



# WELCOME TO WESTERN HILLS!

Thank you for joining us for worship! From the moment you arrive, we want you to feel welcomed. Hopefully, you were greeted by smiling faces, who are excited for you to be here. We would love to get to know you and see what we can do to help you!

Our Sunday services typically last a little more than an hour and consist of a time of a cappella singing, communion, and worship, as well as an opportunity to receive ministry and prayer.

In every Sunday worship service, we observe the Lord's Supper (sometimes called "communion"), which serves as a reminder of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. It includes passing a plate with unleavened bread (small wafers) and, secondly, a tray which contains little cups of grape juice. These are reminders of Jesus' body and blood. After the Lord's Supper, the same men who distribute the communion will also pass collection trays for members to give to the financial support of the work of the church. Guests should not feel compelled to participate in this collection.

During our worship service we sing several songs together as a congregation. You'll notice we do so without the accompaniment of instruments. We have song books and also project the songs on a screen. During the worship service, men will lead us in prayer with the congregation silently following. Near the end of our worship, our minister will present a Bible lesson.

At Western Hills, we strive to faithfully serve and worship God. If you are searching for a church home, we ask that you consider becoming a part of us. Our goal is heaven! Please come and take the journey with us!

Gary

**May the LORD bless you and keep you;**

**May the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;**

**May the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.**



# Have I Declared My Faith?

## Joshua 24.15

1. Have you ever told anyone about your faith?
2. Did it take a lot of courage?
3. What if you had to stand before the whole nation and tell them what you believed?

### Joshua's Declaration Of Faith Was...

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 24.15).

- A. Joshua made a \_\_\_\_\_ declaration of his faith—**"As for \_\_\_\_\_"**
  1. Joshua proclaimed before all Israel that he would follow \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. How can we keep our faith a \_\_\_\_\_ when Christ \_\_\_\_\_ terrible shame and pain for our \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Joshua's declaration of faith was very \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. It was a dogmatic declaration of \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. No one could have misunderstood where he stood.
- C. Joshua made a personal statement about his \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. His decision was not based on what the \_\_\_\_\_ of people \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Joshua's statement was not \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Will I make a personal commitment?

#### II. \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Joshua was the \_\_\_\_\_ of his family—**"And \_\_\_\_\_ house..."**
- B. In present day vernacular, Joshua would have taken his family to church, not send them.
- C. **Illustration.:** Norman Rockwell's picture called "Sunday Morning."
- D. Will I lead my \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 6.4)?

#### III. \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Joshua invited the people to \_\_\_\_\_ the options—**"Choose this day whom you will serve..."**
  1. Joshua told the people, *"You choose whom you want to serve!"*
  2. Joshua's stand for the one true God \_\_\_\_\_ the Israelites to do the same.
  3. The book ends with a tremendous \_\_\_\_\_ to Joshua (Joshua 24.31).
- B. All of us should \_\_\_\_\_ others to do the same.
- C. Joshua's invitation was \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. Joshua said, **"Choose this day..."**
  2. The Israelites declared their intentions three times (Joshua 24.16, 18, 24).
    - a. Joshua did something strange—he told Israel they could not serve the LORD (Joshua 24.19).
    - b. Why?
  3. Joshua made a \_\_\_\_\_ with Israel that day.

**Conclusion:** Do you need to make a public statement about your faith today?

# C O N N E C T I O N

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Good morning church family, friends, and our honored guests! Thank you for joining us today and sharing a time of study, worship, praise and fellowship. In this "Connection Corner" space, I usually write an article featuring different members to help us get to know each other better. Today, however, I wanted to share with you a letter that we received from a recent visitor. If you are a member, this message will hopefully encourage you, too. If you are a guest, I hope that it is a Five Star Review that will exemplify the reception you will have here as well. (I have purposely omitted certain parts to protect the author's identity).

*"To the congregation at Western Hills—*

*Thank you! Thank you for your wonderful warm welcome! I've visited congregations where hardly anyone spoke with me or invited me to sit with them (sometimes even after multiple visits). You were immediately, perfectly friendly and made me feel right at home. That means more than you could know!*

*Thank you even more for being a congregation clearly dedicated to following the New Testament example and Christ's blueprint for His church.... Your dedication to the scriptures encourages me beyond words!*

*Lord willing, my [work] will have reason for me to come back regularly. I'd love to come back here to worship regularly...*

*Just thank you again! Please stay the course-- that will inspire others to do the same (even in other places, like where I'll be going back to).*

*Hope to stay in touch and see you again soon!*

*All the best,"*

This is what being part of the family of God is all about; a community of people worshipping and serving God faithfully, loving and serving others, and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Les Keele



Pat Davis, a former member, passed away on April 16, after a two-year battle with cancer. There will be a celebration of life on May 10, 2024, at 2:00 PM at the South Main Street Church of Christ, 201 South Main Street, Weatherford, Texas.

Karen McLaughlin passed away on Tuesday, April 23. She was the daughter of Wayne and Martha McLaughlin. Visitation will be Friday, May 3, at 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. There will be a graveside Saturday, May 4, at 10:00 AM at Greenwood Funeral Home.

## SHEPHERDS

Greg Ball	214-801-7375
Russ Bartee	817-938-5825
*Dan Kille	817-793-7439
Chuck Meyer	682-553-5444
Ross Tomlinson	682-429-1983
John Walton	817-441-0000

\*Shepherd of the month

## MINISTERS

Gary Williams: <i>Pulpit Minister</i>	662-321-3208
Les Keele: <i>Associate Minister</i>	817-808-0566
James Bowie: <i>Youth Minister</i>	817-944-4492

## LAOTIAN MINISTRY

John Boundtaroth 817-891-2132

## 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

## MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

**Welcome** - Steve Taylor

**Song Leader** - Matt Sloan

**Song** - To God Be The Glory

**Song** - Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

**Song** - Come, Thou Almighty King

**Prayer** - Riley Bowie

**Scripture** - Joshua 24:15

**Song** - Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?

**Lord's Supper** - Randy McCoy

**Prayer for Contribution** - Randy McCoy

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

**Have I Declared My Faith?** - Gary Williams

**Song** - There Is Power In The Blood

**Announcements** - Les Keele

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal** - Dan Kille

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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, April 29

I Chronicles 22 - 25

### Tuesday, April 30

I Chronicles 26 - 29

### Wednesday, May 1

II Chronicles 1 - 3

### Thursday, May 2

II Chronicles 4 - 6

### Friday, May 3

II Chronicles 7 - 9

### Saturday, May 4

II Chronicles 10 - 12

### Sunday, May 5

II Chronicles 13 - 15

### Last Week

Bible Class:	149	Wednesday:	101
Worship:	223	Contribution:	\$ 8,910.01
PM Worship:	96	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

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

## Sundays:

Auditorium: Gary Williams: 1 and 2 Thessalonians

Young Adults: 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

## Small Groups

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

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

Men's Topic: Philippians - Milt Birmingham

Ladies' Topic: Living A Life That Matters - 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.**

## 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.

## BAPTISM

Brenna Thomas was baptized on April 21, 2024. She is the daughter of Buck and Holly.

## VBS



VBS 2024  
June 2nd-5th

REGISTER NOW!

Western Hills Church of Christ  
8800 Chapin Road  
Fort Worth, TX 76116



## SENIOR SUNDAY

Senior Sunday  
May 19  
Our Graduate is:  
Calzb Bartez

## NEW ADDRESS

Johnie and Nancy Wright have moved to:  
8601 Cook Ranch Road  
Benbrook, Texas 76126

## SAFETY WORKSHOP



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**SAFETY AWARENESS**

All ADULTS are invited to a church wide class on May 18, from 8:30 AM until 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. A light breakfast will be provided.



## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

We will be cooking for the teachers and staff (100 individuals) at Leonard Middle School on May 9. If you are interested in helping provide the items for a nacho bar, please see Frankie Smith.

**The Ladies' Pillow Ministry will meet Tuesday, April 30, following Ladies' Bible Class. Please bring your sack lunch and join us for a time of fellowship and service.**

*But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.*

*Joshua 24:15*

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## MEMBERS

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
D'Anne Beall <small>04/14/2024</small>	Will have a nerve block/epidural procedure on April 29 for a continual debilitating pain issue. 9001 South Normandale, Apartment #1055, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Ease of the pain so that she can work
Carlene Reeves <small>3/11/24</small>	She is in Springtown Park Rehab, Room 410. 1306 Warden Street, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Quick healing
Louise Beagle <small>3/14/24</small>	Has returned home. 3916 Reagan Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	For strength to increase
Angie Kirkpatrick <small>03/14/24</small>	Is having neck pain and will see a rheumatologist soon. 1424 Yorkshire Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76134	Relief of pain and healing
Chandra Mann <small>1/12/24</small>	The abdominal cancer mass is decreasing. 106 Langham Drive, Aledo, Texas 76008	Healing and good news
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

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Tommy Wade and their daughter	Sandra	Tommy has suffered a stroke and requires extensive care. Their daughter will have the bones in her ankle replaced soon.	Strength for Sandra as she cares for them both, recovery for Tommy, and good results for the daughter <small>04/24/2024</small>
Mia	LeAnn Fisher	Came through her surgery with success and has returned home.	Thankfulness <small>04/18/20204</small>
Theresa Joruraski, sister of	James Yawn	Will have surgery May 8.	Doctor's skill, good results, and healing <small>04/12/2024</small>
David Yarbrough, father of	Angie Kirkpatrick	Is getting better and stronger.	Continued progress and strength <small>02/25/2024</small>
Celest Thomas, daughter of	Louise Beagle	Her cancer has returned and it is much more aggressive.	Healing and strength for her and her family <small>3/14/24</small>
Ethel Melendy, mother of	Chandra Mann	She has Parkinson's Disease.	Prayers for Ethel and the family <small>3/14/24</small>
Jeff Kirkpatrick, husband of	Angie Kirkpatrick	Had surgery to remove kidney stones; but, he is still having pain.	Quick healing <small>3/14/24</small>

*Happy Birthday*

*April Birthday*

*People!*

**1 Kham Intharansy**

**2 Lili Kimlinh**

**2 Karen King**

**2 Matt Sloan**

**3 James Yawn**

**3 Sheryl Willyerd**

**4 John Walton**

**6 Jenny Chakrathouk**

**7 Katelynn Bolt**

**11 Deanna Everett**

**13 Joe Tomme**

**15 Chandra Mann**

**15 Barbara Meisenhalder**

**15 Judy McDonald**

**17 Vernon Hamilton**

**20 Carolyn Williams**

**25 Betty Kille**

**28 Linda Tong**

**30 Taj Gray**

**Children's Birthdays**

**1 Colt Tedford**

**10 Layton Garner**

**16 Emori Durrett**

**20 Liam Scott**

**22 Levi Sloan**

# **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

**1 ARTHUR TORREZ**

**23 JOHN BOUDTAROTH**

**2 BRENDA RODMAN**

**23 SANDY EDMOND**

**2 GAIL WILMINGTON**

**26 CARLOS WALLACE**

**3 KITTI DAVIS**

**30 MISSY HALL**

**3 PAT MCGUYER**

**5 GEOFFREY RODMAN**

**10 DAN KILLE**

**14 DAHLIA CADE**

**14 SHIRLEY BENNETT**

## **CHILDREN**

**15 JAYDEN CLAY**

**4 BRADY MEYER**

**21 CURTIS FISHER**

**10 HARPER DEKOKER**

**21 SHERRY KING**

**24 ELLIE SLOAN**

**21 JUDY BIRMINGHAM**

**31 KATHRYN BARTEE**