



Are My Desires for The World Winning?

James tells us as Christians that we are to live separate and apart from the world (James 4.4). Living as children of God places us in a different realm of standards compared to those around us. The apostle John said we are not to love the world nor the things in the world (I John 2.15-17). Thus, we should not cherish the things of this life nor have a strong desire to possess them. Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome not to be conformed to the world (Romans 12.2). As Christians, we are set apart for holy use. We live for heaven and glories that await the faithful when the Lord returns for His own (I Thessalonians 4.16-18).

Has our society become so alluring and pleasurable that it appears like we are fighting a losing battle? The abundance of wealth around us pulls at the lust of our eyes, flesh, and pride. We have become a people that work and live for pleasure. Vacations are cherished and it is thought, without them, that life is just horrible and not worth living. When we cannot purchase a new car like our best friends or cannot afford a large house like others, it drives us to depression. Thoughts like “Why can’t I have a job in which I earn more money so I can have more just like everyone else,” often plagues the individual.

Is selfishness driving us further and further away from God? Today, instead of really working on something to keep it, we would rather just throw it away and get another. For example, many marriages are destroyed by the least little disagreement because it is just not worth the effort to try to work through it. All I know is that I am not happy and therefore, I want out. I want to be free and able to do exactly what I want to do, the way I want to do it, when I want to do it. If it takes work to maintain the relationship and be happy, it is just not worth it. I can live without all the stress and agony.

Is that what we as a people have become? A people who are not willing to work at anything if it does not please us? Individuals who would rather live as those in the world instead of the children of our Creator? Our heavenly Father gives instructions for living that truly make life the best it can be. It takes love for God and determination to live for Him and to do His will to achieve such happiness. His commandments demand we live for the next life and not the brief one we maintain on this earth. As Christians, we are to set our **“affections on things above, not on things on the earth” (Colossians 3.2)**. Jesus said we are to lay up treasures in heaven and not upon the earth (Matthew 11.19-21).

It is so easy to be lured away by our own desires and to ignore the commandments of God. We are often willing to “throw dust to the wind” and forsake everything to fulfill our lusts and perceived happiness. Truth be known, what we envision as happiness, is often Satan trying to enslave us to sin so we will be his servants instead of our Lord’s. Can we learn to meditate upon scripture once again and actually let God’s Word penetrate our hearts to such a point that our desire is to please Him over ourselves? In order to live for God, I must be able to put self out of the way. Think about it!

Gary

1 JOHN 2:15 - 17



Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

THE DEVIL'S LAKE

Revelation 21.6-8

- 1) I have had many men tell me that there was nothing more beautiful than being on a crystal-clear lake early in the morning.
- 2) If the lake was a lake of fire, would you want to drop a hook in it?
- 3) One day, if we are not careful, even in the Lord's church, we will spend eternity in hell.

The Devil's Lake ...

I) Is A Lake Of _____.

- A) Whether people like it or not, there is a "*lake that burns with _____ and _____*" (*Revelation 19.20; 20.10, 14, 15; 21.8*).
- B) Jesus called this horrible place a _____ (Matthew 13.42).
 - 1) Jesus spoke a parable about a man sowing seed (Matthew 13.24-30).
 - 2) Notice Jesus' explanation of the parable (Matthew 13.37-43).
- C) In another place, Jesus referred to this lake as a place of _____ (Matthew 25.14-30).
- D) Hell was not prepared for _____ and _____.

II) Is The Final Abode Of The _____.

- A) The _____ and his _____ will be there (Matthew 25.41).
- B) All evil of all the ages will be there (I Peter 4.17, 18).
- C) There is a _____ classifying the sinners who will be there (Revelation 21.8).
 - 1) Is that the type of people with whom you want to spend eternity?
 - 2) Who in their right mind would want to be anywhere near where Satan is going to be?

III) Is A Place Of _____.

- A) There shall be _____ and _____ of teeth (Matthew 25.30).
 - 1) Can you imagine the torment and the anguish that would cause you to gnash or grind your teeth ceaselessly?
 - 2) Do you remember the account of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16)?
- B) What about the fire into which Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were cast (Daniel 3.19-27)?

IV) Will Burn For _____.

- A) The fire is _____ (Mark 9.47, 48).
 - 1) When a fire burns out of control, what do we do?
 - 2) The fires of hell will never cease.
- B) Jesus describes it as "_____ fire" (Matthew 18.7, 8).
- C) Can you imagine "_____—ever"?
 - 1) That is one of the descriptions for hell.
 - 2) _____ for _____!

Conclusion: Instead of a lake of fire, there is a pool of water that awaits the one who wants to come to the Lord to be saved. Do you need to be baptized into Christ Jesus today?

C O N N E C T I O N

C Good morning WH family! Today in our Connection Corner, we feature Sam and Dorothy Anderson.

R Sam was born in Stephenville, TX but his family moved to FW soon thereafter. Sam graduated from Arlington Heights High School, where he enjoyed singing tenor in choir. He loved to go hiking, fishing, and motorcycle endurance bike riding. After graduation, Sam went on to North Texas State and received his degree in Industrial Arts as well as a teaching certificate. He began his career with General Dynamics, but soon moved on to Trinity Industries, building steel products for 13 yrs. Sam then moved to west TX and transitioned to oil field equipment manufacturing for 34 yrs. He moved back to FW and now works part time for Trinity Industries and part time as a home inspector for a mortgage lender.



Dorothy was born in Baird, TX and her family soon moved to FW as well. Dorothy also graduated from Arlington Heights High School, where she enjoyed singing 2nd soprano in the school choir. She went on to receive her degree in elementary education from North Texas State as well. Following a few years of "household management", she began teaching elementary school in west TX and completed a 34 yr career before retiring. After retiring, Dorothy and the family moved back to FW.

Sam and Dorothy met during high school years at the Ridglea West congregation, where Sam's dad encouraged him to ask Dorothy on a date. Sam's dad even offered to pay for the gas! Their first date was to a football game, followed by miniature golf (ask Sam who won!) Sam and Dorothy dated on and off for 4 years. I asked Dorothy about how they got back "on" after all the "offs." She said "Sam was very determined!" Sam and Dorothy have been blessed during their marriage with 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren. A little piece of interesting trivia, every time one of their daughters was born, Sam broke a leg! After the 2nd daughter (& broken leg) Sam said they better stop, he only had 2 legs!

Sam's father had been an elder here at WH many years ago, and when Sam and Dorothy returned from west TX, they joined our family at WH. Sam often leads singing and leads small groups for us. Dorothy uses the time Sam is working by being very involved with our Ladies Bible Class, helping students in the World Bible School program and joining other ladies making visits to our members. I encourage you to reach out and get to know this delightful family better, you'll be blessed!

Les Keele



This week's shut-in spotlight shines on:

Please send them a note of encouragement or give them a call to let them know we still care.

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Ft Worth, TX 76116

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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
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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 - Steve Taylor

Song Leader - Jonathan Bartee

Song - The Glory-Land Way

Song - There Is Sunshine In My Soul

Song - More About Jesus

Prayer - Ronny Tucker

Scripture - Revelation 21. 6 - 8

Song - Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross

Lord's Supper - Chuck King

Prayer for Contribution - Chuck King

Song - When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

The Devil's Lake - Gary Williams

Song - Out Of My Bondage

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Russ Bartee

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Here is
ours:
Thank
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, September 9

Jeremiah 46 - 48

Tuesday, September 10

Jeremiah 49 - 52

Wednesday, September 11

Lamentations 1 - 3

Thursday, September 12

Lamentations 4 - Ezekiel 1

Friday, September 13

Ezekiel 2 - 4

Saturday, September 14

Ezekiel 5 - 7

Sunday, September 15

Ezekiel 8 - 10

Last Week

Bible Class	146	Wednesday	106
Worship	226	Contribution	\$ 9911.01
PM Worship	58	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

PRAYER REQUESTS

MEMBERS

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Thomas family 9/6/2024	Family members keep getting sick. 3201 Westland AveFort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Carlos Wallace 9/6/2024	He suffers complications from agent orange, and his leg compression wrap. 3501 Renzel Boulevard Apartment 249, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Healing
Guendee Torrez 9/6/2024	She is not feeling well. 567 Joy Drive Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Wincie Neusse 9/1/2024	She is having health issues. 3425 Riveroad Ct Apt # 2318 Fort Worth, Texas 76116-1114	Healing
Sue Carpenter 9/1/2024	She had skin cancer removed. 3000 Choctaw, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	That she is clear of all cancer
Susan Ward 9/1/2024	She had 2 surgeries to open up the arteries after her stroke. 3000 Choctaw, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Quick healing
Shirley Bennett 08/15/2024	Is now at home. Doctors are trying to find a balance between her different medicines . 4018 Ridglea County Club, #508, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Better health and going home
James Yawn 08/14/2024	Had a stress test on September 5. Pending the results of that test, his back surgery will be scheduled. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Good results from stress test so back surgery can be scheduled
Bridget Yawn 08/04/2024	Had outpatient surgery on August 19. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Healing and recovery
Jennifer Duncan 08/04/2024	Is searching for a new job. 9928 Farmington Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Quick search and employment
Marie Perez 8/29/2024	Had a temporary stimulator put in her back 8/29 . If it gives her relief, doctors will put a permanent one in. 3617 Townsend Dr., Fort, Texas 76110	Please pray for success
Kitty Davis 7/28/2024	Had surgery for the nerve in her face to relieve pain. Surgery was a success. 812 Ala Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	The nerve pain to be gone
Kham Intharansy 07/31/2024	Is now home. 1800 Fuller Wise Road, Apartment 633, Euless, Texas 76039	That the infection will be treated with this course of antibiotics and healing will progress
Khamla Kimlinh 07/31/2021	Has been put on hospice. Please no visitors at this time. 4401 Buckeye Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76137	Comfort and peace for all
D'Anne Beall 7/25/24	Had a spinal shot August 19 to relieve pain in her back. D'Anne says she is already starting to feel better. D'Anne is also in need of a job she can physically handle. 9001 South Normandale, Apartment #1055, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Success and quick healing, job to be found quickly



Sympathy

Nancy Wright's sister Sara Blackstock passed away. Prayers for their family at this time of loss. Their address is: 8601 Cook Ranch Road Apt# 350, Benbrook, Texas 76126

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Julie Wallace sister-in-law of,	Carlos Wallace	She is near renal failure.	Healing
1st responders and Owen Simpson, grandson-in-law of	LaRue Bow	He just graduated from police academy.	God keep him and all of our 1st responders safe 9/1/2024
Lisa Harriman		Has been diagnosed with both breast and colon cancer. 400 North Tacoma Street, Farmington, Arkansas 72730	The doctors and therapists, successful surgeries and treatment, peace of mind 08/11/2024
Carol Sue Baker, friend of	Mary Jo Winters	Is in the hospital in Denton with lung cancer.	Successful treatments 08/11/2024
Baby Luke, nephew of a friend	Bolt Family	3-month-old passed away from a rare stomach cancer. His dad was also just diagnosed with colon cancer.	Comfort and support for the family and healing for the father 08/11/2024
John Saxton, cousin of	Adam Powers	Had brain surgery for cancer and is having some problems.	Strength and healing 08/11/2024
Clara and Miki, mother and aunt	Ray Doshier	The flooding has abated but many of their friends are now finding their homes ruined.	For their continued safety and for their friends to recover 08/11/2024
SoSo, great-grandmother	Thomas Family	Is ill.	Recovery and strength 08/11/2024
Jackie, sister-in-law of	Betty Kille	Is in the hospital on life support.	Peace and comfort 08/11/2024
George, brother of	Betty Kille	Is recovering from brain surgery and is experiencing pain, confusion, and emotional stress.	Recovery and comfort 08/11/2024
Kathy Christian, cousin of	The Donahue Family	Had brain surgery to remove stage 3 cancer and is facing radiation 5 times a week.	Successful treatments, healing, and recovery 08/11/2024
Lloyd Johnson, friend of	Tom and Paula Pauley	Had open heart surgery to replace his atrial heart valve.	Healing and recovery 08/11/2024
Sangkhip Bouapraseth, father of	Kasie Muongnamvong	Has stage 4 pancreatic cancer.	Healing and pain control 7/17/2024

Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4 NIV

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

Sundays:

Auditorium: David Birdow: The Stones Cry Out

Young Adults: Les Keele: Light The Fire ...Again

Wednesdays:

Ladies Bible Class: Amy Bartee and Ellen Bartee: Hosea

Auditorium Class: Gary Williams: Hosea

LADIES' DAYS

WOMAN 2 WOMAN AT LEWISVILLE

SEEK TO SERVE

FIND A NEED AND FILL IT

OCTOBER 5 9 AM - 1 PM

w2wconvention.com to register

Lewisville church of Christ

901 College Parkway

Lewisville, Texas 75077

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

Free Breakfast and Lunch

Registration required by

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Phone Number: 817-545-6200



CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

CBH RESUMED SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 6

1. REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) IN THE FOYER.
2. LET MRS. VICKIE KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TEACH OR ASSIST.

NEW ADDRESS

LOUISE AND BEFF KAY BEAGLE

3501 RENZEL BOULEVARD

#221

FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76116

NEW PHONE NUMBER

MARY EAST

USE KAREN'S CELL: 817-874-6117

LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR MAMMA DOT

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.

DONATIONS NEEDED

In an effort to serve the Hispanic Community, Angel Perez is asking for donations for a **GIVE-A-WAY DAY**. All clean clothes and working household items can be left at the Door 3 Foyer and Angel will pick them up on Thursdays. The date of the Give Away will be determined by the amount of items donated. **Thank you for all the donations. Please keep them coming!**

Tuesday Moring Bible Class

Men's Bible Class will resume on Tuesday morning, September 10 at 10 am. We will be studying Ephesians using the video series by Mike Mazzalongo.

Lady's Bible Class will be studying: Women Of The Bible Speak. Teacher will be Paula Pauley

SMALL GROUPS

Les is looking for families to host our small groups which, we hope, will resume September 15. 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.

FOOD BANK

204 – Families Served

\$778.63 – Cost to WHCOC

5792 lbs – Estimated Weight of Food

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

If you can help, please see Glenn Baird.

CELEBRATING IN SEPTEMBER

1 BOB HOWARD
2 JENNIFER DUNCAN
4 NANCY WRIGHT
5 JOHNNIE WRIGHT
6 MICHAEL DAVIS
7 NATHAN RUTLEDGE
10 AMBER GRIER
16 ISAIAS TORREZ
18 JILL SLOAN
18 NATHAN BOWIE
18 STANLEY GISH
19 SUE CARPENTER
19 SUE LITTLE SMITH
19 LEANN FISHER
20 JUDY BLAIR
23 FRANKIE SMITH
25 DEBBIE ROLLINS
25 DAVID WILLMINGTON
26 ROY EUBANKS
26 MARY EAST 99 THIS YEAR
28 SUSIE STEADMAN
29 LEAH SAVAGE
29 WRAY GRIER
30 ROBERT SCOTT
30 DANA SABA

CHILDREN

1 LILAH BOLT
9 BRIDGETT CHAKRATHOUK
15 GAVIN GRIER
17 XAYDEN HUPP
22 KASIE MUONGNAMVONG
25 ANDREW SCOTT

ANNIVERSERIES

2 TOM AND PAULA PAULEY
4 JAKE AND BARBIE DEKOKER
18 JIM AND KAREN HAAS
21 SAM AND DOROTHY ANDERSON