



## Lord, Help Me Look Up

How do you keep the things of the world from distracting you from God? Do you remember the apostle John saying, ***“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever” (I John 2.15-17).*** But are we not a product of our culture? Have we not been born into a nation that has preconceived standards of what is acceptable living? We all want to have things that make our lives easier and more enjoyable. We also want our children to have a better childhood than we did. Where does it stop? Have we become more about justifying and rationalizing what we want rather than focusing on eternity?

The apostle Paul told the Christians at Colossae, ***“Set your minds on things above, not on things that are on earth” (Colossians 3.2).*** Do you think that is easier said than done? *“But I have to go to work; I have to mow the yard; I have to run the children from one extracurricular activity to the next,”* many will say. *“I have clothes to wash and dry, meals to prepare, children to bathe.”* *“I have to make sure homework is being completed; my child is not being bullied; committees to lead, and charities to help.”* Could you do both? Can you do all those things and still focus on things above? Does it have to do with attitudes? Priorities? Values? Have I convinced myself that having a Christ-centered life is far superior than living for self?

If you did not grow up in a Christian home; if you didn't grow up in the church; if you didn't have mentors guiding you toward Christ; then learning to retrain your mind can be quiet challenging. If you grew up in a sinful environment, or living in sin, something has to be a catalyst for change. Isn't the incentive Jesus? Learning of Jesus and life beyond the grave? Understanding that there is a better way to life than what you are currently pursuing? As Christians, are we not to be the change agent in other people's lives? Do you remember Jesus commanding His followers, ***“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28.19, 20).*** As we go through life, we are to share our faith in Jesus with those around us. Teaching them to look up! Teaching them that there is a God who created the heavens and the earth, and that He sent His Son, Jesus, to show us how to come to Him for all eternity. We have something that those in the world do not, we have hope of eternal life with the One who created us all. Will you take time to pray today, *“Lord, help me to look up!”* ?



Gary

# How Much Do You Love Jesus?

Luke 7.36-38

- 1) Have you ever been to a banquet where you were the honored guest?
- 2) Have you ever received recognition for something in which you were truly surprised and felt totally humbled, feeling you really didn't deserve it?
- 3) How do you say "Thank you" for something you do not deserve?

## Love Is Expressed Through...

I) \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 7.37, 38).

A) Why had the sinful woman come?

- 1) Why do you suppose she was \_\_\_\_\_?
- 2) Can you imagine everyone gasping?

B) Can you picture this woman anointing Jesus' feet?

1) Consider her:

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_

2) Consider \_\_\_\_\_

C) Why did you come into the presence of Jesus today?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_? 2) \_\_\_\_\_?
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_?

II) What We \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 7.39).

A) What was Simon's reaction?

B) Why are we so \_\_\_\_\_?

- 1) We will be held accountable by what we \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 5.28).
- 2) We will be held accountable by what we \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 12.37).

C) What are the thoughts of your \_\_\_\_\_?

III) Consciousness of \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 7.43-48).

A) In telling the parable, what had Jesus done?

B) Jesus made Simon aware of his \_\_\_\_\_.

1) What was Jesus' point?

(a) Both the woman and Simon were \_\_\_\_\_—both

(b) Both were totally in debt with \_\_\_\_\_ to pay (Romans 3.23; 6.23).

2) Is it hard to think that we are more like Simon than the sinful woman?

C) Some of us go into deeper sins than others.

D) My \_\_\_\_\_ of my Savior comes in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to my awareness of my own \_\_\_\_\_.

1) Jesus can \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Jesus can \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.

3) Jesus can \_\_\_\_\_ you to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:** Are you ready to acknowledge your sinfulness before God today?

# C O N N E C T I O N

**C** Good morning WH family! Today in our Connection Corner we feature James (Sonny) & Carol Downing.

**R**  
**N**  
**E**  
**R** Sonny was born in High Springs, FL and after a few years there his family moved to St Petersburg, FL where he graduated from high school. While in school, he loved hunting, fishing and dreamt of one day being a helicopter pilot. After a couple of years at St Petersburg Junior College, Sonny joined the US Army and entered helicopter pilot training. He served as a general's pilot, and a flight instructor before he was ordered to begin flying combat missions in Vietnam. He flew multiple missions under fire for which he received 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses. He has written a book called "The Second Team", and has a website based on his personal journal and experiences, jamescdowningjr.com. At WH, we have been blessed with so many who have served our country and have such interesting stories. After leaving the service, he worked as a civilian maintenance test pilot at Ft Rucker before moving to Iran to work for the government there (before the revolution), and then for GD/Lockheed in Ft Worth for 38 years. During his time there, he completed a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Aeronautical Science. He also taught as an adjunct professor for 20 yrs with Embry Riddle University.



Carol was born in Gary, IN but completed her high school years in Chattanooga, TN. She was very involved with the school choir and her church youth group there. Following graduation, she attended Florida Christian College for a year before beginning her "mission." Sonny & Carol met at church and dated for a few months before they married. As many of our women know, her "mission" as a military spouse took her to many postings over the years. During that time, the couple was blessed with the birth of 3 children, all born in various parts of the world. She also has stories of the great service (& hardships) that military families endure. During their time stateside, she completed an Associates Degree from Weaver State and worked as a church secretary for 11 years. Wherever they lived, Sonny and Carol were active in their church family as well. They have also been blessed with 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

As with so many of our members, I do not have space to adequately share this sweet family and their story. I encourage you to reach out and get to know them better, you may learn something new and 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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\*Shepherd of the month

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Brandon Duncan	903-603-1059
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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** - Jonny Bartee

**Song** - I Know That My Redeemer Lives

**Song** - I'll Live In Glory

**Song** - There Is A Habitation

**Prayer** - James Bowie

**Scripture** - Luke 7:36 - 38

**Song** - Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?

**Lord's Supper** - Chuck King

**Prayer for Contribution** - Chuck King

**Song** - Salvation Has Been Brought Down

**How Much Do You Love Jesus ?** - Gary Williams

**Song** - A Wonderful Savior

**Announcements** - Les Keele

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal** - Russ Bartee



We have changed vendors for our online contributions.

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

Single-side in-ear mono earbuds with personal receivers are available for those with hearing difficulties. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for assistance.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Monday, September 16**

Ezekiel 11 - 13

**Tuesday, September 17**

Ezekiel 14 - 16

**Wednesday, September 18**

Ezekiel 17 - 19

**Thursday, September 19**

Ezekiel 20 - 22

**Friday, September 20**

Ezekiel 23 - 25

**Saturday, September 21**

Ezekiel 26 - 28

**Sunday, September 22**

Ezekiel 29 - 31

### Last Week

Bible Class	151	Wednesday	113
Worship	222	Contribution	\$13,430.01
PM Worship	51	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
Jim Gilbert 9/12/2024	He will have surgery on September 23. He fell and completely tore a tendon in his right shoulder. 1031 Usher St., Benbrook, Texas 76126	God to guide the doctors and quick 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
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	She has been in and out of the hospital this past week. 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
Kitty Davis 8/28/2024	She is suffering from Parkinson's. 812 Ala Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
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 8/25/24	D'Anne is in need of a job she can physically handle. 9001 South Normandale, Apartment #1055, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Find a job

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Westley Milhim nephew of,	Betty Kille	He is suffering from colon cancer that has spread to his liver.	Healing 9/11/2024
Julie Wallace sister-in-law of,	Carlos Wallace	She is near renal failure.	Healing 9/11/2024
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		She has been diagnosed with cancer of her breast, colon and liver. She will do chemo and targeted radiation. 400 North Tacoma Street, Farmington, Arkansas 72730	The doctors and therapists, successful surgeries and treatment, peace of mind 09/11/2024
Sanghip Bouapraseth, father of	Kasie Muongnamvong	Has stage 4 pancreatic cancer.	Healing and pain control 7/17/2024

# 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  
Men's Bible Class: Gary Williams: Hosea

**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.**

## Tuesday Moring Bible Class

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

Lady's Bible Class is studying: Women Of The Bible Speak. Taught by Paula Pauley.

## Food Bank Statistics

204 – Families Served  
\$778.63 – Cost to WHCOC  
5792 lbs – Estimated Weight of Food

## SMALL GROUPS

We will resume on September 15, Today. **Please sign-up** for a small group in the foyer. The Ball & Birdow group will meet following services at the Ball's house. The Kille & Meyer group will meet immediately after service in the fellowship hall. The Grief Recovery group will meet in the Keele Home at 1 p.m. Thank you!

## Audio Video Booth

**The Audio Video Booth would like to call a meeting of present and future AV Booth workers. If you want to learn or have a gift from God in this area, we will meet for 5 minutes on Sunday immediately after worship in front of the AV booth. If you have questions, please get in touch with Buck Thomas. Some jobs included: PowerPoint presentations, schedule coordinator, sound coordinator, and live streaming videos to YouTube.**

## EVERYONE INVITED

## Game Night! September 27th at 6pm.

Please bring your favorite sandwiches, chips, desserts, snacks and of course games. We will have games for all ages.

## WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

The WBS team will meet on September 29th, following the morning worship service. We will be gathering to conduct a training session. All interested, please attend. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for anyone interested in being part of WBS.  
David Birdow



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SCHOOL**

## *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

# **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 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**