

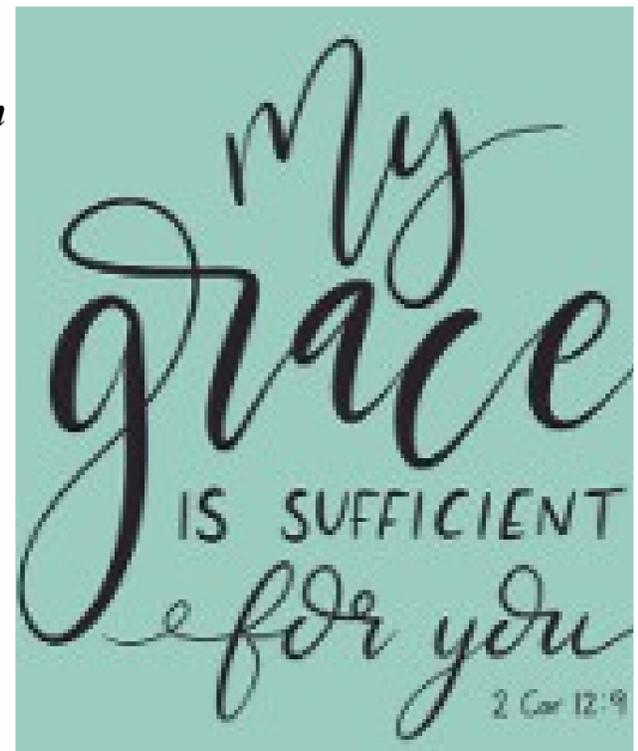


Do I Rely On God's Grace?

Have you ever felt like your prayers were not being answered? You struggle, you fight, you wear thin, praying for God to relieve you and remove the trials before you. Then, it seems like God is not listening. As your problems continue, you begin to wonder “*What is wrong with me?*” “*Why can't I handle this?*” “*Why isn't God removing this problem?*” Have you ever realized that the apostle Paul experienced the exact same thing?

In 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, Paul prayed three times for God to remove his “*thorn in the flesh.*” Much to his surprise, God said, “No.” Instead, God said, “***My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness***” (2 Cor. 12:9). Was God ignoring Paul's pain? Did God not care about the effect it was having upon Paul? How could God say “No” to such a faithful servant? How could God say “No” when Paul was doing such a great work in spreading the gospel? But this is not a verse about God ignoring pain, it is a verse about God meeting us in our pain.

I may think that my troubles are great. I am suffering dearly. Why doesn't God stop it? Paul's “*thorn*” was not small. He described it as “*a messenger of Satan to harass me.*” If it was a “*messenger of Satan,*” surely God would prevent it from harming Paul! Did God not take it away because God delights in watching His children suffer? No! God wanted Paul to understand that sometimes He removes the pain, and at other times, He gives you strength to endure. God wanted Paul to know that His grace was enough to carry him through any trouble or problem he faced. God did not say, “*My grace will make you strong,*” “*My grace will help you pretend you are fine,*” “*My grace will make your thorn disappear.*” God said, “***My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.***” In other words, God does His best work when we stop trying to be our own savior. Your weakness does not destroy you; it is when God's power comes into play.



Have you ever seen great power exhibited in weakness? What about the cross? To many, it looked like Jesus had failed. He was not strong enough to save Himself. But the cross is the ultimate proof that God does His greatest work through what looks like weakness. That perceived weakness led to the greatest power and victory of all time—Jesus arose from the dead! He defeated Satan and provided us a way to be saved.

When I am struggling, can I remember that God provides the total sufficiency of His grace for every need in my life? I may feel like a failure. I may feel lost. I may feel totally insufficient to continue with my pain. But can I remember that my weakness is the doorway through which I obtain God's strength? God says, “***My grace is sufficient for you.***” It is His strength that will carry us through. Because His grace is enough, you will be, too.

Gary

Happy Are The Sad?

Matthew 5.4

- 1) What are the Beatitudes?
- 2) What does it mean when someone says the Beatitudes are “paradoxical?”

To Understand What Jesus Is Saying, Let Us Notice...

I) The _____ Of Mourning.

- A) Certain kinds of sorrow are known to all mankind.
- B) To which type of mourning is Jesus referring?
 - 1) _____ Mourning?
 - (a) What is improper mourning?
 - (b) Do you remember how David grieved over Absalom (2 Samuel 18.33-19.4)?
 - 2) _____ Mourning?
 - (a) It is legitimate sorrows over which reasonable mourning is appropriate.
 - (b) Do you remember Abraham’s sorrow at the death of Sarah (Genesis 23.2)?
 - 3) _____ Mourning?
 - (a) In the beatitude, Jesus is speaking about godly sorrow (2 Corinthians 7.10, 11).
 - (b) Do you remember David’s repentance (Psalm 51.3, 4)?
 - 4) There are 9 Greek words used in the New Testament that speak of sorrow.

II) The _____ Of Mourning.

- A) Happiness does not come in the mourning itself.
 - 1) Happiness comes because of the way God responds.
 - 2) Godly mourning brings God’s _____, which brings God’s _____.
- B) The result of godly mourning is _____.

III) _____ To Mourn.

- A) What does true mourning over sin involve?
- B) Three ways to help us mourn.
 - 1) Look at the _____ of _____.
 - 2) Study _____ in Scripture.
 - 3) _____ with a contrite heart.

IV) How Do We _____ If We Are Mourning As Christ Commands?

- A) First, we need to ask ourselves if we are sensitive to sin.
 - 1) King Saul regretted he _____ God, but he was not _____.
(I Samuel 15.30).
 - 2) The godly mourners’ first concern will be the harm his sin does to _____.
 - 3) Godly mourners will also grieve over the sins of other _____ and for the _____ of the _____.
- B) The second way to determine if we have genuine mourning over sin is that we feel the _____ of _____.

Conclusion: Do you need relief from your sin today?

CONNECTION

O GOOD MORNING WH FAMILY!!!

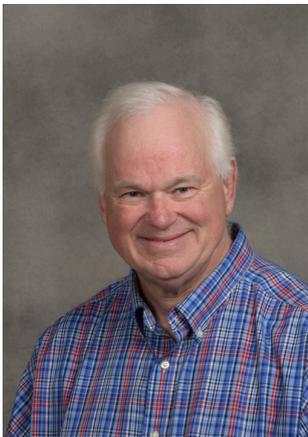
R What an exciting time we have entered in to. We are in the middle of nominations for additional elders to help lead our congregation. This is truly a nomination for the highest position in the land, of more importance in eternity than any political office could ever be. These men can truly “change the world” as our elders not only oversee our work here locally, but our mission efforts to spread the gospel to “all the world” as we are commissioned in Matthew 28.18-20. They will also be the front line to guard our congregation against Satan’s effort to have cultural pressures overwhelm sound doctrine.

N As we have had several new members come to us in recent months, I thought it appropriate to show our current elders with the desire that we all make strong connections with these men, pray for them, and support them in the role God has ordained them as our shepherds.

E We also hope that in this remaining week of nominations, you will look out amongst us and approach men qualified to join these existing elders. We need as many nominations for each man as possible, so even if someone has already nominated someone, we encourage you to complete and submit the nomination as well. This shows these prospective leaders that they have a great deal of support from our church family to step up into this new role.

R This is our church family; we all have responsibility to be an active participant in this process. Reach out and connect with our existing leaders and with men you would like to see lead us as well – We’ll all be blessed!!

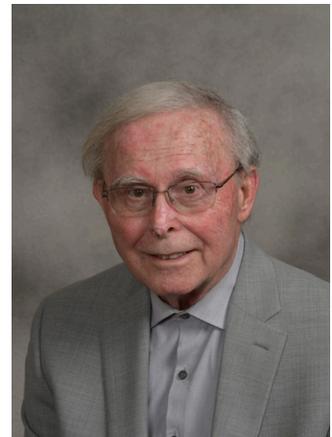
-LES KEELE



CHUCK MEYER



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Ross Tomlinson	682-429-1983
John Walton	817-441-0000

*Shepherd of the month

MINISTERS

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Pulpit Minister	
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Associate Minister	
James Bowie	817-944-4492

THAI-LAOTIAN MINISTERS

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

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Jonathan Bartee	817-889-2686
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James Bowie	817-944-4492
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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 - Steve Taylor

Song Leader - Matthew Sloan

Song - Goodness of God

Song - You Are Holy

Song - Listen To Our Hearts

Opening Prayer - Steve Taylor

Scripture - Matthew 5:4

Song - How Deep The Father's Love

Lord's Supper - David Birdow

Prayer For Contribution - David Birdow

Song - He Bore It All

Song - Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing

Happy Are The Sad? - Gary Williams

Song - Only A Step

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer and Dismissal - Greg Ball

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, February 23

Psalm 56; Leviticus 11; 2 Corinthians 11

Tuesday, February 24

Leviticus 12-13; 2 Corinthians 12

Wednesday, February 25

Leviticus 14-15; 2 Corinthians 13

Thursday, February 26

Leviticus 16-18; 1 John 1

Friday, February 27

Leviticus 19-21; 1 John 2

Saturday, February 28

Leviticus 22-23; 1 John 3

LAST WEEK

Bible Class	105	On-Line	N/A
Worship	201	Wednesday	80
Thai-Lao	35	Contribution	\$14,384.00
On-Line Sunday	36	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, continued

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Paula Hamrick, sister of	Patti Musselman	Is on chemo for her recurrent cancer. Her port became infected and she has a blood clot.	Doctors' skill and knowledge; new drug works and will eradicate the cancer
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
Shane Grantham	Michael and Kittie Davis	Suffers from cancer.	Healing
Jeff Holland, nephew of	Judy Birmingham	Bladder cancer has returned.	Doctors to determine best course of treatment
Becky Stark, cousin's wife of	Adam Powers	Emergency surgery to remove brain aneurysm.	Healing

FRIENDS AND FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Sierra Jones, friend of	Rick & Lisa Wilson	Has a brain tumor for the second time in her 21 year old life. She is seeking a second opinion from a doctor in SanAntonio as her surgeon in Harlingen has told her there is nothing else that can be done.	Doctor to be able to determine the best course of action
Laura Bow, daughter in law of	Robert & Larue Bow	Is donating a kidney to her friend on Monday, 02/23/2026, in Dallas. Laura Bow, Box 94, Happy, Texas 79042.	Laura, her family, her friend and her friend's family in Happy, Texas
Bryan Sartain, cousin's son of	Paula Pauley	50 year old had a major heart attack last week in Kaufman and had to be air flighted to Dallas.	Healing and recovery
Dean Tucker. father of	Ronny Tucker	Passed away on 02/13/2026. Private family service on 02/21/2026.	Comfort for family
Fredda Gentry, mother of	Joe Gentry	Has moved to rehab in Midlothian.	Strength as she heals
Jane Wilson, mother of	Mindy Markum	Has moved to Encompass, Room 227A for physical therapy.	Strength as she heals
Nicole Donahue-Isom, sister of	Rob Donahue	She will have surgery on 03/04/2026 to remove cancer.	Successful surgery and recovery
Jean Saba, husband of	Dana Saba	Had successful triple bypass surgery January 30, 2026.	Continued recovery
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
Hazel Birdow, mother of	David Birdow	Has been informed that her tests returned positive for cancer.	Her respiratory issues to be resolved and for the treatments to eradicate the cancer

MEMBERS PRAYER LIST (continued)

NAME	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Brenda Kelley	Husband had knee surgery and has never fully recovered. Hasn't been doing well at all.	Encouragement
Patricia Emerson	Cancer has returned. 6536 Wooddale, Fort Worth, Texas 76148.	Remission and healing
Shirley Bennett	Has health issues, 4018 Ridglea Country Club, #508, Fort Worth, Texas 76126.	Recovery
Jazelle Manry	Is undergoing treatment for her eyes. 1112 Meadow Park Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108.	Successful treatment
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

MEMBERS PRAYER LIST

NAME	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Betty Kille	Cancer has returned. More scans will determine next course of action.	Future plans and for family
Dahlia Cade	Has been moved to Allegiant Skilled Nursing, Room 204, 724 West Rendon Crowley Road, Crowley, Texas 76036. Visitors are welcome.	Healing
Charles Stephan	Is in Harris (Downtown) Cardiac Care Unit - 2 nd Floor. No visitors at this time.	Healing and strength
Nancy Wright	Passed away 02/09/2026. Services will be in March.	Comfort for family
Emilio Fernandez	Passed away 02/06/2026. Services were Saturday, 02/14/2026.	Comfort for family
Jonathan Price	Was killed in a motorcycle accident on 02/02/2026. Grandparents Michael & Kitti Davis - 812 Ala Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108.	Comfort for family
Susan Dufrene	Is home from the hospital.	Healing
Karen Haas	Had successful knee surgery 02/06/2026. She is recovering at home.	Healing
John & Auna Walton	Have Type A Flu.	Healing
Mary Helen Bowie	Has suffered a stroke. She is recovering at James & Leah's.	Healing and strength
Lucille Patterson	Has moved to Willow Park Rehab, 300 Crown Pointe Boulevard, Room 307, Willow Park, Texas 76087.	Healing
Dwight Blair	Fell last week and has a concussion.	Healing
Dan Pratt	Has moved to Rehab.	Healing

SPRING QUARTER ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Beginning in March
Sunday AM - Auditorium
Ezekiel

Teacher: Robert Scott
Wednesday PM - Auditorium
The Unseen Hand - The Providence of God
Teacher: Buck Thomas

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family - Kitti and I would like to thank you all for your love and support through the past 2 weeks as we have struggled with the loss of our grandson, Jonathan. Thank you for your prayers. We are very blessed to have such a loving and caring church family here at Western Hills.

Love always, Mike & Kitti Davis

Thank You - On behalf of myself and my mother, Lorenza, thanks to all who prayed for my dad, all who sent cards and well wishes, and those who prayed. How beautiful is the family of God.

Love, Melissa Montanez & Lorenza Fernandez

PRAYER REQUEST

God has truly rolled back the curtain for me! Especially the last 9 months, so many wonderful memories with family, friends and precious "little ones." I truly believe that we go through "stormy" times, so we appreciate the rainbow God sends when the storm is over.

Recent tests show that cancer is back in my liver, lungs and several other places. More scans will help us know "if" and what treatments need to be put in action.

Please pray for good plan for cure is that is God's will. If not, that my family and I will honor and glorify God in death.

Love,
Betty Kille

PRAISE AND HARMONY

Matt Sloan is ordering a subscription in the name of Western Hills Church of Christ. If you would like a discounted subscription, please see Matt.

ELDER PROPOSALS

Elder proposals are due no later than March 1, 2026. Please make sure that proposals are signed by both the candidate and the submitter.

YOUTH EVENTS

LTC

www.ntlc.org

TODAY

2 pm Bible Bowl - Judges 6-8

3:15 pm - Drama

4:00 pm - Snacks (Duncan)

4:15 pm - Chorus

Please check your BAND APP for the latest information.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

If you need more names for the WBS mailing program, please see David Birdow.

SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups began on 2/15/2026.

CALL LES TO SIGN UP -

Group:

- 1) Immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall.**
- 2) Greg & Janelle Ball's Home - 11:30 a.m.**
- 3) Les and Deatra Keele's Home - 1:00 p.m.**

March Celebrations

1 KANE (KEN) VIVONGSACK

2 JOHN LARSON

2 ALLYSON GERMANY

3 BEVERLY FORGEY

4 JIM GILBERT

5 RUSS JONES

7 ADRIANA TORREZ

11 MIKE WHITACRE

15 JANELLE BALL

17 AMY BARTEE

20 STEVE TAYLOR

20 PAULA WILLIAMS

21 MARK MUSSELMAN

22 BETSY STROTHER

22 KAREN TAYLOR

23 GLENN BAIRD

29 MONTY BOWERS

CHILDREN

5 IRVIN LERTBOONPADOONG

10 BOYCE MILLER

16 BELLA GILBERT

19 ISAIAH LERTBOONPADOONG

20 BRENAVERE THOMAS

24 MADDOX DUNCAN

26 SELAH GARNER

REMEMBER ME

8 CHARLES KITE

15 BARBARA MEISENHALDER

18 BEA HOUSE

ANNIVERSARIES

3 JOHN & AUNA WALTON

14 BRANDON & JENNIFER DUNCAN

25 WAYNE & BEVERLY LIPHAM

