

Ever Need Encouraging?

Have you ever really needed someone to encourage you? We all know what it feels like to be discouraged. A harsh comment someone makes of you. A quiet fear that we are afraid to share. A burden we have carried for so long that it feels like it will never go away. Then, someone says an encouraging word. Something as simply as: *“I’m praying for you,”* or *“I have really missed you,”* or *“Please tell me about your week.”* Suddenly, there is a small light that appears in your soul. A gleam of happiness arises. A smile comes to your face. A glimmer of hope. All because someone cared enough to offer you a word of encouragement.

Did you know that encouraging others is a responsibility of all Christians. The apostle Paul did not say, *“If you feel like encouraging someone, then do it.”* He said, **“Encourage one another and build one another up”**

(I Thessalonians 5.11). Paul said this to the whole church, not specific individuals. We are to strive to spur one another on as we walk our life of faithfulness before God. Have you ever needed encouragement in your faith? Ever been spiritually low? Ever questioned if living a Christian life was worth it? God tells us to support one another, build one another up, strengthen each other as we all strive for heaven. Why did God command us to do such? Because He knows how fragile the human heart can be. He knows how quickly we get tired. He knows how easily we forget His promises. Encouragement is God’s way of keeping His people standing. When Moses grew weary, God sent Aaron and Hur to hold up his arms (Exodus 17.12). Elijah

experienced profound depression after a significant victory, driven by fear and exhaustion, illustrating the emotional struggles even great prophets can face (I Kings 19.4).

Elijah just wanted to die. Then God sent an angel with food to strengthen him and encouraged him to get up and be on his way. When the apostle Paul felt pressed beyond measure, God sent Titus with good news that comforted him greatly (2 Corinthians 7.6, 7).

Paul instructs us to build each other up. Building is work. Discouragement tears down. Criticism tears down. Comparison tears down. But encouragement can build confidence, perseverance, unity, and faith. When the family of God encourages one another, it becomes a place of growing, serving, and excelling at doing the will of the Lord. Encouragement is not just being nice. It is often God’s voice speaking to us through human lips. Encouragement is a spiritual act. It is partnering with God to lift a weary soul. God often uses words that seem so small to do great things. Your words may keep someone from quitting or help someone take the next step in their faith or remind someone that God has not forgotten them. This week, ask God to show you someone who needs encouraging. Speak to them. Send them a text. Offer a prayer. Give a smile. Share scripture. You may be the very tool God uses to lift up that person’s soul.

Gary



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CONNECTION

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Good morning church family! I am very happy today to introduce to you a new staff member.



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Connie Casey has begun serving WH as a PT office administrator. She will be working for us every other month during the time that Lisa is away caring for her father. Connie is a member of West Freeway church of Christ and will continue to attend services there as she is also a PT secretary for the School of Evangelism. Connie brings a wealth of experience and skill to the position and we are blessed to have her in this role.

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Connie was born in Frederick, OK, where her parents were house-parents at the Tipton Home for Children. Her father soon accepted a call to preach for the church and eventually served as minister in New Caney, TX. She attended high school there, where she played tennis and was a member of the pep squad and drill team. She met a boy named Terry, a recent graduate of the high school and a guitar player for a country and western "garage band" that practiced at her sister and brother in law's home. Following their first date of a movie and pizza, they began dating and married about 4 months later. Terry was a welder for a local oil company and after 2 ½ years in New Caney, they decided to move to Dallas where Terry attended the Preston Rd. School of preaching.

Terry and Connie served churches in Houston, Temple and Uvalde for 17 years before coming to serve at West Freeway church here in FW for 14 yrs. The Caseys then moved to Florida to work with a church there for an additional 14 years. Connie has relocated back here to Fort Worth following Terry's passing last year. They were blessed with 47 years of marriage and 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild (with one on the way!)

Connie served as church secretary in Temple and after their kids started school, she went to work as a secretary for the Uvalde School District and then the White Settlement School District. Connie transitioned into the medical field, serving as a secretary for UNT- Health & Science clinic for 14 years before moving to a similar role with Harris Hospital. As I stated earlier, she brings vast skill and experience to this role. I encourage you to call or come by the office and meet Connie and welcome her – You'll be blessed!

-- Les Keele

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

SHEPHERDS

Greg Ball	214-801-7375
Russ Barte	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	662-321-3208
Pulpit Minister	
Les Keele	817-808-0566
Associate Minister	
James Bowie	817-944-4492

THAI-LAOTIAN MINISTERS

Jeffery Lertboonpadong	206-819-9109
John Boudtaroth	817-891-2132

DEACONS

Jonathan Barte	817-889-2686
David Birdow	970-310-1143
James Bowie	817-944-4492
Zach Brookshire	817-296-9918
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 - Steven Johnston

Song Leader - Russ Jones

Song - I Love My Savior, Too

Song - I Want Jesus To Walk With Me

Song - Father

Opening Prayer - Glen Baird

Scripture -

Song - Nailed To The Cross

Lord's Supper - Chuck King

Prayer For Contribution - Chuck King

Song - Jesus Hold My Hand

Guest Speaker - Glynn Langston

Song - I Bring My Sins To Thee

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer and Dismissal - John Walton

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.

**Our Code For
Tithley Giving**



**Our Code For
Attendance**



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, January 19

Genesis 35; Matthew 13

Tuesday, January 20

Genesis 36; Matthew 14

Wednesday, January 21

Genesis 37-38; Matthew 15

Thursday, January 22

Genesis 39-40; Matthew 16

Friday, January 23

Psalms 40; Genesis 41; Matthew 17

Saturday, January 24

Genesis 42; Matthew 18

LAST WEEK

Bible Class	127	On-Line Wednesday	6
Worship	202	Wednesday	103
Thai-Lao	33	Contribution	\$32,447.10
On-Line Sunday	20	Budget	\$15,372.28

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Rob, son-in-law of	Sharon Pippin	Had a doctor's appointment Tuesday to see if the growths in his esophagus have grown and what can be done. They are also doing a biopsy. On the 19 th , he goes to a specialist for the blood clots in his leg and stomach.	He is not a Christian and needs prayers for his soul and his health
David Thomas, uncle of	Buck Thomas	Harris Downtown, Heart Center, Room 118, under palliative care.	Comfort for the family
Jennifer Randles, niece of	Gail Willmington	Her ex-husband had his rights taken away awhile back. Lately he has been posting very threatening and disturbing posts. The posts have been seen by judges and taken to the DA. Also for her 2 boys.	For safety and that his heart will be calmed.
Leeneh McLellea, friend of	Mindy Markham	Her lung collapsed and she is now at the hospital.	Comfort for my friend.
Rachelle Jordan	Food Bank Client	Is wanting to draw closer to God. 3009 Las Vegas Trail, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.	Her to live her life to lead her family to God
Hazel Bird, mother of	David Birdow	Has been able to "ring the bell" along with her husband on their cancer treatments. Hazel is struggling with respiratory issues and is awaiting the results of her latest cancer scans.	Her respiratory issues to be resolved and for her scans to come back "all clear"
Dave Slaughter, friend of	Jonny and Amy Bartee	Has been diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer and is undergoing chemo treatments.	Success from treatments to live healthy life
Matt Smith, nephew of and grandson of	Ray Doshier and Clara Boudreaux	Has returned home safely from his trip to the Ukraine.	Thanks to God for safe travels
Jon Silcox, husband of	Tracie Silcox	Is suffering from cancer and had surgery December 30.	Good outcome
Candis Cheshire	Visitor to WH	Has wanted to return but has been prevented by illness and emergency surgery. When she recovers, she would like to visit again. 9109 Wind Rush Drive, Apartment 618, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.	Healing and return to good health
Delma Balderas, mother of	Misty Martinez	Is suffering from rheumatoid arthritis in her legs.	Healing

FRIENDS AND FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS: Continued

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Marie, a friend of	Lisa Wilson	Is now free of cancer.	Thanksgiving to God
Sherry Scott, mother of	Robert Scott	Health issues.	Healing
Paula, sister of	Patti Musselman	Cancer has returned and the chemo is not working. They are switching to a brand-new drug.	Doctors' skill and knowledge; new drug works and will eradicate the cancer
Nic Smith, son of	Linda DiRocco	More symptomatic with his MS and he is already on the best medicine.	Doctors to find ways of negating his symptoms
Jeff Holland, nephew of	Judy Birmingham	Bladder cancer has returned.	Doctors to determine best course of treatment
Tracie Jones, wife of	Russ	Health issues.	Healing
Shane Grantham	Michael and Kitti Davis	Suffers from cancer.	Healing
Brook, neice of	Misty Martinez	Will have rods placed in her hip this summer to correct dysplasia from birth.	For her to handle the pain while awaiting surgery
Becky Stark, cousin's wife of	Adam Powers	Emergency surgery to remove brain aneurysm.	Healing

MEMBERS PRAYER LIST

NAME	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Sam Anderson	Will be having tests in Dallas sometime this month. 11137 Castle Oak Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Good Results
Bob Willyerd	Has returned home on palliative care. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76133	Comfort
Jazelle Manry	Treatment for her eyes starting next week. 1112 Meadow Park Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Successful treatment
Wayne Gary	Had surgery on his right eye Tuesday, December 30. 9912 Edmund Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Healing
Thonglouth Manylou	In the passing of her husband, Thienxay, and her leg is in extreme pain. 55913 Lakeview Court, Fort Worth, Texas 776137	Comfort and healing
Charles Stephan	Has moved to Willow Park Rehab, Room 411. 633 South Kate Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Patricia Emerson	Cancer has returned. 6536 Wooddale, Fort Worth, Texas 76148	Remission and healing
Kitti Davis	Is suffering from Parkinson's. 812 Ala Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Lorenza Fernandez	Is taking care of Emilio and herself. 232 Lochness Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Strength to assist Emilio
Emilio Fernandez	Has had another fall. He has good and bad days but sleeps through most of them. 232 Lochness Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing and strength to walk
Rob Donahue	Needs a job. 4529 Starlight Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	God to provide the perfect situation for him
Mary East	On hospice at Mark and Karen's home. 101 Rambling Trail, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Strength for Mary and guidance for Mark and Karen

CAMP BLUE HAVEN NEWS

RETURNING CAMPER REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2026

RETURNING campers (attended previous summer) must register between January 1 - 14th to be guaranteed a spot in the session they attended last summer. Hoping to change sessions? See FAQs on our website www.campbluehaven.com.

2026 Session Dates:

- 1st June 7 - 13
- 2nd. June 14 - 26
- 3rd. June 28 - July 4
- 4th. July 5 - 17
- 5th July 19 - 25
- 6th July 26 - August 7

Session Prices:

- 1 Week Session (1st, 3rd, 5th) \$300
- 2 Week Session (2nd, 4th, 6th) \$550

NEW Campers (did not attend previous summer) will register beginning January 15th at 9 PM Central Time.

Should you have any questions, please see James or Leah Bowie.

THANK YOU

**Dear Church Family,
We sure miss everyone but see you every
Sunday morning.**

**We are settling okay, but we don't drive
except to the store which is a block away.**

**Maybe I'll get brave one day soon and
venture out and hope I'll find my way home.**

Hope all had a great holiday.

Love you all in Christ,

Betty Wilcox

LADIES' CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT

January 20, 2026
Seasons Of Our Lives: Fall
Teacher: Betsy Strother

YOUTH EVENTS

LTC
Study Joshua, Judges, and Ruth
www.ntlc.org

Today
LTC Bible Bowl Practice
3:30 - 5:00 pm
Read Joshua 1-5 for the first study session

January 16th - 17th
Open to 6th - 12th Grade
Winterfest Fort Worth
Cost: \$30 per person
www.winterfest.org

CORPORATE MEETING

Sunday, February 8
Evening Services
We ask that all who are able, please attend.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

January 22, 2026
IHOP
Cherry Lane
7:00 AM

MEN'S AND LADIES' BIBLE CLASSES

Tuesday, January 20

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Susan Dufrene
2800 Broadmoor Drive
#320
Fort Worth, Texas 76116

Eva Torrez
520 Samuels Avenue
Apartment 5209
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Please update your "at home" directory.

BABY SHOWER



Honoring
Maggie Meyer Catteau &
Baby Redmond
Sunday
January, 25
2 PM – 4 PM
Maggie is the daughter of
Chuck and Julie Meyer.
They are registered at
Amazon.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

Beginning January, 2026, we will be reviewing the lists and removing those that are over 30 days old. If you wish to keep one on the list or give us an update on the situation, please contact the office.

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

1 Souli Thammavong
3 Jeff Kirkpatrick
4 Ket Vivongsack
5 Robin Stephan
5 Susie MOUNGNAMVONG
7 Brandon Duncan
9 Thune Lanphouthacouli
9 Susan Dufrene
10 Mary Ann Poulsen
12 Beverly Lipham
13 Greg Ball
16 Jonathan Bartee
18 Danton Tunnell
21 Julie Meyer
25 Mary Helen Bowie
26 Fern Martin
27 Penny Sue
29 Ellen Bartee
29 Gary Williams

CHILDREN

1 Trace Witherspoon
4 Eli Brookshire
4 Abel Brookshire
6 Annalise Germany
9 Asher Rutledge
18 Harlo DeKoker
28 Arthur Bowie
31 Heidi Gonzalez
31 Thawin Nguyen

REMEMBER ME

7 Louise Beagle
14 Charlie Beagle
17 Bridgett Yawn

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Jim and Phou Durkee 1990
9 Trey and Mindy Markum
31 Laumou and Aelly Khamthongdy 2017