

Blessed Are The Merciful

Matthew 5.7

- 1) Illustration: People remember mercy longer.
- 2) What are the beatitudes?
- 3) The Beatitudes are not a list of personality traits; they are a portrait of a transformed heart.
- 4) Jesus says the blessed life—the flourishing life—is found in mercy.

I) The _____ Of Mercy.

- A. The Greek word translated “mercy” means _____.
- B. Mercy in scripture includes:
 - 1) _____ for the suffering (Mark 6.34).
 - 2) _____ for the guilty (I John 1.9).
 - 3) _____ for the broken (2 Corinthians 2.5-8)
 - 4) _____ for the vulnerable (Proverbs 31.8, 9).
- C. Being merciful does not feel natural.

II) _____ Of Mercy.

- A. The _____ of _____ (Numbers 25.8).
- B. _____ in _____ (I Samuel 15.33, 34).

III) The _____ Of Mercy.

- A. The Good Samaritan (Luke 10.37).
- B. Jesus—
 - 1) Two blind men (Matthew 9.27).
 - 2) A Syrophenician woman (Matthew 15.22).
 - 3) A man pleading for his demon-possessed son (Matthew 17.15).
- C. What about me?

IV) _____ More Merciful.

- A. How?
- B. Mercy flows from remembering the mercy _____ has shown to _____.
- C. What mercy looks like in everyday life.

V) The _____ For Being Merciful.

- A. “They shall obtain mercy.”
 - 1) Who?
 - 2) One must show mercy to receive mercy (Luke 6.36; James 2.13).
- B. David prayed, “Have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to You all day long” (Psalm 86.3).
- C. The ultimate picture of mercy—The _____.

Conclusion: Do you need to receive God’s mercy today?



Good morning, dear church family!

As we mentioned in previous weeks, today we announce the nominees for additional elders for our congregation.

It started me to think that, with all of the stress, division, bitterness, and hatred that we have going on now in our state, country, and world, our congregation has a unique opportunity. We have

the potential to demonstrate something that often feels rare in the broader culture—**unity in times of leadership transition.**

When new leaders are appointed, the moment can either bring uncertainty and division, or it can become a powerful testimony of trust, faith, and unity. Scripture reminds us that God desires His people to live and work together in harmony. The psalmist wrote, *“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!” (Psalm 133:1)*. In a world where leadership changes often produce conflict, criticism, and polarization, the church can lead the way by showing a better example.

When a congregation supports newly appointed elders, deacons, teachers, or ministry leaders with prayer, encouragement, and cooperation, it sends a message that the mission of Christ *is greater* than personal preference. Instead of focusing on differences, *the body focuses on the shared purpose of serving God and building up one another.*

The early church modeled this spirit when leaders were appointed in Acts 6. The congregation worked together, trusted the process, and continued to grow in faith and unity.

In many ways, the church can become a quiet but powerful example to the nation. When believers rally around their leaders with grace and encouragement, they demonstrate that unity is still possible when hearts are centered on Christ.

As we continue the process of installing new elders, I encourage you to reach out to them, and offer your support and encouragement to them, *and not only to them, but to one another.* -- You and our congregation will be blessed **AND** the Lord will be glorified.

--Les Keele

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Ben Meyer	817-673-8557
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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 - Russ Bartee

Song Leader - Jonathan Bartee

Song - Faith Is The Victory

Song - Victory In Jesus

Song - Whispering Hope

Opening Prayer - David Birdow

Scripture - Matthew 5:7

Song - There Is A Fountain

Lord's Supper - Geoffrey Rodman

Prayer For Contribution - Geoffrey Rodman

Song - Mansion Over The Hilltop

Blessed Are The Merciful - Gary Williams

Song - What A Day That Will Be

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 15

Numbers 23; John 5

Tuesday, March 16

Numbers 24; John 6

Wednesday, March 17

Numbers 25; John 7

Thursday, March 18

Numbers 26; John 8

Friday, March 19

Numbers 27; John 9

Saturday, March 20

Numbers 28; John 10

LAST WEEK

Bible Class	107	Wednesday	101
Worship	185	Online	0
Thai-Lao	23	Contribution	\$ 7,636.46
On-Line Sunday	14	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
Fredda Gentry, mother of	Joe Gentry	Has moved to rehab in Midlothian.	Strength as she heals
Son-in-law of	Mary Ann Wagner	Has leukemia.	Comfort and peace for him and the family
Riley, friend of	Ricky and Lisa Wilson	An 11-year-old who has had 21 corrective intestinal surgeries since birth. Her family is seeking a second opinion so that she may avoid a permanent colostomy bag.	Doctors making the decisions, endurance and patience for Riley and her family
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	Had surgery on 03/04/2026 to remove cancer.	Successful surgery and recovery
Rob Bryan, son-in- law of	Sharon Pippin	Had surgery on March 13 for an aneurysm. He will be in ICU for at least a week.	Successful surgery and recovery
Sierra Jones, friend of	Ricky & 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 San Antonio 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
Bryan Sartain, cousin's son of	Paula Pauley	50-year-old had a major heart attack.	Healing and recovery
Paula Hamrick, sister of	Patti Mussellman	Has 2 more rounds of chemo. At this time, she is showing improvement; although, she remains extremely tired and rundown.	Doctors' skill and knowledge; new drug works and will eradicate the cancer
Jennifer Randles and her two boys, 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. She met with a judge this past week.	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 Kittie Davis	Suffers from cancer.	Healing
Jeff Holland, nephew of	Judy Birmingham	Bladder cancer has returned.	Doctors to determine best course of treatment

MEMBERS PRAYER LIST

NAME	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Sheryl Willyerd	In Bob's passing. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Comfort for family
Mark Musselman	Had 2 procedures this past week. His hearing was restored with stints implanted in his eustation tubes and the nerve pain in his hip was treated with a shot. At this time, the shot has not affected the pain. Also, his uncle Kirk passed away. 216 Rainbow Drive, #11625, Livingston, Texas 77399	Thanks to God for restored hearing, continued prayers for the hip pain, and comfort for the family
Beverly Lipham	In the passing of her mother, Lucille Patterson. 6104 Silver View Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 761315	Healing
Lillian Kite	Has been diagnosed with dementia. 8409 Palo Duro Court, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Comfort for Charles and Lillian
Betty Kille	Cancer has returned. More scans will determine next course of action. 4112 Arroyo Trail, Fort Worth, Texas 76135	Future plans and for family
Dahlia Cade	Is at home. Please call 907-687-2698 before you visit. Thank you.	Healing
Charles Stephan	Is in Willow Park Rehab. Please no visitors at this time. 633 South Kate Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing and strength
Johnnie Wright	In the passing of Nancy. 8601 Cook Ranch Road, Apartment 350, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Comfort for family
Lorenza Fernandez	In the passing of Emilio. 232 Lochness Drive, Texas 76126	Comfort for family
Michael and Kitti Davis	In the passing of Jonathan Price. 812 Ala Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Comfort for family
Brenda Kelley, former member	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

MEMBERS PRAYER LIST (continued)

NAME	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Ronnie Tucker	In the passing of his father, Dean Tucker. 1169 Albatross, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Family's comfort
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

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

March 17, 2026

The Text Of The Final Discourse / The Promise of Presence

Teacher: Deatra Keele

GUEST SPEAKERS

TODAY

BIBLE CLASS

Norman Atchison

Manuelito Children's Home

PM WORSHIP

Jerry Bates

Blind Ministry

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BROWN BAG

PLAN NOW TO JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

MARCH 25

6:00 PM

PANCAKE SUPPER

Enjoy a hot and filling meal followed by our devotional and bible classes.



Calling All Bison!

Cherisse Hoggatt Gregory

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Is asking all alumni to check in and stay in touch.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

March 19, 2026

IHOP

Cherry Lane 7:00 AM

SYMPATHIES

Our sympathies are extended to Beverly Lipham in the passing of her mother, [Lucille Patterson](#). Visitation will be tonight from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Greenwood. There will be a graveside service Monday, March 16, at Moore Memorial Gardens, 1219 N. Davis Drive, Arlington, Texas 76012. The service will be at 1:00 PM.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Steve Taylor is in need of the following roles to be filled. Please get with him if you are willing to help serve.

- New individuals to assist in the unloading of the Food Bank Delivery Truck each Tuesday Morning
- An individual to fill food bank bags twice monthly, usually on a Friday Evening or Saturday Morning
- An individual to lead filling the Food Bank Bags 1 month a quarter. This person should be able to lift heavy items

Thanks to those who have already contacted Steve and are willing to serve.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

SUNDAY MORNING

Auditorium

Ezekiel

Robert Scott

Young Adults

Parenting

James Riley Bowie

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The Unseen Hand - Providence Of God

Buck Thomas

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

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

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 March 21. 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.

LTC NEWS

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NO PRACTICE THIS WEEK

Snack Schedule

Prepare for 25 people

March 22 - Amy Bartee

March 29 - Jennifer Duncan

FOOD BANK STATS

FEBRUARY, 2026

167 – Families Served

\$361.29 – Cost to WHCOC

2,834 pounds – Estimated Weight of Food