



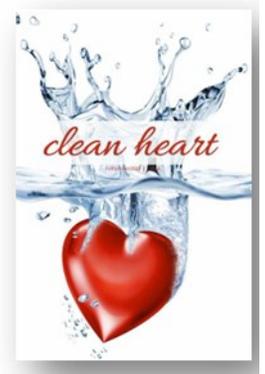
## A Plea For Forgiveness

Most people are familiar with the account of David and Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11). David committed adultery with the beautiful Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite. Bathsheba became pregnant, so David tried to cover up his sin that eventually resulted in the death of Uriah. In torturous impenitence, David tried to cover up, or keep his sin concealed from God. Sin had hardened his heart and had made him blind to his awful guilt. Thus, God sent Nathan the prophet to rebuke David (2 Samuel 12.1-7). David opened his heart to Nathan's indictment and thoroughly confessed his sin to God.

Psalm 51 is probably the first psalm David wrote after he acknowledged his sin and pleaded with God for forgiveness. The psalm is a prayer to God in which David pours out his heart in penitence and godly sorrow over what he had done. The psalm opens with David asking that God's unmerited favor might cover him. He is fully aware that the cleansing that he so strongly yearns can only come as an act of God's grace.

Psalm 51 is the psalm I go to when I need God's forgiveness. Verses 10-12 really express my desire when I cry out to God seeking His mercy. David said,

***<sup>10</sup>“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from Your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.”***



When I sin and my heart is so deeply pricked, I turn to God seeking forgiveness. You know the feeling, when you are almost depressed with grief when you realize what you have done. The horror that fills you when you know you have offended God Almighty. Your guilt brings a sense of dirtiness, a filling of pollution that no one can remove except God. Thus, you cry out, seeking forgiveness. Just as David, you want God to cleanse your heart and make you pure and holy once again. You remember the joy you had before falling to temptation, and you want it back. Sometimes, we lose something and deeply regret it. But nothing is regretted more than realizing you have separated yourself from God. Maybe you have sinned against God. Everyone sins. Romans 3.23 says, ***“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”*** The apostle John said, ***“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us” (I John 1.8).*** No one is perfect; thus, when we sin, we must turn to God and seek His forgiven (Acts 8.22). Cry out to God in anguish, seeking to have your heart made clean. Nothing will make you feel better than to know you are right in the sight of God. If you need God's forgiveness, why not turn to Him today?

Gary

# The Blood Of The Covenant

Matthew 26.26-29

- 1) What did Jesus mean when He said that the cup represented the blood of the covenant?
- 2) You might be surprised to know that “the blood of the covenant” is found in numerous places in the Bible.
- 3) The first time we see the term in the scriptures is Exodus 24.

## The Blood Of The Covenant Involves...

### I) The \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Covenant (Exodus 24.1-4).

- A) Israel is at Mount Sinai and God is proclaiming His covenant to the people.
- B) After hearing the specifics of what God’s will for them is, Israel was given the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.
- C) When do we come in contact with the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_?

### II) The \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Covenant (Exodus 24.5-8).

- A) The people of Israel offered \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifices and \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifices to the Lord.
  - 1) Moses reads the book of the covenant to the people.
  - 2) What did Moses mean and what were the \_\_\_\_\_ to the people?
    - (a) 1<sup>st</sup>—the blood of the covenant refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ that was established between God and the people.
    - (b) 2<sup>nd</sup>—the blood of the covenant is a reminder to the people to the \_\_\_\_\_ they had just made.
- B) When we come to the Lord’s Supper, it is noteworthy that Jesus says that the cup represents the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

### III) The \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Covenant (Exodus 24.9-11).

- A) Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and the 70 elders of Israel were called up on the mountain.
- B) Why were they able to \_\_\_\_\_ the God of Israel?

### IV) The \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) What happens when we partake of the Lord’s Supper and we come to the cup that represents the blood of the covenant?
  - 1) 1<sup>st</sup>—we are remembering that God ratified a covenant with us and sealed it with the \_\_\_\_\_ of His Son.
  - 2) 2<sup>nd</sup>—we are remembering that we \_\_\_\_\_ the terms of the covenant, proclaiming that all the Lord has spoken \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) 3<sup>rd</sup>—we are recognizing that the only way \_\_\_\_\_ can be with us, and we can have \_\_\_\_\_, is through the blood of the covenant.
  - 4) Finally, the blood of the covenant is what draws us \_\_\_\_\_ to God rather than being \_\_\_\_\_ of His presence.
- B) In Exodus 19, we are told that no one could \_\_\_\_\_ Mount Sinai and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:** Do you need to come in contact with the blood of Jesus today?

# CONNECTION

**C** Good morning WH family! Welcome to June, can you believe it? Today for our Connection Corner I want to take a break from our member interviews and share some Connection opportunities that I hope you will want to take advantage of and most importantly, *be a part of.*

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**R** First, this week is our VBS week. What an opportunity to connect! We will be having kids and families from our community coming in to learn about God. We need our church family to be here and willing to reach out and welcome them and help them find seats, bathrooms, where to sign in, etc. Your presence and a warm, smiling greeting can make a huge impact on these kids and families. We have a class offering for adults as well, so you will have opportunity to learn as well. Please, don't let this opportunity pass you by.

Also, beginning next week, we start our Summer Series called "Excess Baggage" on Wednesday nights. We will be having different speakers each week from other congregations. This is a great opportunity to expand your church family relationships to other congregations. You might be surprised what you have in common. One of the speakers that I invited (I had never met him before) said to me "Keele, did you know a Howell Keele?" Turns out that he knew my dad, my uncle and both of my brothers as well as one of our WH members. Another speaker that I had never met told me, "I used to be the Associate Minister at Western Hills many years ago with Don Davis." We had a wonderful conversation sharing memories of our members and former members.

Let's make the most of these and any other opportunities this summer to expand our borders, stretch our comfort zones, and connect with the family of God. I truly believe you (and they) will be blessed!

Les Keele



VBS

A colorful graphic for VBS 2024 registration. It features a yellow banner with "VBS 2024" in black, a blue banner with "June 2nd-5th" in white, and a purple box with "REGISTER NOW!" in white. Below the purple box is a QR code in a pink circle. The background is a rainbow gradient. At the bottom right is an illustration of Noah's Ark.

VBS 2024  
June 2nd-5th  
REGISTER NOW!  
Western Hills Church of Christ  
8800 Chapin Road  
Fort Worth, TX 76116

Save the date:

Capture your family's special moments with a photo session on June 24 or 25 for our upcoming new members' photo directory.

## 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

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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

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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
Arthur Torrez	817-721-2726

## MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

**Welcome** - Layton Garner

**Song Leader** - Caleb Bartee

**Song** - I'll Fly Away

**Song** - When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

**Song** - When We All Get To Heaven

**Prayer** - Brandon Duncan

**Scripture** - Matthew 26.26-29

**Song** - I Love The Lord

**Lord's Supper** - David Birdow

**Prayer for Contribution** - David Birdow

**Song** - This World Is Not My Home

**The Blood Of The Covenant** - Gary Williams

**Song** - Hark! The Gentle Voice Of Jesus

**Announcements** - Les Keele

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal** - Chuck Meyer

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Here is  
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Thank  
You!



**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, June 3

Job 40 - 42

### Tuesday, June 4

Psalms 1 - 6

### Wednesday, June 5

Psalms 7 - 11

### Thursday, June 6

Psalms 12 - 15

### Friday, June 7

Psalms 16 - 19

### Saturday, June 8

Psalms 20 - 24

### Sunday, June 9

Psalms 25 - 28

### Last Week

Bible Class:	110	Wednesday:	97
Worship:	192	Contribution:	\$ 8,973.51
PM Worship:	35	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

## How To Register For VBS:

VBS registration, please use your cell phone camera and point it at the QR code for VBS. Then tap your phone where the link shows up. It will take you to a site to sign up for Participant Registration/ Volunteer Registration.

## VBS SCHEDULE

**Sunday** evening service will **not** be at 5 pm. The Children's VBS will begin at 6:30. The adult's class will start at 7 pm and end at 8 pm.

## Want Ad

Mindy Markum's niece, Louisa Hooten, will need a room to rent or a female roommate. She needs to be 20 min from I-20 and Bryant Irvin Road. If anyone knows of someone from the brotherhood, please let the office know so we can get you their contact information for you to ask questions that may need to be answered.

## Weekly Bible Studies

West Freeway Church of Christ Will Have Summer Bible Studies. They will start May 21 at 9:30am.

## 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 Members

Please welcome our new members: Rob & Zena Donahue. Their address is 4259 Starlight Dr, Benbrook, TX 76126. Their phone number is (607) 349-9175. Please add their information to your directory.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## MEMBERS

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Pam Terrell 5/29/2024	She had back surgery May 29th. Everything went well. She is staying with Shirley Bennett.	Quick healing
Barbara Howard 5/30/2024	She fell and is still having issues from it.	Healing
James Yawn 5/21/2024	He will be having back surgery on June 10th.	Complete success
Gary Williams 5/21/24	He has stiches, but he is doing well.	Quick healing
Sam & Dorothy Anderson 5/19/2024	Their niece, Tammy Clay, passed away May 16th. From a long battle with heart disease.	Comfort and peace
Sharon Pippin 5/6/2024	She had knee replacement surgery on May 15. Went great!	Quick healing
Asher Rutledge 5/6/2024	Will have a tonsillectomy will be June 7h.	Quick healing
Wanda Houston 5/17/2024	She is back at Bethesda Gardens room 165. She has refused dialysis.	comfort and peace

# FAMILY AND FRIENDS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Tracy Mcleroy, daughter-in - law of	Kristie Mcleroy	Her esophagus is 50% blocked. She needs to get into the specialist and having issues with referral.	That she doesn't get any worse. That she can get into the specialist quickly. 5/31/2024
Bubba Irvin, cousin to	Adam Powers	has been moved to a care facility to deal with his illness due to his cancer. He is not doing well	God heal him 5/21/2024
Rick Willson, father of	Holley Thomas	He has skin cancer and will be going for scans to find out more info.	God's healing 5/21/2024
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	Had surgery May 8.	Doctor's skill, good results, and healing 04/12/2024

**CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR:** Our Shut-Ins and those fighting long term issues. Wincie Neusse, Pat Molder, 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, & Bob Willyerd.

## Food Bank Stats

April:  
 214 – Families Served  
 \$1036.10 – Cost to WHCOC  
 6005 lbs – Estimated Weight of Food

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

## **Sundays:**

Auditorium: Robert Scott: 1st And 2nd Peter  
Young Adults: Russ Bartee: Christian Parenting 101

## **Wednesdays:**

Combined Auditorium Class  
Guest Speakers: Excess Baggage And It's Cost

## **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!

**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.**



# *June Birthdays & Anniversaries*

**1 Khamkhina Bounmany**

**1 Barbie DeKoker**

**3 Kathryn Sloan**

**4 Nancy Moody**

**7 Madeline Montanez**

**11 Carlos Wallace**

**12 Noah Johnston**

**13 Ben Meyer**

**17 Daun Dickson**

**19 Doris Chin (103)**

**19 Barbara Howard**

**20 Sisouphanh Vilaysack**

**24 Delisia Torrez**

**24 Delores Reeves**

**29 Trey Markum**

**30 Jennifer Scott**

## Children

**23 Alex Barteo**

## Anniversaries

**5 John & Many Ann Poulsen**

**7 Roy & Pam Eubanks**

**11 Justin & Faith Wideman**

**18 Steve & Karen Taylor**

**25 James & Leah Bowie**



5/30/2024

