



Ready To Throw In The Towel?

There are moments in life when the weights we are carrying feel too heavy to take another step. You pray... and nothing changes. You try...and nothing moves. You hope...and nothing happens. You fight...and feel like you are losing ground. Then somewhere deep inside you, a whisper creeps up and says, "What's the point? Just give up." That's where you may be today. Tired of the struggle of life. Discouraged to the point of just wanting to give up. Just wishing someone would love you. Ready to throw in the towel. But did you know, God does some of His greatest work when you are right at the breaking point?

I know at times you feel invisible. Nobody cares. Nobody understands what you are carrying. Nobody sees your pain. You have become a pro at keeping it all well-hidden. But scripture tells a different story. Do you remember when Sarai had Abram go in to her Egyptian maidservant Hagar (Genesis 16)? After Hagar conceived, Sarai thought Hagar was looking upon her with contempt. So, Sarai had Abram cast her out. Hagar ran into the wilderness. Alone. Rejected. Exhausted. Ready to give up. And God met her there. Not in a palace. Not when everything in her life was going well. Not in her comfort. But in the desert. Her weakness. Her despair. God did not scold her, or shame her, or tell her to "toughen up." He just said, "I see you." Sometimes, our first step out of the darkness is to know that you are not unseen. God is there with you in the midnight. God sees you and offers to lift you up. To bring you back into the light.

Elijah had faced the 450 prophets of Baal. After his tremendous victory with God sending fire down from heaven to consume his sacrifice, Queen Jezebel threatened his life. Elijah fled in fear into the wilderness. He had had enough. He was exhausted and drained. He felt the imminent threat of losing his life. Finished. What did God do? God did not chastise Elijah, saying, "Where is your faith?" Instead, God sent an angel with food and a gentle touch. Sometimes the most spiritual thing God can give you is rest.

What can I do? First, you need to be honest with God. David cried out. Jeremiah wept. Jesus sweat great drops of blood. God can handle your honesty. Can you take the next step? Not the whole journey. Just one prayer, one conversation, one act of obedience, one moment of trusting that God will restore you. Can you lean on the people around you? Moses needed Aaron and Hur to hold up his arms. Will you share what you are enduring with your Christian friends and let them help you through this difficult time? God is not done with you. Hang on. Let the light in. You are closer to a breakthrough than you realize. Don't throw in the towel! Don't walk away! Don't languish in pain. Let go, and let God deliver you.

Gary



Peace Brokers

Matthew 5.9

- 1) Have you ever lost peace with a friend?
- 2) Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

I) _____ the Peacemaker.

A) The Greek word simply means “to make _____.”

B) The peacemaker is not only concerned about making peace between _____ and _____; but more importantly, between _____ and _____.

II) _____ of the Peacemaker.

A) _____.

B) _____.

III) _____ of a Peacemaker.

A) Abraham (Genesis 13.2-8).

B) Abigail (I Samuel 25).

IV) _____ of the Peacemaker.

A) “*They shall be called the _____ of _____.*”

B) The reward is limited.

Conclusion: *Do you need to make peace with God today?*



Good morning, church family! It is a blessing to be together this morning—to worship God, to commune, and to share in fellowship. But what is it that makes being together so meaningful?

Recently, I heard the old hymn *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds,”* and it led me to reflect on its origin. In 1772, John Fawcett, a minister serving a poor congregation in England, received an opportunity to move to a larger, more prestigious church—one that would better provide for his family. As the Fawcetts prepared to leave, members of their small congregation came in tears to say goodbye. Moved deeply, John and his wife Mary also wept. In that moment, they realized their love for their church family outweighed any material gain. They unpacked their wagon and stayed. That Sunday, John Fawcett shared a newly written hymn: *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds.”* That “tie” held them together in that place for 54 years.

That story points to a powerful truth woven into God’s creation. Our universe itself depends on “ties that bind.” Gravity holds planets in orbit, hold us to the earth enabling us to move and function. Forces within atoms hold matter together, and on and on. Without these bonds, there would be chaos—life as we know it could not exist. Even the destructive power of an atomic explosion reminds us what happens when those bonds are broken.

In much the same way, God designed us for connection within a spiritual family. The church is held together by bonds of love, encouragement, and shared faith. These ties strengthen us, pull us back when we drift, and give us a deep sense of belonging.

Consider the wisdom of Scripture:

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NLT)

“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.”

If you are not yet part of a church family, we invite you to connect with us. If you are, take a moment to look around—someone nearby may need encouragement, belonging, or simply to be reminded they are loved.

Let’s strengthen the ties that bind us. When we do, we will all be blessed!

—Les Keele



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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 - Layton Garner

Song Leader - Jonathan Bartee

Song - Send The Light

Song - Shine, Jesus, Shine

Song - Oh, To Be Like Thee

Opening Prayer - Jay Garner

Scripture - Matthew 5:9

Song - He Still Came

Lord's Supper - Milt Birmingham

Prayer For Contribution - Milt Birmingham

Song - To Chirst Be True

Peace Brokers - Gary Williams

Song - Where He Leads, I Will Follow

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**

**Our Code For
Attendance**



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, March 30

Psalm 133; Deuteronomy 3; John 20

Tuesday, March 31

Deuteronomy 4; John 21

Wednesday, April 1

Deuteronomy 5-6; Proverbs 1

Thursday, April 2

Deuteronomy 7-9; Proverbs 2

Friday, April 3

Deuteronomy 10; Proverbs 3

Saturday, April 4

Deuteronomy 11-12; Proverbs 4

Sunday, April 5

Deuteronomy 13-14; Proverbs 5

Monday, April 6

Deuteronomy 15-16; Proverbs 6

LAST WEEK

Bible Class	125	Wednesday	97
Worship	192	Online	4
Thai-Lao	22	Contribution	\$ unavailable
On-Line Sunday	19	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
Sarah, daughter of	Rob Donahue	Underwent a bilateral thoracotomy on Tuesday after her rectal cancer spread to her lungs. The surgery lasted 10.5 hours as the surgeon found the cancer to be much worse than expected as he removed nodules, lymph nodes, and part of the lung. She is currently in ICU.	Healing, restoration, pain management, strength, clear results; wisdom, skill for the medical team; peace and comfort
Kevin Williams, brother of	Gary Williams	Has been suffering from the effects of black mold for several years. His condition is degrading with the recent diagnosis of NPH (excess spinal fluid filling the ventricles of the brain). He will see a neurologist on April 2. 822 Oak Level Road, Apartment F, Benton, Kentucky 42025	Doctors to determine what treatment will be best for him; for Lyn who is now the sole supporter of the family; understanding and comfort
Marty Tomlinson, son of	Ross Tomlinson	Thyroid cancer has returned.	Skill and knowledge for the doctors to determine best treatment options
Candyce Buescher, friend of	Holly and Buck Thomas	Passed away unexpectedly from an aneurysm. She was a 44-year-old first grade teacher at North Stem Academy. She leaves her husband and two middle school children behind. If you would want to assist with the family's needs, please see Buck Thomas.	Comfort and support for the funeral
Jerry Durrett, father-in-law of	Tiffany Witherspoon	Cancer is spreading.	Healing and understanding
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.	Healing and that no further cancer is discovered
Rob Bryan, son-in-law of	Sharon Pippin	Had surgery on March 13 for an aneurysm.	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
Paula Hamrick, sister of	Patti Musselman	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.	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

MEMBERS PRAYER LIST

NAME	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Kham Intharansy	Is having mobility issues. 7137 Bob Hanger Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76176	Healing
Gail Willmington	In the passing of her brother, Dennis Scroggins, on March 17, in Witchita Falls. 1603 Tierney Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76112	Comfort and peace
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 eustachian 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. 3832 Kelvin Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76133	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
Shirley Bennett	Has health issues. 4018 Ridglea Country Club, #508, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Recovery
Rob Donahue	Needs a job. Please pray for jobs to open in this troubling market. 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 31, 2026
The Promise Of Testimony
Teacher: Deatra Keele

EASTER EGG HUNT



**Bring Your Basket
and Come Join In
The Fun**

TODAY
Following the 10 AM Service

Seek out Courtney Meyer for directions to the fun.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

April 2, 2026
IHOP
Cherry Lane 7:00 AM



Southside Ladies' Day

LADIES' DAY – SOUTHSIDE

April 11 : 8 AM – 2 PM

\$15

Register on – line

<https://www.sscofc.org/ladiesday/>

FOOD BANK STATS



FEBRUARY, 2026

167 – Families Served
\$361.29 – Cost to WHCOC
2,834 pounds – Estimated Weight of Food

WEST FREEWAY SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM

Classes Begin August 24

See the information in the middle
foyer for registration.



Romans 12:18
*If possible, so far as it
depends on you, live
peaceably with all.*

LTC NEWS

March 29

1:30 Bible Bowl Review
2:30 Puppets (HS and MS)
2:30 Drama (K4C)
3:15 Drama (HS and MS)
3:15 Puppets (K4C)
4:00 Snacks (Jennifer Duncan)
4:15 Chorus
6:00 Quick Meeting for Everyone

Scrapbook will be immediately following the meeting.
Dinner will be provided for those who are
scrapbooking.

April 3-5: LTC!!!!!!

April 5

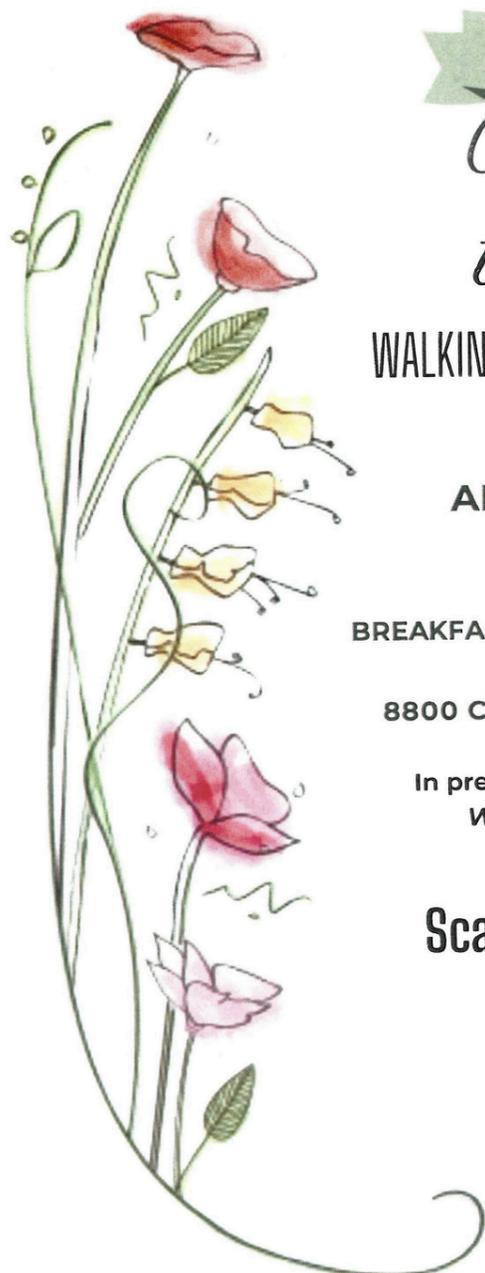
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The Legendary LTC Presentation

MEN TO SERVE COMMUNION IN APRIL

Liam Scott
Jeff Thiravong
Riley Bowie
Isaias Torrez
Stephen Johnston
Buck Thomas
Zac Brookshire
Jeff Swan
Alternate: Layton Garner

Please notify Steve Taylor as soon as possible if you
are unable to serve.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Wives of the Bible

WALKING THE WOMEN'S PATHS OF FAITH

APRIL 18 9AM - 3PM

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

8800 Chapin Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76116

In preparation we recommend reading
Walking to the Promised Land
By: Lori Boyd

Scan QR Code to Register



April Celebrations

Birthdays

- 1 Kham Intharansy*
- 2 Matthew Sloan*
- 3 Sheryl Willyerd*
- 3 James Yawn*
- 4 Molly (Won) Keojampa*
- 4 John Walton*
- 6 Charles Meyer, Sr.*
- 6 Jenny Chakrathouk*
- 7 Donkitphai Yaowapha*
- 7 Katelyn Bolt*
- 10 Layton Garner*
- 11 Deanna Everett*
- 12 Jeffery (Jeab) Lertboonpadoong*
- 13 Joe Tomme*
- 15 Zena Donahue*
- 17 Vernon Hamilton*
- 17 Alyssa Jones*
- 25 Betty Kille*
- 27 Irene Lertboondapoong*
- 28 Linda Tong*
- 30 Taj Gray*

Children

- 20 Liam Scott*
- 20 Levi Sloan*

Remember Me

- 2 Karen King*
- 15 Barbara Meisenhalder*
- 15 Chandra Mann*
- 20 Carolyn Williams*

Anniversaries

- 20 Thune Lanphouthacoul*