

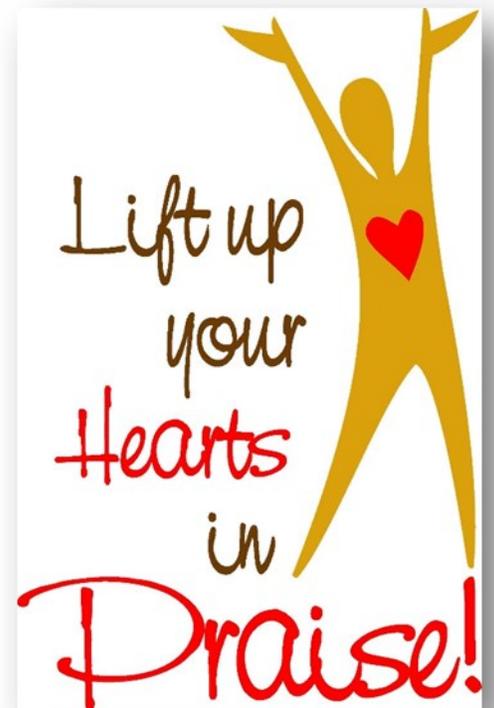
"Blessed Be The God And Father Of Our Lord Jesus Christ"

After his greeting to the Ephesian church, the apostle Paul began his epistle by giving praise to God. He said, **"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 1.3)**. The very first thought he presented was giving glory to God. We often focus on the last half of the verse which says, **"Who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ."** It is humbling when we see how richly we are blessed by God in Christ Jesus. But Paul continues to list many spiritual blessings we receive in order that we would turn and praise God. It is thrilling to realize how blessed we are in Christ; but, in recognizing such, we should want to shout out in praise to God.

I find it interesting that the very first thing Paul mentions is praising God. It should be on the forefront of our minds as well. How much time would you say you spend in praising God each day? In our prayers, we may offer up one or two thoughts of praise and even possibly have difficulty thinking of more on the spur of the moment, or after expressing a couple, move on to our requests. What comes to mind when you think of praise? In the Old Testament there are nine different Hebrew words for praise. The three most commonly used are: *bâarak*, used 330 times, means "to kneel; to bless God as an act of adoration;" *hâlal*, used 165 times, means "to praise, celebrate, glory, sing;" *yâdâh*, used 114 times, means "to revere or worship with extended hands." The most popular term in the New Testament, *dôxa*, used 168 times, means "to honor, praise, worship."

So how can we praise God more daily? From the definitions of the Hebrew terms: we can kneel before God in prayer; we can sing songs of praise; we can pray and praise God with uplifted hands. From the New Testament, we can worship and praise God in prayer, praise, song, and in our daily lives. So, take time to sing a song of praise to God today. When you say your prayers, try to kneel by your bed out of reverence and as an act of worship. Try praying several times a day when you notice something that makes you think about God. I love to see all the colors God incorporated in the creation and often offer praise for how beautiful and blue the sky is, and how intense and beautiful are many of the colors of flowers and plants. I enjoy sitting on the back patio watching and listening to it rain and praise God for providing it to keep everything alive and replenishing the earth. I tend to sing all the time. I offer God praise and thanksgiving for blessing my family and me with good health, for providing a roof over our heads, and giving us clothes to wear and plenty to eat.

From the Ephesian letter, we can praise God for being: ***chosen in Christ (v. 4), predestined to adoption as children (5), redeemed (7), forgiven (7), enlightened to the mystery of His will (9), heir to an eternal inheritance (11), sealed by the Holy Spirit as a a guarantee of inheritance (13, 14)***. Yes, we are truly blessed ***"with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (3)***. Offer praise to God today! Gary



What The Lord Has Done For My Soul

Psalm 103.1-5

- 1) The psalmist cried out, “*Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul*” (Psalm 66.16).
- 2) What has God done for your soul?
- 3) Where will your soul spend eternity?

I) My Soul Was _____ In _____ (Romans 3.23).

- A) Why did God not hold those under twenty years of age responsible when He said all the children of Israel would die in the wilderness (Deuteronomy 1)?
- B) Sin is ugly.
 - 1) We will be held accountable for all the sin of which we _____ to _____ (Isaiah 1.5, 6).
 - 2) Why is man’s sin so _____ to God (Isaiah 59.1, 2)?

II) But The Lord _____ To Me (2 Peter 1.21).

- A) God speaks to me through the _____ (2 Peter 1.21; I Peter 1.22-25; Hebrews 1.1-3).
- B) The Bible makes one _____ (2 Timothy 3.16, 17).
- C) Do you realize how the Lord has blessed your soul in speaking to you through His Word?

III) God Provided _____ For Me.

- A) I read in my Bible that God made rich provisions for me.
 - 1) God _____ me (Romans 5.8; Luke 19.10; John 3.16).
 - 2) God _____ me to learn (Matthew 11.28-30).
 - 3) God the Son _____ for me (Hebrews 2.9).
 - 4) He gives me _____ through His _____ (Revelation 1.5).
- B) I read in my Bible that Jesus provides salvation to me through His _____.
- C) In my Bible, I read that these provisions of salvation are available to _____.

IV) God Continually Provides Me With Many _____

- A) What did Paul tell the Christians at Ephesus (Ephesians 1.3)?
- B) We should be _____ for the way Jesus continues to bless us daily.

V) God _____ Me In Life.

- A) I want to do right, but I do not always _____ what is right (Jeremiah 10.23; Proverbs 14.12; Psalm 25.5).
- B) God guides me through His _____ (Psalm 119.105; Psalm 23.2, 3).
- C) What a blessing it is to have God guide our lives!

VI) God Gives Me the _____ Of _____.

- A) We are to worship God (John 4.23, 24).
- B) We _____ worship in _____.
- C) We _____ worship in _____.

Conclusion: Do you see all God has done for your soul?

C O N N E C T I O N

C Good morning WH family! I am taking a brief departure from our normal member interviews to spend a little time talking about connection. *What is it? What is it for? How does it (or should it) work in a church family?*

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R I found a definition of connection that I especially liked. It referred to connection as being exemplified by an electrical connection, “the placing of parts in contact with each other so that current may flow.” For our purpose, I would define it as “*members placed in such close contact with each other so that the love and grace of Jesus may flow between them.*” Another visual example might be a spider’s web. The connections between the spider and the web are such that if there is any disturbance in the web, the spider instantly knows which area needs attention. In that light, for our purposes, we are so connected to one another that if someone has something going on in their life, be it good, bad, joyous, or sorrowful, that the church family is aware of it and can respond quickly and accordingly.

This past week has really highlighted to me the need for strong connection *AND* loving response. We had so many that needed surgeries that I not only saw the immediate needs at the hospitals, but also the fact that many of our family need help with daily responsibilities that they simply cannot take care of. We had one member that received a scary prognosis and desperately wanted someone to come pray with them. We had our Hispanic brethren ask for our member’s help serving our community in a “give-away day” event to reach out and make contacts for the Lord. So many needs and opportunities to make connection mean something more than “acquaintance.”

Going back to the electrical example of connection, our homes need to have strong connections so the AC current can flow. “AC current” means “alternating” current, that it periodically reverses direction back and forth. Our church family connections should be like that as well, that Jesus’ love and grace is both *extended* and *received* by us. So, I am asking for you to prayerfully consider two things today: First, how can you serve the family? Read the prayer lists, contact the people on them, talk to one another and really listen to them so you can discover their need, and then act! Be a part of meeting that need. Secondly, honor the family by opening your heart and letting us truly know what you need. So many Christians think being Christ-like is only about serving. He also taught the apostles that there is a time to be the one whose need is served. I pray that we make strong, “Alternating Current” connection with each other in a deliberate, concerted effort this next week. I guarantee, the family will 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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| Steve Taylor | 817-291-2065 |
| Buck Thomas | 817-733-2620 |
| Arthur Torrez | 817-721-2726 |

MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Steve Taylor

Song Leader - Matt Sloan

Song - Praise Him! Praise Him!

Song - Here I Am To Worship

Song - As The Deer

Prayer - Buck Thomas

Scripture - Psalm 103. 1-5

Song - Come, Share The Lord

Lord's Supper - Ben Meyer

Prayer for Contribution - Ben Meyer

Song - A Wonderful Savior

What The Lord Has Done For My Soul- Gary Williams

Song - Just As I Am

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Russ Bartee

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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 30

Daniel 4 - 7

Tuesday, October 1

Daniel 8 - 10

Wednesday, October 2

Daniel 11 - 12

Thursday, October 3

Hosea 1 - 3

Friday, October 4

Hosea 4 - 7

Saturday, October 5

Hosea 8 - 10

Sunday, October 6

Hosea 11 - 14

Last Week

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| Bible Class | 149 | Wednesday | 94 |
| Worship | 231 | Contribution | \$11,656.82 |
| PM Worship | 96 | Budget | \$ 13,802.88 |

Times of Assemblies

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|-------------------------|----------|
| 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 had surgery on September 23. He fell and completely tore a tendon in his right shoulder. 1031 Usher St., Benbrook, Texas 76126 | quick healing |
| Susie Steadman 9/18/2024 | She had back surgery on September the 16th and will have open heart surgery soon. She is in Harris down town, Cardiac Tower Rm 408. 8700 N. Normandale St. #106, Fort Worth, Texas 76116 | God to be with the doctors and for her to heal quickly |
| Shirley Bennett 08/15/2024 | She is doing better. 4018 Ridglea County Club, #508, Fort Worth, Texas 76126 | Better health |
| Dana Saba 9/23/2024 | She had foot surgery on September 25th. 3804 Busseron Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76116 | Quick healing |
| Nancy Moody 9/23/2024 | She will have eye surgery on October 1st. 917 Willow Way, Benbrook, Texas 76126 | The surgery to work and for Nancey to heal quickly |
| Beverly Lipham 9/24/2024 | She is having sciatica. 6104 Silver View Ln. Fort Worth, Texas 76135 | The pain to subside |
| Talia Witherspoon 9/20/2024 | She is going to have allergy shots. 3628 Brookland Ave., Fort Worth, Texas 76116 | Effective treatment and that her body can handle it well |
| Betsy Strother 9/24/2024 | She wants to be kinder and more merciful to others. 8401 Tumbleweed Trail Apt#2004, Fort Worth, Texas 76108 | God to guide her |
| Wincie Neusse 9/27/2024 | She had a heart procedure on Friday September 27th; it went well. 3425 Riveroad Ct Apt # 2318, Fort Worth, Texas 76116-1114 | Quick healing |

PRAYER REQUESTS: FAMILY AND FRIENDS

| NAME | REQUESTED BY | SITUATION | PRAY FOR |
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| Andrew McDade, grandson-in-law to | Sharon Pippin | He joined the Army Rangers and was required to get immunized, and now is in the hospital. | God to heal him quickly |
| Barbara Lowrey, a former member | Jeff Swan | She had back surgery on the 25th. | God to 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 is doing chemo and still working. 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 |

CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR: Our Shut-Ins and those fighting long term issues. Carlos Wallace, Kennedy Hill, Kitti Davis, Mignon Bandy, Sue Carpenter, Susan Ward, Wincie Neusse, Nancy Wright, Chandra Mann, Bob Willyerd, Wanda Houston, The Perez Family, The Intharansy Family, Dwayne Beagle, Aubrey and Yvonne Hallum, Betty Baumann, Lillian and Charles Kite, Joe and Jody Gentry, Jacki Jaso, and Carlene Reeves.

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



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



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SMALL GROUPS

Small groups will not meet on the 1st and 5th Sundays of the month. So there will not be a small group today. Hope to see you tonight at 5. p.m.

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!

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.

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.

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

October Celebrations!

Birthdays

1 Bouathong Chansombath

1 Les Keele

2 Tony Martin

2 Pheng Vilaysack

6 Sharon Pippin

6 David Birdow

8 Roxann Whitacre

10 Betty Baumann

10 Jimmy Bolt

12 Patti Maynard

16 Melinda Markum

17 Barbara Adams

17 Tom Pauley

20 Sabrina Vilaysack

20 Tiffany Witherspoon

25 Courtney Meyer

25 Suzan Ward

26 Amanda Garner

29 Jodi Gentry

29 Patricia Neislar

30 Bob Riley

31 Vickie Bowers

31 Lisa Wilson

Children's Birthdays

1 Lyndon Watson

6 Tahlia Witherspoon

11 Layton Meyer

21 Claire Meyer

26 Luke Meyer

ANNIVERSARIES

13 Jay & Amanda Garner

23 Robert & Jennifer Scott

25 Robert & LaRue Bow

26 Carl & Fern Green