



Isolation

Is it good to be alone? Is it good to isolate yourself from others? There are so many lonely people in the world today. Many feel totally isolated and living imprisoned within the four walls of their home. When David was fleeing from King Saul's pursuit, he said, ***"Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul" (Psalm 142.4).*** David felt isolated and that no one truly cared for him. Have you ever felt that way? What do you do when you feel all alone?

It is not uncommon for all people to feel lonely at one time or another in their lives. Some situations may appear to be unavoidable. There are elderly people who have physically outlived all their friends. Others, due to health issues, are no longer able to leave their homes and depend upon friends to come see them. A few people have personalities, whether passive or outrageous, that prevent them from having friends. Did you know that Satan wants you to be alone? In the beginning, after God created man, He said ***"It is not good for man to be alone" (Genesis 2.18).*** God created man as a social being needing to interact with others. But if Satan can get you by yourself, he thinks he has a greater chance of leading you astray. Peter said, ***"Be sober-minded, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5.8).*** Satan looks for people who drift away from the fold. A person on the perimeter is an easy target. If he can isolate you, he can devour you.



What can I do? I have heard people say, *"I don't want to be alone; but I sit at home night after night with no one except the television. I want friends, but I just don't know where to find them."* I believe that's why the church was created as a family. To provide a way for people to be in contact with one another and care for one another. Some people feel isolated because of a lack of communication. You may have to make the first move to initiate a friendship. How? Ask someone out to lunch or to come over to your house. Go do an activity together, whether a Rangers' game, a movie, or children's activities. As a member of the family of God, you do not have to be alone. The church also offers many service projects and events in which you can participate. The best way to grow a friendship is to spend time together.

No one wants to be alone all the time. Jesus has promised to never leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13.5). He is always near. One of our purposes as Christians is to encourage each another. To encourage one another in our faith, in our lives, in our walks of life. If you feel isolated today, come to Jesus, and let Him add you to His family and lead you all the way.

Gary

The Righteousness of God

Romans 3.23, 24

- 1) What does it mean to be “righteous?”
- 2) How can I be a recipient of the righteousness of God?

God’s Righteousness...

I) Has Been Made _____ (Romans 3.21).

A) Paul makes clear that salvation is no longer found under the _____ of _____ (Romans 3.19, 20).

1) No one can be justified under any law.

2) What is the purpose of law? To _____ wrongdoing, not _____ wrongdoing.

3) Our salvation must be on some other basis than perfect law-keeping.

B) What is righteousness?

1) What is the righteousness of _____?

2) The righteousness of God is revealed in the _____ (Romans 1.17).

3) God’s righteousness was witnessed by the Law and the Prophets.

C) If we cannot be saved on the basis of perfect law-keeping, on what basis can we be saved?

II) Is Based On _____ (Romans 3.22, 23).

A) We are saved through faith in _____.

1) Faith is specifically linked to Christ.

2) Paul links faith to the One who came to earth to die for sinners.

B) What does the word “_____” mean (Romans 3.23)?

1) The first time a person sins, he becomes a sinner in need of

2) _____ to save ourselves.

III) Is Extended To _____ (Romans 3.24).

A) How can a righteous God count the unrighteous as righteous?

1) The righteousness of God comes to all who believe.

2) It is justified as a _____ by God’s _____.

3) We are saved by _____.

B) What does the word “redemption” mean?

1) Christ had to “_____” us.

2) There are many ways into _____, but only one way _____.

IV) Was Displayed Through Jesus’ _____ On The _____.

A) Christ became the _____ for our sins.

1) Jesus’ sacrifice satisfied the wrath of God.

2) God’s wrath toward _____ had to be resolved before man could be saved.

B) How do we _____ this wonderful gift?

Conclusion: Are you ready to be saved today?

C O N N E C T I O N

C Good morning church family! I have been so blessed in doing these interviews, getting to know many of you so much better. I hope every one of you sees from these articles that we have so much life experience to share & learn from one another if we only take the time to connect. This week is no different as we feature Faiha Alatrash in our Connection Corner.



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R Faiha was born in Damascus, Syria to a farming family. Growing up, in addition to her schooling, she helped with the farm, which produced fruit and vegetables for sale in the market. She had a beloved pet donkey that she spoiled, and she loved studying math in school. At 17, however, her life took a fascinating change. She met and married her husband, Jabr, a Syrian diplomat and Ambassador. In a moment the young woman was whisked from the farm and onto the world stage.

Jabr was appointed the Syrian Ambassador to China, and they moved to Beijing, China for 6 years. During this time, the couple represented their country to every country in the Far East, except for Japan. In the absence of her husband, Faiha became the voice of Syria to these countries, a type of traveling "First Lady." She recalled how seriously she took this responsibility and faithfully tried to represent her country well. She made speeches and appearances and conducted negotiations with other countries. Faiha knew that every word, every action that she performed reflected upon her country and government. (Much like our actions as Christians reflect upon Christ, our king!) She served a total of 21 years in the diplomatic corps for Syria. During the 70's & 80's, she was able to meet every US President, Prime Minister, King & Queen, etc. of most of the world governments. She says her experiences during this time were the best education she could have possibly received.

Faiha and Jabr had a dream however, of giving their 3 children the opportunity to live and go to school in a free nation. Jabr resigned his position, and the family moved to Abilene, TX where he served as a visiting professor. Faiha attended Abilene Christian College and worked for JC Penny. Following graduation, she began working for a gas company as director of software for Middle East clients. Jabr, unfortunately suffered strokes and the family moved to Ft Worth to be close to their son. Eventually they moved to Cleveland, OH for his care until his passing. Faiha returned to Abilene, but eventually settled in FW, where she has worked as the Community Director for Parents & Communications for the FWISD for the past 17 years.

Faiha came to the WH family through her son who had attended the West Berry congregation & introduced her to, among others, our own Musselman family. When she returned to FW, hearing that West Berry had closed, she called Mark Musselman and asked where she should go to church. He invited her to WH and Don Davis met her at the door with his famous "Do I know you?" She has been with us ever since. I encourage you to reach out to Faiha and get to know her 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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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Russ Bartee

Song Leader - Jonny Bartee

Song - Oh, They Tell Me Of A Home

Song - On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Song - Beyond This Land Of Parting

Prayer - Brandon Duncan

Scripture - **Romans 3.23,24**

Song - A Hill Called Mount Calvary

Lord's Supper - Ben Meyer

Prayer for Contribution - Ben Meyer

Song - Our God, He Is Alive

The Righteousness Of God? - Gary Williams

Song - O Why Not Tonight

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 23

Ezekiel 32 - 34

Tuesday, September 24

Ezekiel 35 - 37

Wednesday, September 25

Ezekiel 38 - 40

Thursday, September 26

Ezekiel 41 - 43

Friday, September 27

Ezekiel 44 - 46

Saturday, September 28

Ezekiel 47 - 48

Sunday, September 29

Daniel 1 - 3

Last Week

Bible Class	151	Wednesday	107
Worship	211	Contribution	\$10,800.08
PM Worship	86	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
Michaelangelo Sanchez 9/19/2024	He will have dental surgery on October 2nd. 3142 Sappington Place, Fort Worth, TX 76116	Everything will go great
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
Susie Steadman 9/18/2024	She had back surgery on September the 16th and will have a cardiac cath on the 23rd and possibly a stent. 8700 N. Normandale St. #106Fort Worth76116	God to be with the doctors and for her to heal quickly
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 is doing better. 4018 Ridglea County Club, #508, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Better health
James Yawn 08/14/2024	He is needing back surgery and will schedule when Bridget Yawn is better. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Needs back surgery
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
Talia Witherspoon	She is going to have allergy shots. 3628 Brookland Ave.Fort Worth76116	Effective treatment and that her body can handle it well

PRAYER REQUESTS: FAMILY AND FRIENDS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Barbara Lowrey, a former member	Jeff Swan	She will have back surgery on the 25th.	God to guide the surgeons and heal Barbara quickly 9/20/2024
Taylor O'Neal, friend of,	Karen Taylor	She is 31 weeks pregnant, the doctors are taking the baby on 10/7/2024. The baby is 2lb 5oz and may have a whole in her heart.	God to guide the doctors and the baby and mom to be healthy 9/20/2024
Nelda Wagoner, sister-in-law of,	Beverly Lipham	She has stage 4 cancer.	Guide the doctors and heal her 9-18-2024
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
Sangkip 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 has 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.

Thank You!

Nancy and Johnny Wright would like to express their many thanks for the cards, flowers, and expressions of love in honor of her sister's death.

SMALL GROUPS

Join us for a small group. If you haven't already signed up, please sign up for a small group. The list is in the foyer, and our group leaders are eager to connect with you. The Ball & Birdow group will meet directly after church at the Ball house, while the Kille & Meyer group will gather immediately after the service in the fellowship hall. The Grief Recovery class will meet at the Keele's Home at 1 p.m. (The grief group is full.) We appreciate your participation!

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.

WEDDING SHOWERS

Congratulations to Emily Williams, daughter of our own Gary and Lisa Williams. Emily and her fiancé, Timothy Thornton, will marry in Tupelo, Mississippi, on October 5th, 2024. In lieu of a shower, we will be sending a cash donation to help out with any extra expenses that they may have. If you would like to donate to Emily's special day, please see Sharon Pippin or Dorothy Anderson.

Congratulations to Daniel Bowie and Alissa Hagemeyer, who will be getting married in Arkansas on October 21st. We are giving them a wedding shower on October 6th at 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Williams Sonoma and Amazon.

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



**WORLD
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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

ANNIVERSARIES

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