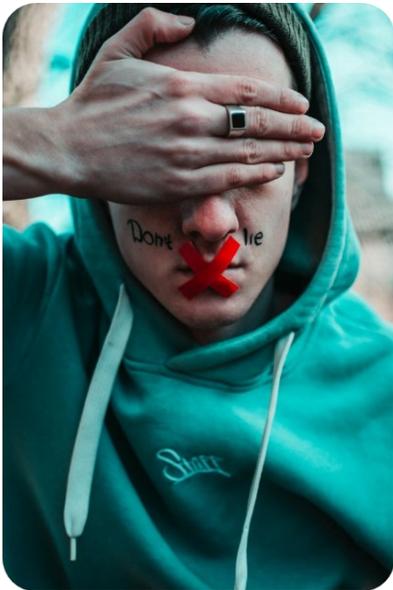




Does Lying Really Matter?

The American society has become so shameless that acts the Bible considers sinful are not given a second thought today. For example, Paul wrote to the Christians in Ephesus, ***“Therefore, putting away lying, ‘Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,’ for we are members of one another” (Ephesians 4.25, NKJV)***. But, a recent survey states that the average person tells two lies per day, or approximately 730 lies per year. The report says some of the most common lies that one tells are lies “to save face,” “to shift blame,” “to avoid confrontation,” “to get one’s own way,” “to be nice,” and “to make oneself feel better.” Thus, most lies are not meant to be hurtful to others; rather, they are meant to help the one doing the lying.



How do you think God views lying? In Proverbs, one reads, ***“Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who act faithfully are His delight” (Proverbs 12.22)***. In describing the heavenly city above, the apostle John wrote, ***“But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death” (Revelation 21.8)***. Those who continually tell lies will not enter into the kingdom of heaven. But would God send me to hell just for telling a few lies every now and then, especially if they really didn’t hurt anyone?

Certainly, you will agree that lying is a sin (Colossians 3.9; Revelation 21.8). And would you not agree that all sin displeases God? So, does lying go against the commandments of God? Another question I think it is pertinent to ask is “How serious is God about sin anyway?” In Acts 5, Ananias and Sapphira were both struck dead for lying. But you may object and say, *“Well, they lied to the Holy Ghost.”* Did they know they were lying to the Holy Ghost when they committed the sin? Do you not think that they thought they were just lying to Peter? Peter actually told Ananias, ***“You have not lied to man but to God” (Acts 5.4)***.

Some lies are told to be nice because you do not want to hurt someone’s feelings. Should those count? Is it still a lie? How serious was God when He gave the commandment that no one was to touch the ark? Wasn’t Uzzah struck dead? But Uzzah was just trying to keep the ark from falling to the ground; surely, if anyone could justify his sin it would be Uzzah. Regardless, God gave a commandment and expected it to be obeyed.

God wants us to know that He is serious about sin. There is example after example that reveals unto us how grave committing sin will be come judgment day. Do you think you ought to give more thought to what you say? Maybe we need to rethink what Jesus said in **Matthew 12.36, 37, “I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”** Will telling “a little lie” for any reason be worth it?

Gary

What Gift Do You Have?

Romans 12.6-8

- 1) Do you tend to notice other people's talents?
- 2) Some people seem to be extremely gifted.
- 3) What makes a person special?
- 4) Paul tells us that we should use our gifts in service to God.

I) What Do You Think About _____ (Romans 12.3)?

- A) Is pride a problem?
- 1) The first _____ committed by man was _____ (Genesis 3.1-7).
 - (a) In the book of Genesis, God created Adam and Eve and placed them in the Garden of Eden.
 - (b) Everything was "**very good**" according to God's assessment.
 - (c) Adam and Eve's _____ in the Garden of Eden came from their desire to be like God.
- B) What did Paul mean when he said we should think with "**_____ judgment?**"
- C) Does God grant _____ abilities to some more than others?

II) Is One Gift _____ Than Another (Romans 12.4, 5)?

- A) How does Paul illustrate the importance of every gift?
- 1) Paul compares the _____ to the _____.
 - 2) Each part is interconnected and serves a _____ in the spiritual body (I Corinthians 12.27).
- B) Every member of the body has _____ gifts to use in service to God.

III) What Is _____ (Romans 12.6-8)?

- A) Paul mentions seven different gifts.
- 1) The gift of _____ — _____ (Acts 11.28; 21.10, 11)
 - 2) The gift of _____ — _____ (Romans 16.1, 2)
 - 3) The gift of _____ — _____ (Acts 11.25, 26; 19.8-10)
 - 4) The gift of _____ — _____ (Acts 4.36)
 - 5) The gift of _____ — the _____ who supported Jesus (Luke 8.1-3)
 - 6) The gift of _____ — _____ (Acts 15.13-21; Galatians 2.9)
 - 7) The gift of _____ — _____ (Acts 9.36, 39)
- B) How do I _____ my talent?
- 1) What seems to come to you _____?
 - 2) **Illustration:** Woman drops birthday cake.
- C) My gift was given to me by God to be _____.

Conclusion: Are you using your talent in service to God?

CONNECTION

C Good morning WH family! Welcome to May! Today we feature Bill & Betty Baumann in our Connection Corner.

R Bill was born in Detroit, MI, & graduated from Mackenzie High School. While in school, Bill & his buddies loved to play football, basketball & especially hockey. Detroit winters didn't slow these guys down, they just improvised, getting around by "grabbing the bumpers of passing cars & getting pulled until we would let go & glide to a stop." Bill & "10-15" kids would all pile into a toboggan & speed down the hills & wipe out, only to get up & go again. Upon graduation, Bill joined the Air Force & served as an aircraft mechanic for 20 yrs. He worked on B-47's & B-52's. Upon his retirement from the Air Force, Bill switched to auto mechanics & spent 21 years working for Frank Kent Cadillac. He retired (again) & bought a Corgi puppy, a golf cart, & a house on the Lost Creek golf course where he & the puppy would spend hours playing golf & giving treats to the other dogs who lived along the course.



Betty was born in Altus, OK & graduated from Altus High School where she played "lots & lots" of basketball. (She is a devoted Mavericks fan & loves watching basketball even now.) She went on to receive an Associate's degree in business from Altus Jr. College & worked for several local businesses in Altus.

Betty's story is a little shorter, as she & Bill met when she was a car hop at a drive-in in Altus where Bill was stationed by the Air Force. Bill & his 3 buddies would come to the drive in each night & "Bill never had any money, I felt sorry for him & would buy his burgers." Betty's mother didn't want her dating a soldier, but Bill eventually won over her parents & they married during her senior year in high school. She worked while Bill was deployed for a couple of years until they shipped out together to Orlando, New Hampshire, Wichita Falls, Puerto Rico, & back to Altus over his 20 yrs. Betty was raised in the church, but Bill was mentored by a church member in Puerto Rico & baptized. He always admired her faithfulness in attending without him, & from his baptism on he always went with her. Over their 67 yrs together, they have been blessed by 2 daughters, 2 grandchildren & 2 great-grandchildren. Though limited somewhat these days by health, they attend WH as often as they can. Reach out & get to know Bill & Betty better, you'll be blessed!

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.

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*Shepherd of the month

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Steve Taylor

Song Leader - Caleb Bartee

Song - All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

Song - Just A Little Talk With Jesus

Song - Salvation Has Been Brought Down

Prayer - Ben Meyer

Scripture - Romans 12.6-8

Song - O Sacred Head

Lord's Supper - Joe Gentry

Prayer for Contribution - Joe Gentry

Song - We're Marching To Zion

What Gift Do You Have? - Gary Williams

Song - Mansion Over The Hilltop

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Chuck Meyer

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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, May 6

II Chronicles 16 - 18

Tuesday, May 7

II Chronicles 19 - 21

Wednesday, May 8

II Chronicles 22 - 24

Thursday, May 9

II Chronicles 25 - 28

Friday, May 10

II Chronicles 29 - 31

Saturday, May 11

II Chronicles 32 - 34

Sunday, May 12

II Chronicles 35 - 36

Last Week

Bible Class:	137	Wednesday:	97
Worship:	246	Contribution:	\$ 8,910.01
PM Worship:		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

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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.

We ask that you sign the list in the foyer in order that we may have an idea of how many to plan for. Thank you.

SENIOR SUNDAY

Senior Sunday
May 19
Our Graduate is:
Caleb Bartee

To celebrate our senior, we will be having dinner by Qdoba!

Tickets will be for sell in the main foyer, or see Amy Bartee.

Adult tickets are \$15 per person and children 12 and under are \$7.50

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

Children's Bible Hour will take a break for the summer months: June, July, and August. Special thanks to all that have helped to teach and to the many helpers. Mrs. Vickie

NEW ADDRESS

Johnie and Nancy Wright have moved to:
8601 Cook Ranch Road, Apartment 350
Benbrook, Texas 76126

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Vincent and Deanna Everett welcomed their 7th grandchild on Grandmas birthday, April 11. Max Lennon Pappas was 7 lbs. 12 oz and 20 inches. Proud parents are Matt and Joy (Everett) Pappas. Proud brothers are Matthew and Jameson. They reside in Katy, Texas.

PRAYER REQUESTS

MEMBERS

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Arthur Torrez 04/28/2024	Has not been feeling well lately.	For his better health
Carlene Reeves 3/11/24	Has temporarily moved to her son's home. You may still send mail to her home. She would love cards and prayers. 1306 Warden Street, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Recovery so that she may return to her own home
Louise Beagle 3/14/24	Has returned home. 3916 Reagan Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	For strength to increase

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Barbara Lowrey	Roxann Whitacre	She is in pain due to previous back surgeries and will need another to fix the current issues.	Guidance for them and the doctors on how to relieve the pain and fix the problems. 5/3/2024
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 04/24/2024
Theresa Joruraski, sister of	James Yawn	Will have surgery May 8.	Doctor's skill, good results, and healing 04/12/2024
Celest Thomas, daughter of	Louise Beagle	Her cancer has returned and it is much more aggressive.	Healing and strength for her and her family 3/14/24

CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR: Our Shut-Ins and those fighting long term issues. Wanda Houston, Shane Grantham, The Perez Family, The Intharansy Family, Dwayne Beagle, Aubrey and Yvonne Hallum, Betty Baumann, Lillian and Charles Kite, Charlie Beagle, Joe and Jody Gentry, Jacki Jaso, Khamla Kimlinh, Carlene Reeves, Nancy Wright, Chandra Mann, & Angie Kirkpatrick.

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

As summer schedules are chaotic our small groups will be taking a break until the fall. In the meantime, we will be returning to our normal Sunday evening services. Have a great summer!

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

Last class and luncheon will be May 14th.

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.

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