



## Is God Really Good?

We often sing a song, *“God Is So Good.”* The song says that God is so good to me. Is God good to me? When my life is a struggle, when I face extreme hardship, when I am dealing with illness, is God good to me? When I am lonely, when I am excluded, when I am depressed, is God good to me? I think most people have questioned at one time or another, *“If God is really good, then why am I suffering so?”* Why doesn't God step in and relieve my stress, my hardship, my failing health, my disappointments? If God really does care for me, wouldn't He want to make my life better?

The scriptures insist that God is good. Good in His character, good in His actions, good in His timing, and good in His intentions toward His people. Even when my life is not good, God still is. God doesn't try to be good, He is good. The psalmist said, *“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!” (Psalm 34.8)*. Again, in *Psalm 119.68 “You are good and do good.”* The prophet Nahum said, *“The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble” (Nahum 1.7)*. God's goodness is not something He does occasionally. It is eternal in His nature.

If God is so good, and so good to me, then why do I not recognize it in my life? Many people only focus on their struggles instead of realizing all the good going on around them. God is good to me because He gives me every breath I take. The air that I breathe, every sunrise and sunset I enjoy, every joy that comes my way, are all because of the goodness of God. James, the half-brother of Jesus, said, *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change” (James 1.17)*. Yes, I may face difficulties in my life, but if I love God and do His will, He provides everything I need to sustain me (Matthew 6.33).



I may not realize it, but God's goodness is revealed in His patience with me. God is continually giving me time to align my life to His will so I can be saved. The apostle Peter said, *“The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance” (2 Peter 3.9)*. When I question God's goodness, I should consider the fact that just because I am not cut down in my sins, that is not proof that God will not punish the me, but as a demonstration that He is patient, and is willing to give me time to repent and be saved. Isn't God good!

Gary

# Voluntary Restraint

## Matthew 5.5

- 1) What do you think about when you hear the word “restraint?”
- 2) While the world sees restraint as loss, Scripture reveals it as strength, wisdom, and freedom.
- 3) That contrast becomes the doorway into showing how Christlike restraint is not imposed from the outside but chosen from the inside.

### I) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Meekness.

- A) Literally, the Greek word translated “*meek*” means \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) It is impossible to describe meekness with just one word.
  - 2) The term mild or gentle in the English language suggest weakness, whereas the Greek word has no such meaning.
- B) Biblical examples of people who were referred to as meek include:
- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (Numbers 12.3).
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 11.29; John 2.15; Matthew 23; Mark 3.5).

### II) \_\_\_\_\_ of Meekness.

- A) When being \_\_\_\_\_ (Numbers 12).
- B) Releasing the \_\_\_\_\_ (I Samuel 23.17).
- C) As the object of \_\_\_\_\_ (II Samuel 16.5-14).
- D) During the \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 27.39-44; I Peter 2.23).

### III) \_\_\_\_\_ of Meekness.

- A) By the \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1.21).
- B) During \_\_\_\_\_ of a brother (Galatians 6.1).
- C) As part of your \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4.1, 2).
- D) How \_\_\_\_\_ are to adorn themselves (I Peter 3.1, 4).
- E) While \_\_\_\_\_ (I Peter 3.15).

### IV) \_\_\_\_\_ of Meekness.

- A) Those who are meek are best able to enjoy earth’s blessings.
- B) The promise means the meek will be rewarded in the world to come.

**Conclusion:** *Do you need to bring your strength under control today?*

# CONNECTION

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**GOOD MORNING CHURCH FAMILY!**

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Last weekend I officiated a graveside service for a former member. I made it to the cemetery early because I didn't know exactly where the graveside would be, but the funeral home assured me that there were signs to direct me. "Just find the name I was looking for at the entrance and follow the signs." Simple enough, right?

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I saw the name I was looking for at the entrance, with an arrow that pointed right. Unfortunately, there were many funerals that day and there were many names with arrows that pointed right. As I turned and headed down one of the streets in the cemetery, I came to an intersection that had 3 signs, all saying, "funeral route" and had an arrow pointing in a different direction! No names, just arrows! I became hopelessly lost trying turn after turn to find the right graveside.

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Finally, I saw a groundskeeper driving by on a four-wheeler and I flagged him down to ask if he knew where the graveside service was. He had a map and he looked at it and said, "there it is." I asked if he could tell me, he said "Come on, I'll show you." I followed him and in just a couple of minutes we were in the right place. I thanked him and he went on his way. I was waiting for a couple of our members who were going to sing for the service. I called them and they too were lost. I told them to come to the entrance, and I would lead them to the right site. I found them and they followed me in and we had a nice service with the family.



This experience got me to thinking about the story of the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8. He was reading scripture "on the road" when he was approached by Philip, who was being led by the Holy Spirit to connect with this man. Philip asked him in verse 30, "Do you understand what you are reading?" "How can I unless someone instructs me" replied the eunuch. In verse 35, the word says, "And beginning with that same scripture, Philip taught him the Good News of Jesus Christ." The eunuch believed, asked to be baptized that very moment and "went on his way rejoicing!"

The groundskeeper's words resonated with me; "Come on, I'll show you." What if we took the same approach to sharing our hope in Jesus, the forgiveness of our sins and release from shame and guilt with those who are without it? Personal touch, human connection can make all the difference in bringing someone to Christ.

Who do you know that needs to know Jesus, needs hope and grace? Try reaching out and telling them "Come on, I'll show you" -- You'll be blessed and may help save someone's soul.

**--LES KEELE**



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## MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Layton Garner

Song Leader - Matt Sloan

Song - Step by Step

Song - Ten Thousand Reasons

Song - Gratitude

Opening Prayer - Brandon Duncan

Scripture - Matthew 5:5

Song - Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Song - Come to the Table

Lord's Supper - Arthur Torrez

Prayer For Contribution - Arthur Torrez

Song - Jesus, Meek and Gentle

Voluntary Restraint - Gary Williams

Song - Do You Know My Jesus?

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer and Dismissal - Russ Bartee

**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, March 2

Leviticus 26-27; 1 John 5

### Tuesday, March 3

Psalm 68; Numbers 1-2

### Wednesday, March 4

Psalm 134; Numbers 3-4

### Thursday, March 5

Psalm 61; Numbers 5-6

### Friday, March 6

Psalm 99; Numbers 7

### Saturday, March 7

Numbers 8-10; 2 Timothy 1

### LAST WEEK

Bible Class	119	Wednesday	80
Worship	216	Online	3
Thai-Lao	33	Contribution	\$9,961.80
On-Line Sunday	26	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
Nell Gates, mother of	Dorothy Anderson	Is in Harris Downtown with pneumonia. She had a GI Esophagus on 02/27/2026.	Healing and strength
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
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 Kitti 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

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Rob Bryan, son-in-law of	Sharon Pippin	Will have surgery on March 13. Surgery will be 5 hours and then he will be in ICU for at least a week.	Successful surgery and recovery
Christy Dobbs, friend of	Robert & Larue Bow	Passed away in Lubbock on 2/18/2026. She was 98 years old.	Comfort for the family
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
Carol Howard Freeman, sister of	Barbara Howard & Linda Saxon	Passed away on 02/06/2026 following a lengthy illness with Parkinson's Disease. Memorial service will be on 03/14/2026at Mount Olivet Chapel, 2301 N Sylvania Avenue, Fort Worth, Tx 76111.	Comfort for the family
Laura Bow, daughter in law of	Robert & Larue Bow	Donated 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.	Healing and recovery
Dean Tucker, father of	Ronny Tucker	Passed away on 02/13/2026.	Comfort for the family
Fredda Gentry, mother of	Joe Gentry	Has moved to rehab in Midlothian.	Strength as she heals
Jane Wilson, mother of	Mindy Markum	Is home now and will continue Physical Therapy as an outpatient.	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

## MEMBERS PRAYER LIST (continued)

NAME	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Dan Pratt	Has moved to Rehab.	Healing
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
Bob Willyerd	Passed away on 02/23/2026. Visitation is Monday, 3/2/2026 from 6-8 pm at Greenwood Funeral Home. Funeral is at Western Hills Church of Christ on Tuesday, 3/3/2026 at 10 am. Graveside will follow at Greenwood Cemetery..	Comfort for family
Lucille Patterson	Is on palliative care.	Healing
Larue Bow	Has the shingles.	Healing
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 <sup>nd</sup> 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.	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
Karen Haas	Had successful knee surgery 02/06/2026. She is recovering at home.	Healing
Mary Helen Bowie	Has suffered a stroke. She is recovering at James & Leah's.	Healing and strength
Dwight Blair	Fell and has a concussion.	Healing

## SPRING QUARTER ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

### March Classes

Sunday AM - Auditorium

Ezekiel

Teacher: Robert Scott

Wednesday PM - Auditorium

The Unseen Hand - The Providence of God

Teacher: Buck Thomas

## TAX LETTERS

In preparing the tax letters I encountered a discrepancy I must resolve before I can send the letters out. I am about 2/3 through resolving the problem. I expect to have the letters correct no later than next weekend. I apologize for the delay but cannot knowingly issue the letters before fixing the problem.

If you are contributing by monthly checks from Edward Jones please talk to Ross Tomlinson.

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

Love,  
Betty Kille

## YOUTH EVENTS

LTC

[www.ntlc.org](http://www.ntlc.org)

TODAY

1:30 pm - Bible Bowl - Judges 9-12

2:30pm - Puppets

3:15 pm - Drama

4:00 pm - Snacks (E Bartee)

4:15 pm - Chorus

Please check your BAND APP for the latest information.

## ELDER PROPOSALS

Elder proposals are due **TODAY, March 1, 2026**, by the end of morning services. Please make sure that proposals are signed by both the candidate and the submitter.

## WELCOME BABY

Welcome Baby Christopher Johnston. If you would like to bring a gift for baby Christopher, you may leave it on the table in the West Foyer.

## 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.