



Holding Grudges

Holding a grudge is the act of hanging on to intense anger or dislike for others based on a real or perceived wrongdoing. It is a persistent feeling of resentment, especially one due to some cause, such as an insult or injury. Recognizing and admitting you are holding a grudge is extremely difficult and often robs you of your joy and happiness without realizing it. I believe it was Norman Vincent Peale who said, *“Resentment or grudges do no harm to the person against whom you hold these feelings, but every day and every night of your life, they are eating at you.”* So basically, holding grudges hurts you a whole lot more than it hurts the one against whom you harbor resentment.

Why is it easier for us to see signs of someone holding a grudge than that of we ourselves? Well, does one not more readily spot the speck of dust in his brother’s eye instead of noticing the plank in his own (Matthew 7.3-5)? We hear others speak negatively about someone and instantly think, *“Well, they are just holding a grudge.”* But have you ever thought exactly why? Underneath the surface, the grudge holder often has been terribly hurt or treated unfairly. Many grudges disguise a tremendous pain in the heart that just will not seem to heal. When finally, you are willing to recognize that you are harboring anger, resentment, or disapproval for others, what do you do? Would seeing them suffer truly heal your heart? You may find satisfaction in thinking they finally got what they deserved; but under the surface, your heart still has not healed.

It is difficult to learn to take the injustice and leave the justice to God. Do you remember the apostle Paul saying, *“Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord” (Romans 12.19)*? Just before that, he said, *“Repay no one evil for evil” (12.17)*, and *“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them” (12.14)*. Yes, it is hard to overcome the hurt imposed by the other individual. It does not seem fair that you suffer, and the offender seems unscathed. But since you have been risen with Christ, then you are to be different (Colossians 3.1). It hits home when Paul says, *“Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door” (James 5.9)*. My, my, my, how happier one is when they can learn to take the injustice and leave it to God to deal with the other. That is Christ growing in you. Did you hear me, “that” is “Christ” growing in “you”? I read another quote about holding grudges; it was: *“I bear no grudges. I have a mind that retains nothing.”* Ha! I think I would rather be like Jesus.



Gary

Am I God's Friend?

James 4.7, 8

1. In the Disney movie, Aladdin, the genie tells him, “*You’ve never had a friend like me!*”
2. Can one be friends with God?
3. What must I do to become a friend of God?

To Be God's Friend, I Must...

I. _____ To God (James 4.7).

- A. One must yield to God's _____.
 1. We must do all things that God commands.
 2. We will yield to God's commands even when they are difficult or uncomfortable.
- B. The _____ will not follow God's will (v. 6).

II. _____ The Devil (James 4.7).

- A. We must _____ the attacks of Satan.
 1. Stop letting the devil drag you into sin by enticing you with the desires within you (James 1.13, 14).
 2. The devil will _____ if we stand against him (Luke 4.1-13).
- B. Are we struggling with sins that we think we will never overcome?
 1. You can fight against the sins of the flesh (Galatians 5.19-21).
 2. God will provide you with a way of _____ (I Corinthians 10.13).

III. _____ To God (James 4.8).

- A. Jesus calls everyone to come (Matthew 11.28-30).
- B. It is never too late to _____ to God (Zechariah 1.3).
 1. The parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15.11-32).
 2. Even if your past is shaded, God still wants you to return.

IV. _____ My Hands And _____ My Heart (James 4.8).

- A. Coming to God means radical _____.
- B. God demands more than just clean actions.
 1. God wants you to have a clean _____.
 2. The heart represents our _____ and _____ (Psalm 24.3-6).
- C. James exposes our _____ by calling us “_____” (James 4.8; 1.8).

V. Be _____ By Sin (James 4.9).

- A. Sin causes _____ for those who are friends of God.
- B. You have a choice!

VI. _____ Myself Before God (James 1.10).

- A. You are living your life in the presence of God.
- B. What does it mean that God will _____ you?

Conclusion: Do you need to humble yourself before God today?

C O N N E C T I O N

C Good morning WH! This morning for our Connection Corner, we feature one of our long-time members, Sue Carpenter.

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Sue was born in the Lane's Chapel community of Bosque County, Texas. She grew up in nearby Clifton and attended school there. While growing up, she was a self-described "tomboy", able to outrun and outclimb a lot of the boys! She loved playing catch with her dad and going to ball games with him where he would teach the game to her. She played sandlot football and baseball. Later, in high school she played tennis, softball, basketball, and volleyball. "I was just a little competitive back then," she says. Not only excelling in sports, she graduated valedictorian of her class.



Sue was playing tennis one day with a friend when she met a man named Burton. They began dating and married a year later. They moved to Bay City, Texas where he began work as an accountant for Phillips Oil. During their stay in Bay City, they were blessed with the birth of their two daughters (including our own Suzan Ward.) While living there they also endured Hurricane Carla, which decimated a good portion of south Texas. Fortunately their home was relatively undamaged. After about 12 years there, the family moved to Fort Worth where Burton went to work for GD (later Lockheed.) Sue became a paraprofessional, helping in Elementary PE classes with FWISD. She worked at Western Hills and Benbrook Elementaries during her 40 year career. I found out that during her career she taught our Vickie Bowers (yes, Sue can share some stories!) and Deatra's son, Luke. She loved working with the children for all of those years. Her interests were especially in gardening, fishing, photography and visiting the mountains.

The family placed membership with WH almost 50+ years ago and Burton helped teach classes and various other types of service until his passing. Sue says that Lucien Richardson grabbed her early on and used Sue's talents in teaching the young kids' Bible classes for 40 years. Unfortunately, health issues have limited Sue's ability to be with us in person over the last several years. Sue watches services online and keeps up as best she can with our family news. Reach out and call her or send a card to Sue and get to know her better. Lift up and encourage one another, you'll be blessed!

Les Keele



Our Featured Shut-Ins

Bill and Betty Baumann: Harvest Of Aledo 1043 Bailey Ranch Road, Apartment 129, Aledo, Texas 76008 : 817-244-4803 or 817-575-7223

Gloria Speak: 11705 Pine Creek Court, Aledo, Texas 76008: 817-560-4447

Please send cards or give these special members a call.

SHEPHERDS

*Greg Ball	214-801-7375
Russ Bartee	817-938-5825
Dan Kille	817-793-7493
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 Boudtaroth	817-891-2132
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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
Arthur Torrez	817-721-2726

MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Layton Garner

Song Leader - Alex Bartee

Song - I Will Call Upon The Lord

Song - Faithful Love

Song - Heart Of A Servant

Prayer - Robert Bow

Scripture - James 4:7, 8

Song - How Deep The Father's Love

Lord's Supper - Milt Birmingham

Prayer for Contribution - Milt Birmingham

Song - Rise Up, O Men Of God

Am I God's Friend? - Gary Williams

Song - Nothing But The Blood

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Greg Ball

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You!



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, August 5

Isaiah 7 - 9

Tuesday, August 6

Isaiah 10 - 12

Wednesday, August 7

Isaiah 13 - 15

Thursday, August 8

Isaiah 16 -18

Friday, August 9

Isaiah 19 - 21

Saturday, August 10

Isaiah 22 - 24

Sunday, August 11

Isaiah 25 - 27

Last Week

Bible Class	155	Wednesday	123
Worship	190	Contribution	\$ 12,500.60
On Line Worship	24	Budget	\$ 13,802.88
PM Worship	97		

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

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

MEMBERS

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Randy, Dee Dee, and Sarah McCoy	Have moved to 1617 Ballinger Street, Abilene, Texas 79605.	Blessings as they begin this new journey
Kitty Davis 7/28/2024	She had surgery for the nerve in her face to relieve pain. 812 Ala Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	The nerve pain to be gone
Khamala Kimlihn 7/31/2024	THR Alliance with pneumonia and a drug resistant blood infection. She has received a blood transfusion and will undergo a procedure to remove a fistula from the port sight. No visitors, please. A correction: She is not on hospice at this time. 4401 Buckeye Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76137	That the infection will be treated with this course of antibiotics and healing will progress
Beall, D'Anne 7/25/24	She will be having surgery to relieve her sciatic nerve pain. 9001 South Normandale, Apartment #1055, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Success and quick healing

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Lenore Lawrence	Stan Gish	She is Cityview Nursing and Rehab, Room 304.	Healing 7/31/2024
Lynnette Latta, friend of	Debbie Turner	Her lung cancer has returned and chemo is making her ill. Her father just died.	Peace, comfort and healing 7/31/2024
Craig Latta, friend of	Debbie Turner	He has brain cancer and MS.	Healing 7/31/2024
Micheal Robinson, 2nd cousin to	Paula Pauley	He was diagnosed with acute leukemia. Is in a VA hospital in Houston.	God to guide the doctors, quick healing 7/19/2024
Sarah Blackstock, sister of	Nancy Wright	She is in the hospital after developing a problem after surgery.	Healing 7/07/2024
Tracy McLeroy, Daughter-in-law of	Kristi McLeroy	She has 50% blockage of her esophagus. She will have surgery July 25.	Safe and successful surgery 7/19/2024
Sangkip Bouapraseth, father of	Kasie Muongnamvong	He has stage 4 pancreatic cancer.	Healing and pain control 7/17/2024
Ida EU Wing, sister of	Wayne Lipham	Her husband passed.	Peace and comfort 7/17/2024
Bill Naylor and family, friend of	Lisa Wilson	Bill Naylor was put on hospice on June 28.	The family of Dana Harville and her father as they go through this difficult time 7/07/2024
Barbara Lowrey	Roxann Whitacre	Is in pain due to previous back surgeries and will need another to fix the current issues. She will have neck surgery before back surgery.	Guidance for them and the doctors on how to relieve the pain and fix the problems 7/3/2024



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HEBREWS 12:1-3

Wednesday Nights

DATE	SPEAKER	CHURCH	TOPIC
AUGUST 7	DJ STUCKEY	WEST FREEWAY	ADDICTIONS
AUGUST 14	LARRY KEELE	MIDWAY, LAWRENCEBURG, TN	GUILT AND SHAME
AUGUST 21	ELI HINOJOS	NT CHURCH OF CHRIST, ALLIANCE	PAST RELATIONSHIPS
AUGUST 28	RYAN INLOW	PLEASANT RIDGE	LACK OF TRUST

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, August 22

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Join us for a night of fellowship and snacks as we make "Survival Boxes" for the Waverly Park Elementary teachers and staff. Please bring finger foods to share.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

TONIGHT!!!!

Sunday, August 4

6:00-9:00 PM

Come enjoy games, crafts, and a pizza dinner. Make sure to invite a friend!

Sign-up is in the foyer.

FOOD BANK

Our Food Bank is in need of VOLUNTEERS on Thursdays from 3:00 - 6:00 PM

If you can help, please see Glenn Baird.

LADIES' DAY

Airport Freeway Church Of Christ

"If the *Glass Slipper* Doesn't Fit"

Learning To Walk Like The Royalty We Are

September 14, 2024 9:00-3:00 PM

NEW QUARTER CLASSES

Beginning in September, the following classes will be offered:

Sunday Morning: Auditorium: David Birdow:

Topic: TBA

Sunday Morning: Young Families: Les Keele:

Light the Fire...Again

Wednesday Night Ladies' Class: Amy And

Ellen Bartee: Hosea

Wednesday Night Auditorium: Gary Williams:

Hosea

Free Breakfast and Lunch
Registration required by **SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**.
Phone Number: 817-545-6200



SMALL GROUPS

Les is looking for families to host our small groups which, we hope, will resume mid-September. One group will be Grief Recovery which will meet in the Keele Home. Please notify Les if you are willing to host a group. Thank you.

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.

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS!

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

1 BILL BAUMANN
2 TOMMY INTHARANSY
3 PHOUI SIHARATH
5 MARK BRAHN
5 WAYNE TONG
6 BETTY WHITE
7 YVONNE HALLUM
9 AMY TOMME
10 PAM TERRELL
12 PATTI MUSSELMAN
13 KAREN BRAHN
13 JEFF SWAN
14 JAMES BOWIE
16 AUBREY HALLUM
16 JANE WRIGHT
20 LOYCE GAZAWAY
23 ILAND BOUAPRASETH
23 PAT MOLDER
24 MILT BIRMINGHAM

26 DANNY LEE
26 BETTY WILCOX
28 DAN PRATT
29 NELL CAIN
29 LEAH SAVAGE
30 SAM ANDERSON

CHILDREN

2 RHETT BOLT
27 JUDAH BOLT

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

16 RUSS & ELLEN BARTEE
17 DWIGHT & JUDY BLAIR
26 BOB & SHERYL WILLYERD
30 LES & DEATRA KEELE