



## Insights From “The Other Side”

I read an article by Paige Freshwater & John O’Sullivan on MSN (Microsoft Network) this past week of a man who was resuscitated back to life after being dead for seven minutes. The man had been deep into astrophysics PhD studies for 40 years plus. He said he saw a series of three ellipses suspended in black space. In the first one, he saw mountains, streams, forests, and clouds; but then it sour and took on a yellow tinge before fading away. The second ellipse was a hot ring of iron, so hot that pieces of iron were slowly crumbling from it. He said the smell of iron could have been the scent of blood. Then the third ellipse was beautiful clouds that were light pink and blue, like from the most beautiful sunrise or sunset. In an attempt to explain his visions, he said he had been studying another physicist’s works on the orbits of planets being ellipses.

Then he said, *“That’s all I saw. No tunnel of light or happy deceased family members welcoming me. I think that’s dreaming, and dying reflect what happens to be most accessible in your mind during that time.”* Isn’t it interesting that he admits that dying reflects what you are thinking about at the time of death? What if I am thinking about Jesus? Does that mean that I will see visions of Jesus when I die? The man said that his first “ellipse” turned yellow before fading away; could that have been his wonderful, worldly life coming to an end. Isn’t it interesting that the man saw a ring of hot iron slowly crumbling? Could that have represented what Peter described when he said, ***“The heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!”*** (2 Peter 3.12). Could the blue and pink clouds be his remembrance of the first vision as he suffers in eternity. The man also said that the actual correlation was something of challenging to comprehend but he got the hang of it eventually.



Man can have dreams and interpret them anyway they desire after they *“eventually get the hang of it.”* He can deny what the Bible teaches and relinquish it as *“just dreaming.”* But no one has ever been able to prove the Bible wrong. The Bible states that Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth to save man (Luke 19.10). He gave His life that man would have the chance to be redeemed, by being washed in His blood (Acts 22.16; 1 Peter 1.18, 19). The whole counting of time changed when Jesus was born. All the years before Christ was born are now counted as B.C. meaning *“Before Christ.”* The meaning of A.D. is *“Anno Domini”* or *“Year of our Lord,”* referring to the time after the birth of Christ. We currently live in 2024 A. D., or two thousand twenty-four years after the birth of Christ. What a major change in the world of man just because of one man’s birth, Jesus.

The Bible teaches that there will be life after death. Jesus said, ***“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live”*** (John 11.25). The apostle Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote that when Jesus returns, believers will receive immortality” (1 Corinthians 15.51-54). I think I will believe what the inspired Word of God teaches, over some man’s interpretation of his dreams. What about you?

Gary

# What Could Help My Marriage?

## Ephesians 5.22-33

- 1) What kind of relationship do you have with your spouse?
- 2) God meant for marriage to be a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Is your marriage tightly woven? Or is it unraveling at the seams?
- 4) What do you think could help your marriage the most?

### Every Marriage Needs...

#### I) \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 13.4a).

- A) What has happened to the \_\_\_\_\_ of marriage (Hebrews 13.4)?
- B) What is God's view of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the marriage relationship (Malachi 2.13-16)?
  - 1) The Israelites were divorcing their wives so that they could marry heathen women.
  - 2) The poor women who, being divorced by cruel husbands, came to the priests, and made an appeal to God at the altar; **"covering the Lord's altar with tears"** (Malachi 2.13).
  - 3) God hates \_\_\_\_\_ (Malachi 2.16, NASB).
- C) Jesus had a deep respect for God's \_\_\_\_\_ of marriage (Matthew 19.3-7).

#### II)A) \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) What kind of spirit do you have (Ephesians 4.32; Colossians 3.13; Luke 17.3, 4)?
- B) Illustration: A friend who writes both in the sand and on stone.
- C) Do you hold \_\_\_\_\_ about the least little things; then, never \_\_\_\_\_ things that are done out of love and much effort?

#### III)Solid \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Jesus declared the will of God unto us (John 1.18; Hebrews 1.1, 2).
- B) How would you rate your communication with your spouse (Hebrews 13.16)?
  - 1) Husbands, do you think your answer will \_\_\_\_\_ from your wife's?
  - 2) "Wives will often say...."

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

- A) If we possess the same, we will respect the marriage relationship.
  - 1) Will we think like Jesus (Philippians 2.5-8)?
  - 2) What is actually involved in the heart of Jesus (Philippians 2.5-8)?
    - (a) First, there is the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) Second, there is the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.
- B) How does a heart of sacrifice \_\_\_\_\_?
  - 1) In marriage, a heart of sacrifice expresses itself through small, everyday actions.
  - 2) There is nothing that a marriage must face that a husband and wife cannot \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_ is the center of the home (Psalm 127.1).

**Conclusion:** Do you have a heart that has submitted itself to the will of God?

# CONNECTION

**C** Good morning family! We are happy to feature Riley and Cassie Bowie in our Connection Corner this week.



**R** As many of you probably know, Riley is the son of our own James & Leah Bowie. What you may not know is his full name is James Riley Bowie, and in college he began using his first name, so you may hear Cassie or others call him James as well. For our article today I will call him Riley for clarity. Riley was born here in Ft Worth and graduated from Brewer High School. While there, Riley played football, baseball and ran track. His track abilities netted him a scholarship to Harding, where he was called the “King of Hurdles.” He also ran the 400m dash, the 4x4 and 4x2 relays as well. Following graduation, Riley went to work for Westco Aircraft in Operations. Later, he went to work for JD Hunt Transportation where he now works in Operations and Logistics.

Cassie was born in Tupelo, MS (no, she didn’t meet Gary & Lisa there) and graduated from Tupelo High School. She ran cross country track and was very active in the Fine Arts, competing in oil painting and writing contests. She even had a short story published in the local newspaper. Ask her about it, it is based on a true (albeit from a 5- or 6-year old’s point of view) “adventure” she had with her dad. Cassie received an academic scholarship from Harding but ran cross country on the track team as well. Upon graduating from college, she worked in an ABA therapy program, treating autistic, ADHD, and OCD children. Last year, she found her calling in teaching 8th grade English at Highpoint Academy.

Riley and Cassie met on the track team at college, and were quite nervous around each other, thinking the other “didn’t like them.” This went on for most of their 4 yrs. at Harding, until at a party, Riley accidentally “insulted” Cassie when telling a joke. Thankfully Riley’s brother Daniel intervened and convinced Riley to go apologize and ask her out. They began dating, and eventually Cassie shared with Riley her “special place,” a place she and her dad would go fishing and spend quality time together. She had never taken anyone else there, so she knew he was the one! That same special place was where Riley surprised her with a proposal. Following their marriage, they moved to Ft Worth for his work and became part of our WH family. They have since been blessed with one son (quite a talented athlete in his own right!) I encourage you to get to know Riley and Cassie better, you’ll be blessed and have quite a laugh!

Les Keele

P.S. Cassie said to ask her “why a couple should try out a two-person canoe before they get married!”



## Romans 15:13 (NIV)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him,  
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## SHEPHERDS

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Dan Kille	817-793-7493
Chuck Meyer	682-553-5444
Ross Tomlinson	682-429-1983
*John Walton	817-441-0000

\*Shepherd of the month

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Les Keele: <i>Associate Minister</i>	817-808-0566
James Bowie: <i>Youth Minister</i>	817-944-4492

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John Boudtaroth 817-891-2132

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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** - Brandon Duncan

**Song Leader** - Matthew Sloan

**Song** - All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

**Song** - Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty

**Song** - Highest Place

**Prayer** - Arthur Torrez

**Scripture** - Ephesians 5.22-33

**Song** - By Christ Redeemed

**Lord's Supper** - Chuck King

**Prayer for Contribution** - Chuck King

**Song** - The Joy Of The Lord

**What Could Help My Marriage?** - Gary Williams

**Song** - Ten Thousand Angels

**Announcements** - Les Keele

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal** - John Walton

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

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, July 15

Psalm 145 - 147

### Tuesday, June 16

Psalm 148 - 150

### Wednesday, July 17

Proverbs 1 - 3

### Thursday, July 18

Proverbs 4 - 6

### Friday, July 19

Proverbs 7 - 9

### Saturday, July 20

Proverbs 10 - 12

### Sunday, July 21

Proverbs 13 -15

### Last Week

Bible Class:	132	Wednesday:	125
Worship:	205	Contribution:	\$ 14,436.92
PM Worship:	73	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

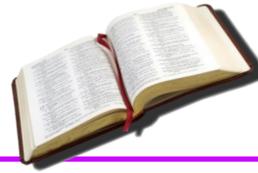
## MISSION 2024

### YOUTH MISSION TRIP

JULY<sup>13</sup>th - JULY<sup>21</sup>st

Waverly TN. 19 people went to help.

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY



West Freeway Church of Christ has Summer Bible Studies. The classes are Tuesday at 9:30 AM.

## NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Rickey and Lisa Wilson. Their address is 3201 Westland Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76108. Their phone numbers are: 817-307-1833 (Lisa) 817-308-4428 (Rickey)

Please add this to your directory.

## LADIES' FALL BIBLE STUDY

Plans are being formed to outline and organize the coming fall and spring studies for our Tuesday Morning Bible Class, including avenues of study, extra activities, and fellowships. If you would like to give suggestions or put forth ideas for the class, please see Paula Pauley or Ellen Bartee.

## WANT ADS

The Xie family is seeking a host family for Michael Xie, an incoming high school freshman for the 2024-2025 school year.

If you are interested there is more information in the foyer.

Hello! We live in Oklahoma and are members of the Edmond Church of Christ. I am looking for some assistance in finding a place to rent for our daughter. She has accepted a trainee position with Ballet Frontier in Benbrook. Do you have any members who have rental properties or a room to rent? Connie Goad, contact her at cgoad@att.net

## JUNE FOOD BANK STATS

202 – Families Served

\$460.55 – Cost to WHCOC

4527 lbs – Estimated Weight of Food

**Matthew 6:31–34 (NIV)** "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

## Sunday Bible Classes:

*Philemon and Jerry Bates will be leading our combined adult class in the auditorium to discuss their work.*

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## MEMBERS

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Youth Mission Trip	The youth group have gone to Waverly Tennessee to help communities with the recent storm damage.	Safety and good travels
Mark Musselman	He had surgery to remove skin cancer. 216 Rainbow Dr. #11625, Livingston, TX 77399	Successful healing
Mignon Bandy	She has caught a bug and is under the weather. 25 Leonard Trail apt # 417, WESTWORTH VILLAGE, TX 76114	Healing and good health
Aubrey Hallum	He fell and is having issues with balance. 25 Leonard Trail apt #317, WESTWORTH VILLAGE, TX 76114	Better balance
Buck Thomas 7/1/2024	He is having issues with his knee. 3201 Westland Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76108	Total healing
Rickey Wilson 6/30/2024	That his skin graph will take and heals properly. 3201 Westland Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Successful healing
Marie Perez 06/25/2024	Began a series of 3 epidurals in her neck this past Thursday for pain management. 3617 Townsend Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76110	Successful treatment and pain relief
Steven Johnston 06/23/2024	Is struggling with things and would like prayers for peace in both heart and mind. 108 Brock Hill Lane, Weatherford, Texas 76088	God's guidance and the Spirit's comfort
Barbara Howard 5/30/2024	Fell and is still having issues from it. 6075 FM 1189, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Healing

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**HEBREWS 12:1-3**



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## Wednesday Nights

DATE	SPEAKER	CHURCH	TOPIC
JULY 17	LES KEELE	WESTERN HILLS	BLAME
JULY 24	MICHAEL	SOUTH MAIN,	ANGER
JULY 31	MICHAEL LUM	SOUTH MAIN, WEATHERFORD	INSECURITY AND INADEQUENCIES
AUGUST 7	DJ STUCKEY	WEST FREEWAY	ADDICTIONS
AUGUST 14	LARRY KEELE	MIDWAY, LAWRENCEBURG,	GUILT AND SHAME
AUGUST 21	ELI HINOJOS	NT CHURCH OF CHRIST,	PAST
AUGUST 28	RYAN INLOW	PLEASANT RIDGE	LACK OF TRUST

# FAMILY AND FRIENDS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Weldon Thompson, relative of	Dorothy Anderson	Weldon has viral meningitis and acute pneumonia.	Quick healing
Bill Naylor and family, friend of	Lisa Wilson	Bill Naylor was put on hospice on June 28th.	The family of Dana Harville and her father as they go through this difficult time
Hawk, grandson of	Kristie McLeroy	The MRI results are fantastic. His ranking on the spina bifida scale was lowered. They are still waiting to hear from the urologist as to his bladder growth.	Thanking God for good results and praying for more to come <span style="float: right;">06/24/2023</span>
Jeff Ragland, son of	Barbara Howard	Cancer has returned manifesting in 6 tumors in 3 locations. He had ports put in on Monday.	Doctor's knowledge and skill; comfort and healing <span style="float: right;">06/23/2024</span>
Ballerd, a friend from Blue Haven,	Lily Scott	Had a ruptured appendix and needed to be transferred to Children's Hospital in Dallas.	Healing and comfort <span style="float: right;">06/23/2024</span>
Sue Wilson, grandmother of	Holly Thomas	Is doing better, her doctors are monitoring her oxygen and blood. She is now home.	Healing <span style="float: right;">06/20/2024</span>
Waymon Patterson, friend of	Wayne Gary	Is undergoing chemo.	Comfort and healing <span style="float: right;">06/11/2024</span>
Tracy McLeroy, daughter-in-law of	Kristie McLeroy	Esophagus is 50% blocked and she is waiting to see the specialist but is having issues with referral.	Blockage not to increase and that she can get into the specialist quickly <span style="float: right;">5/31/2024</span>
Barbara Lowrey	Roxann Whitacre	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 <span style="float: right;">5/3/2024</span>

# 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 NOTIFY THE OFFICE. THIS IS NOT A COMMITMENT TO DEFINITELY ATTEND, WE ARE SIMPLY TRYING TO GET A NUMBER IN MIND. THIS WILL ALLOW US TO CHOOSE A SUITABLE LOCATION EARLY ON. THANK YOU.**

# JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 CARL GREEN**
- 2 RAY DOSHIER**
- 4 NILATH KIMLINH**
- 5 DEATRA KEELE**
- 7 MARY ANN WAGNER**
- 8 FERN GREEN**
- 9 WANDA HOUSTON**
- 11 LEAH BOWIE**
- 11 BUD WILCOX**
- 12 KHAMLA KIMLINH**
- 13 BETTY BENNETT (90)**
- 15 WAYNE LIPHAM**
- 17 PAM STOM**
- 20 EMILIO FERNANDEZ**
- 20 EVA TORREZ**
- 25 AMY BROOKSHIRE**
- 27 VINCENT EVERETT**
- 29 WINCIE NEUSSE**
- 30 JACKIE JASO**

## CHILDREN

- 2 RHETT BOLT**
- 6 TRUMAN TOMME**
- 6 ELLA TOMME**
- 7 EMMETT GARNER**
- 10 KATE BIRDOW**
- 12 COURTNEY KIRKPATRICK**
- 12 EDEN RUTLEDGE**
- 26 LIONEL MENDOZA**
- 26 ELIJAH HUPP**
- 30 KAYLA KIRKPATRICK**

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Greg and Janelle Ball**
- 1 Jimmy and Katelyn Bolt**
- 10 Dwight and Judy Blair**
- 11 Johnnie and Nancy Wright**
- 22 Milt and Judy Birmingham**
- 28 Matthew and Jill Sloan**