

Looking Out My Window

Look! Is that a Black-crested Titmouse? Wow! Is that a Carolina Chickadee? There's a pair of Cardinals! The Blue Jays are very aggressive! I see a Bluebird, a White-winged Dove, A Downy Woodpecker! Oh, I have never seen a "Green" Jay. As the warmer weather returns so early in the year, some of the birds are beginning to appear around my birdfeeder. I could sit and watch them for hours. Oh, then the question comes up, "*Does that make me a 'birdwatcher'?*" We used to joke as children that "bird watching" was definitely a sign of old age. It just appeared that many men as they grew older would all of a sudden develop an interest in birds. There would be binoculars, all kinds of bird identification books, multiple feeders, a variety of seeds for the preferences of the different bird species, unexpectedly appeari just laying around all over the place.

Do you think I am old enough to be a bird watcher? Why do I find it so interesting, is it just because I am entering my senior years? Or is it just that I have been forced to slow down enough to notice all the different types of birds God created? Our children learn that God created the birds on Day Five (Genesis 1.20-23). I have always memorized it by the letter "f" as in Day Five: Fish and Fowl. In Genesis 6, God commanded Noah to take the "clean" fowl by seven pairs into the ark. After the flood, we visualize in our minds Noah sending out a black raven first, then the delicate dove on three successive occasions. In Leviticus, God declared birds to be used as sin offerings on several occasions. During the days of the birth of our Savior, we learn that Joseph and Mary were poor because their offering being just a pair of turtle doves at the dedication of Jesus before God (Luke 2.22-24). And did not Jesus, Himself, teach us not to worry using the fowls of the air to illustrate how God takes care of those who seek Him first (Matthew 6.24-34)?

As I "bird watch," I quickly notice that many birds have different mannerisms. Some scare off easily while others are very bold and territorial. But did you know that if you would study your Bible, you could learn many interesting qualities of various birds as well? Because of the gentleness of the dove and because of its faithfulness to its mate, Solomon used the dove as a descriptive title of his "beloved" (Song of Solomon 2.14; 5.2; 6.9). When Jesus sent out the seventy, He instructed them to be "**wise as serpents, and harmless as doves**" (Matthew 10.16). The Bible discusses the eagle's swift and powerful flight and its protective care for its young (Proverbs 23.5; Exodus 19.4; Deuteronomy 32.11). Or what about the ostrich, the sparrows, the pigeons, the quail, and the many others, mentioned in scripture?



Maybe bird watching is not that bad of a hobby after considering God designed and cares for them all. One interesting fact I noticed, that in most fowls, it is the male of the species that God made colorful to attract the attention of the female. But, in the human species, the females are the ones that get all painted up to attract the males! Isn't it amazing what a little color can do?

Gary

Is The Bible True?

2 Timothy 3.16, 17

1. Why is the Bible so popular?
 - A. Did you know that there are over 100 million Bibles printed every year?
 - B. It's projected that there are more than 6 billion Bibles currently in print.
2. The Bible claims to be "*inspired by God*," but is that enough to believe it is true?
3. What is the proof that the Bible came from God?

I Know The Bible Is From God Because Of...

- I.** _____.
- A. If the Bible accurately _____ the _____, we can know it is from God.
 1. Did _____ predict the future of the city of _____?
 2. Did _____ predict the fall of Babylon (Isaiah 13.19; 21.9)?
 - B. In the Old Testament, there are over 250 prophecies about a coming Messiah.
 1. Did you know that every one of the prophecies were fulfilled in minute detail in the life of _____?
 2. The circumstances of the Messiah's _____, _____, and _____ were all predicted in the Old Testament.

II. _____ And _____.

- A. Is the Bible accurate or filled with error when it speaks of scientific disciplines?
 1. The Egyptians were renowned in the ancient world for their progress in the field of _____.
 2. Many of the remedies did more _____ than _____.
- B. The Bible was not written to be a _____.
 1. The first five books of the Old Testament contain an understanding of _____.
 - a. The washing of _____.
 - b. Germs and the "_____ of _____" (Numbers 19).
 2. The Old Testament used _____ to prevent the spread of disease.

III. The _____ Of The Bible.

- A. The archaeologist Sir William Ramsey attacked the supposed accuracy of the Bible.
 1. The _____ of the book of Acts was greatly questioned.
 2. From his effort to disprove the accuracy of the book of Acts, Ramsey came to _____ in _____.
- B. For hundreds of years, there was no evidence to prove that a man named _____ ever existed.
 1. The Bible mentions Pilate on several occasions, especially in the account of the _____ of _____.
 2. In 1961, archaeologists found a stone tablet with the inscription: _____, *Prefect of Judea.*"

Conclusion: Are you ready to acknowledge your faith in Jesus today?

C O N N E C T I O N

C Good morning, church family! Today we are featuring in our Connection Corner one of our newer members, Ray Doshier. Ray has been a long time friend of Frankie Smith, and 1 year ago Easter week, Ray studied with Gary and was baptized into Christ and added to our family here.



R Ray was born in Denver, CO and was adopted very quickly by an "Air Force family." Ray traveled all over many parts of the world during his father's military career. When his dad was stationed in Germany, the family often vacationed all over Europe, including Spain, France, England, Italy, etc. Ray mentioned that he found a special friend in our own Chuck Meyer. Ray read Chuck's story in our Connection Corner a few weeks ago, and realized that Chuck must have been born at the same base that Ray had lived at when he was in Germany. Ray enjoyed sharing memories of Germany with Chuck. (I hope that other members have found people to relate to through stories from these interviews as well!) Ray ended his world traveling experiences when he graduated from the high school on base in the Panama Canal Zone.

Ray was in ROTC in high school and upon graduation promptly joined the Army. (Hmmm, Dad was Air Force, Ray was Army, his brother was Navy, probably made for some interesting conversations over inter-service Collegiate football games!) His MOS (for all you military types) was "63 Charlie 20" or a truck driver for all the rest of us. He performed most of his service based in Anchorage, AL but was glad to return to Texas when he was honorably discharged. Ray drove trucks for several small companies before finally ending up driving for Frankie Smith and her husband the last 5 years of his career before retiring. Since he retired, he started helping at our Food Pantry Ministry, and continues to do so now that he has become a member. Even though Ray struggles with some health issues, he is helping at the Food Pantry or attending services with great joy. I encourage you to follow his example as he did with Chuck. Reach out to him and get to know him, you'll be blessed too!

Les Keele



We would like to begin celebrating anniversaries as we do birthdays. Please add your name and date to the list in the foyer. If you happen to know the anniversaries of our shut-ins, please add those as well. Thank you.

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Matt Sloan	405-471-3404
Steve Taylor	817-291-2065
Buck Thomas	817-733-2620

MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - David Birdow

Song Leader - Jonathan Bartee

Song - We Praise Thee, O God

Song - Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Song - To God Be The Glory

Prayer - Brandon Duncan

Scripture - 2 Timothy 3:16, 17

Song - Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?

Lord's Supper - Milt Birmingham

Prayer for Contribution - Milt Birmingham

Song - Mansions Over The Hilltops

Is The Bible True? - Gary Williams

Song - Have You Been To Jesus?

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Greg Ball

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ours:
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Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years, a mother's nursing room, 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, March 4

Joshua 1 - 4

Tuesday, March 5

Joshua 5 - 7

Wednesday, March 6

Joshua 8 - 10

Thursday, March 7

Joshua 11 - 13

Friday, March 8

Joshua 14 - 16

Saturday, March 9

Joshua 17 - 19

Sunday, March 10

Joshua 20 - 22

Last Week

Bible Class:	131	Wednesday:	98
AM Worship:	213	Contribution:	\$ 13,197.45
PM Worship:	65	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
March 3, 2024

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Patricia Niesler 02/26/2024	Had a fall on Sunday, February 25 that resulted in severe bruising but no breaks. Her sister, Mary Young, passed away Monday, February 26. 7113 Kermit Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Thankfulness that no bones were broken, prayers of healing; comfort in the death of her sister
Shirley Bennett 02/25/2024	Is home from the hospital. 4018 Ridglea Country Club, #508, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	A good diagnosis and treatment
Wanda Houston 02/25/2024	Has been moved to Encompass Health Rehab Facility, Room 224. 5301 Bryant Irving Road, #117, Fort Worth, Texas 76132	Thanksgiving that the fall was not any worse and prayers for a speedy recover
Betty Wilcox 02/21/2024	Has been moved to Encompass Health Rehab Facility. Water Mark at Broadway Cityview, 5301 Bryant Irvin Road, Apartment 132, Fort Worth, Texas 76132	Health to continue to improve
Louise Beagle 02/16/2024	Had a pacemaker replaced. 3916 Reagan Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Recovery
Kham Intharansy 02/15/2024	Is seeing an infection disease specialist and a hand orthopedic surgeon as they try to get better results with her hand. 7137 Bob Hanger Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	Peace for Kham while she waits for results; wisdom, skill, and knowledge for the doctors
Nathan Rutledge 02/14/2024	Eden and Asher have been very sick. Nathan is struggling. 1213 Trammell Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing for the children and the struggles of Nathan to be resolved
Karen Haas 02/14/2024	Her daughter's health journey is progressing. 4428 Birchman Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76107	Thanksgiving that it is proceeding well
Brandon Duncan 02/12/2024	Needs God's guidance as he looks for a new job. 9928 Farmington Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	God will open doors and point him in the right direction
Kitty Davis 02/12/2024	Is troubled by Parkinsons and other health issues. 812 Ala Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Shane Grantham 02/12/2024	Has cancer. 812 Ala Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Nancy Moody 02/05/2024	Mrs. Polly passed away February 2. 917 Willow Way, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Comfort and peace for Nancy
Mary Jo Winters 02/04/2024	Has spiritual needs for which she request prayers. 9908 Caravelle Court, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	God knows what she needs
Angie Kirkpatrick 1/14/24	Is having neck pain. 1424 Yorkshire Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76134	Relief of pain and may healing occur
Quin Gary 1/29/24	Is in China on an extended trip visiting her 93 year old mother. 9912 Edmund Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Safety and good travels

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Chandra Mann 1/12/24	Abdominal cancer has returned and she began chemo February 5, 2024. 106 Langham Drive, Aledo, Texas 76008	Healing and good news
John Walton 1/29/24	After a consultation with the surgeon, they have opted for pain management first. The doctors began injections this week for his back pain. 101 Bent Tree Court, Aledo, Texas 76008	Healing and pain reduction
Nancy Wright 12/11/2023	Is in Stonegate Rehab, Room 115. 8600 Vista Royale Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Successful rehab and healing
Gail Willmington 02/12/2024	Had knee replacement surgery on February 12. 1603 Tierney Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76112	Reduction in pain and successful recovery

PRAYER REQUESTS**Family & Friends****March 3, 2024**

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Braelyn Joos, grandchild of cousin to	Beverly Lipham	Was in a side by side rollover accident. She is in Fort Worth Children's Hospital, ICU, with many internal injuries.	Recovery 02/26/2024
Nelda Wagoner, sister of	Wayne Lipham	Stomach cancer.	Treatments and healing 02/26/2028
Martin Wilcox, son of	Bud and Betty Wilcox	Has been diagnosed with cancer.	Treatments and healing 02/24/2024
John and Elaine Winfield	Chuck Meyer	Are long term visitors with us. John had a heart attack last December and is now on hospice; although, he is up and around but has no energy. Elaine has pain walking due to a Sciatic Nerve flareup. 4301 Tamworth Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Their health to improve and for John to have a good day that coincides with a Sunday so that they will be able to attend worship 02/27/2024
David Yarbrough, father of	Angie Kirkpatrick	Fell this past Sunday and has no breaks but multiple bruises and pain.	His health to get better 02/25/2024
Kay Hankins	Frankie Smith	Is in Willow Park and improving.	Better health 02/20/2024
Dese, sister of	Betty Adams	106 years old recovering from COVID.	Better health 02/20/2024
Tammy, niece of	Sam and Dorothy Anderson	Had a major heart attack and, due to previous history, may require a heart transplant. She had an angiogram this past Tuesday.	Doctors to make right decisions, treatment, surgery, recovery 02/20/2024
Ellen Dale	Frankie Smith	Bone scan.	Good results 02/20/2024
Kay Morris, friend of	Betsy Strother	Cancer.	Successful surgery and treatments 02/21/2024
Jaye Sanford, friend of	Betsy Strother	Cancer.	Successful surgery and treatments 02/20/2024
Renea Martin, sister of	Linda Tong	Is being treated for colitis while doctors try to diagnose other symptoms.	Complete diagnosis and healing 02/13/2024
Lynnette and Craig Latta, friends of	Debbie Turner	Lynnette is battling lung and breast cancer in addition to having had a mild stroke. Craig has severe MS and brain cancer for which he has had successful surgery.	Lynnette as she takes care of Craig and her father as she continues to try to work; Craig to relearn how to do the basics of life 02/12/2024
Chelsea, daughter-in-law of	Debbie Turner	Her father passed away.	Comfort and peace for the family 02/12/2024
Fredda Gentry, 103 year old mother of	Joe Gentry	Fell going into worship on Sunday, February 11. She did have a break but had surgery to correct it.	Complete healing and rehab 02/12/2024

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Jane Wilson, mother of	Mindy Markum	Is doing much better and is at home.	Healing and recovery 02/04/2024
Jimena Montanez, younger sister of Madeline	Melissa Montanez	Has been moved from ICU and is recovering. She is still in need of our prayers.	Recovery and healing 02/04/2024
George Turner, father of	Keith Turner	Has been moved to Encompass Health Rehab Facility.	Health to continue to improve and God's will to be accomplished 1/21/2024

LTC: Practice today



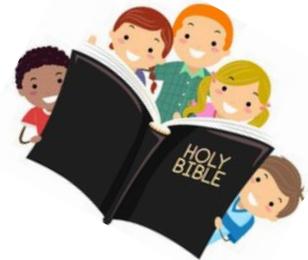
2:00 PM Drama

3:00 PM Chorus

4:00 PM Bible Bowl

5:00 - 10:00 PM VBD

SNACKS: Janelle Ball



Book Give Away!

Middle Foyer

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LADIES' RETREAT

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PLANNING A SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR OUR LADIES. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE FILL OUT THE SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE IN THE FOYER SO WE MAY HAVE A MORE ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THOSE INTERESTED. THIS IS NOT A COMMITMENT TO DEFINITELY ATTEND, WE ARE SIMPLY TRYING TO GET A NUMBER IN MIND. YOU MAY PLACE THESE IN THE ATTENDANCE BASKETS. THIS WILL ALLOW US TO CHOOSE A SUITABLE LOCATION EARLY ON. THANK YOU.



March Anniversaries

John and Auna Walton

3

57 Years

Brandon and Jennifer Duncan

14

15 Years

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

Sundays:

Auditorium: Gary Williams: 1 and 2 Thessalonians

Young Married and Singles: Les Keele: Uncovering Why? Why We Do What We Do

Wednesdays:

Combined Auditorium Class

Les Keele: Taking It To The Streets: A Study Of James

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.



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Small Groups

Small groups meet on Sundays with the exception of the 1st and the 5th Sunday of the month.

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!

Join Us For Our Tuesday Morning Bible Classes At 10 AM.

Men's Topic: 1 & 2 Peter - Milt Birmingham

Ladies' Topic: Nahum: Betsy Strother

MARCH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 STEPHAN MYERS

2 JOHN LARSON

3 BEVERLY FORGEY

4 JIM GILBERT

8 CHARLES KITE

11 MIKE WHITACRE

15 JANELLE BALL

17 AMY BARTEE

18 BEA HOUSE

20 STEVE TAYLOR

21 MARK MUSSELMAN

22 KAREN TAYLOR

22 BETSY STROTHER

23 GLENN BAIRD

29 MONTY BOWERS

CHILDREN

10 BOYCE MILLER

16 BELLA GILBERT

24 MADDOX DUNCAN

26 SELAH GARNER

27 BRENA THOMAS