What is faith?
2. Can you tell someone what faith is?
3. How many different definitions do we get?
4. On one occasion, Martin Luther King, Jr., said, "***Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase.***"
5. And why is faith so important?

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_ Is Faith?

- A. Does the Bible \_\_\_\_\_ faith for us?
  1. How did the Hebrew writer define it (Hebrews 11.1, 6)?
  2. Faith sees life through the lens of \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Faith \_\_\_\_\_ every area of our lives.

#### II. \_\_\_\_\_ Faith?

- A. Over and over in scripture, we are told that "***The*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***shall live by faith***" (Habakkuk 2.4; Romans 1.16; Galatians 3.11).
- B. Why is faith the \_\_\_\_\_?
  1. Ever felt like you were \_\_\_\_\_?
    - a. That Satan was tempting you?
    - b. So much going on in your life that your faith was wavering?
  2. Why did the apostle Paul say we should take up the " \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_" (Ephesians 6.16)?

#### III. Are You \_\_\_\_\_ Your Faith?

- A. How do I build my faith?
  1. I can increase my faith by...
    - a. Turning to the \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 10.17; 2 Timothy 3.16, 17).
    - b. Looking to the \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 5.6-8).
    - c. Anticipating the \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 11.8-10; Philippians 3.20, 21; 2 Thessalonians 1.7-9).
  2. I strengthen my \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word and putting it into \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1.22).
    - a. Do you remember Jesus being tempted by Satan in the wilderness (Matthew 4.1-11)?
    - b. Do you remember Jesus telling Paul that He was sending him to the Gentiles (Acts 26.18)?
- B. Have I put God's Word into practice in \_\_\_\_\_?

**Conclusion:** Are you ready to acknowledge my faith in Jesus, and be baptized for the forgiveness of my sins?

# C O N N E C T I O N

## C O R N E R

Good morning church family. Welcome to February! Can you believe it? Today we are happy to feature Patricia Emerson in our Connection Corner.

Patricia was born right here in Fort Worth and graduated from Lake Worth High School. While in school, she especially loved singing in the choir, art classes, and home economics. She once won a blue ribbon for her art work and that passion for art continues even to this day. While in high school she started working for Hill's Grocery store as a cashier and with the Housewares Department.

After graduating, Patricia continued working for Hill's Grocery. Following her marriage, she then started working for Montgomery Ward. After the birth of her first son, she moved on to work for the Safeway chain of stores.

Patricia changed careers, moving on to the mobile home manufacturing business as an electrical/lighting supervisor. It was during this time that she became fast friends with our own Shirley Bennett and her sister, Minnie Collins. (Their friendship has spanned over 50 years!) Patricia returned to the retail business with Suzanne's Boutique, eventually managing a store. After experiencing an armed robbery there, she decided she would leave the retail industry.

Patricia then joined her husband, working for their own concrete company, totaling 30 years of operation. However, her husband began experiencing health problems and she became a caregiver for him the last 10 years of his life. Since retiring, she still enjoys painting, cooking, and baking. (Although once her husband said he thought Shirley was the best cook!) I would encourage you to get to know Patricia. I found so much life experience that I could relate to, I know there are many others that could benefit from sharing stories with her. We all grow and learn to better understand one another with such sharing. Try it, you'll be blessed.

Les Keele



## SHEPHERDS

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Russ Bartee	817-938-5825
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\*Shepherd of the month

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<i>Associate Minister</i>	
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<i>Youth Minister</i>	
John Boundtaroth:	817-891-2132
<i>Laotian Minister</i>	

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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

## MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

**Welcome** - Matt Sloan

**Song Leader** - Caleb Bartee

**Song** - Our God, He Is Alive

**Song** - Jesus Is Lord

**Song** - Peace In The Valley

**Prayer** - Robert Bow

**Scripture** - Hebrews 11:6

**Song** - How Great Thou Art

**Lord's Supper** - Chuck King

**Prayer for Contribution** - Chuck King

**Song** - I Stand In Awe

**Why Faith?** - Gary Williams

**Song** - My Eyes Are Dry

**Announcements** - Les Keele

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal** - Greg Ball

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**Attended Nursery:** After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years, a cry room available, and Children's Bible Hour for children ages 3 years old up through second grade.

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, February 5

Leviticus 16 - 18

### Tuesday, February 6

Leviticus 19 - 21

### Wednesday, February 7

Leviticus 22 - 24

### Thursday, February 8

Leviticus 25 - 27

### Friday, February 9

Numbers 1 - 3

### Saturday, February 10

Numbers 4 - 7

### Sunday, February 11

Numbers 8 - 10

### Last Week

Bible Class:	127	Wednesday:	112
AM Worship:	206	Contribution:	\$ 9,081.19
PM Worship:	50	Budget:	\$ 13,802.88

### 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

### February 4, 2024

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Angie Kirkpatrick <small>1/14/24</small>	Is having neck pain. 1424 Yorkshire Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76134	Relief of pain and healing
LeAnn Fisher <small>1/27/24</small>	Has the flu. 1003 Bryant Street, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing
Quin Gary <small>1/29/24</small>	Is in China on an extended trip visiting her 93 year old mother. 9912 Edmund Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Safety and good travels
Chandra Mann <small>1/12/24</small>	Abdominal cancer has returned and she will begin chemo February 5, 2024. 106 Langham Drive, Aledo, Texas 76008	Healing and good news
John Walton <small>1/29/24</small>	Is suffering from a pinched nerve in his back and will be having an MRI. 101 Bent Tree Court, Aledo, Texas 76008	Healing and pain reduction
Jeff Swan <small>12/17/24</small>	Leg is healing following accident and surgery. 1717 High Ridge Road, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Complete healing
Nancy Wright <small>12/11/2023</small>	Is in Stonegate Rehab, Room 115. 8600 Vista Royale Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Successful rehab and healing
Gary Williams <small>12/25/23</small>	Had a neck fusion. 9829 Maryville Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 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, Texas 76112	Reduction in pain and a successful surgery

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

### February 4, 2024

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
George Turner, father of	Keith Turner	Is having health issues.	Healing <span style="float: right;">1/21/24</span>
The Smith Family in Paradise and the people of the Paradise community	Mindy Markum	The Smith Family in Paradise, Texas lost Heath, Wyatt, and Noah who died in a plane crash.	Please pray for the community of Paradise and the Smith family <span style="float: right;">1/14/24</span>
Bob Blevins' family, father-in-law to Dorothy Anderson's daughter	Dorothy Anderson	Dorothy Anderson's son-in-law's dad, Bob Blevins, passed on January 18, 2024.	Comfort and peace <span style="float: right;">1/21/24</span>
Sara Beth, sister of	Justin Wideman	Sarah Beth gave birth to Emma Rynn a week ago.	Thankful for a healthy delivery and baby <span style="float: right;">1/7/24</span>
Jared, brother-in-law to Charlie, nephew of	Ellen Bartee	Received a kidney on January 23, 2024.	Complete success and healing <span style="float: right;">1/1/24</span>
Charlie, nephew of	Ellen Bartee	Donated a kidney on January 23.	Complete success and healing <span style="float: right;">1/1/24</span>
Lena Jackson	Eva Torrez	Has severe diabetes.	Healing and comfort <span style="float: right;">12/25/23</span>
Hawk, grandson of	Kristie McLeroy	8 month old and has spina bifida for which he is undergoing treatments to help his bladder grow.	For the treatments to work and healing <span style="float: right;">1/08/2024</span>
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 <span style="float: right;">12/16/2023</span>
George Milhim, brother of	Betty Kille	Had brain surgery and is now in rehab.	Physical and spiritual healing <span style="float: right;">10/08/2023</span>

# LTC: Practice today



**2 PM Live Modern Drama**



**2:30 PM Puppets**

**3:00 PM Chorus**



**4:00 PM Bible Bowl**



## **SKIPPER REED HAS MOVED!**

BROOKDALE CLUB HILL

1245 COLONIAL DRIVE

APARTMENT 1022

GARLAND, TEXAS 75043

Due to an error, we need you to please update the phone number for Patricia Emerson in your directories. Her number is **817-407-7533**



**There will be a baby shower for Jessica Boudtaroth Mills February 18, 2024 from 2 PM to 4 PM in the fellowship hall. She is registered at [babylist.com](http://babylist.com). Please come and share in their excitement.**

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

## Small Group Sign-Up:

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Please check them out and sign-up. Sunday, **February 11, 2024** will be our first small groups' meeting date. Small groups **will not meet** on the 1st or the 5th Sundays of the month.



**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.**

## **VBS 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!**

### **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: Amos - Paula Pauley



# 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

