

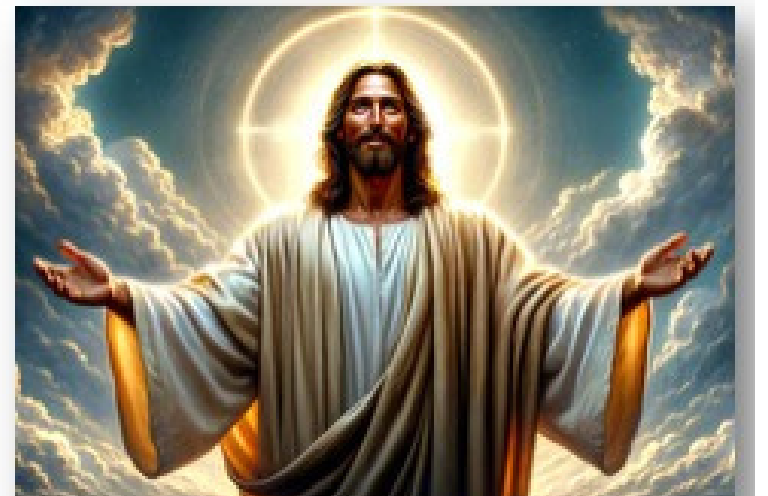


## Facts of the Resurrection

Is there proof of Jesus' resurrection? First, virtually every historian—Christian, Jewish, secular, or skeptical—agrees that Jesus was executed by the Romans. Why is it important to know that? Because a resurrection cannot occur unless a death has occurred first. The Romans were experts in execution. No one walked away from a Roman cross. Plus, the Roman soldiers confirmed Jesus' death before Pilate released His body to Joseph of Arimathea (John 19.33, 38). The view that Jesus merely fainted or survived the cross is historically and medically impossible.

Next, Jesus was buried in a well-known, accessible tomb. Jesus was buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Jewish council. Why is this significant? Because Jesus was buried by a public figure who placed Jesus in a publicly known location. The tomb could be visited, inspected, and verified by friends and enemies alike. If Jesus had not risen and His body was still inside, Christianity would have been immediately crushed. The empty tomb is one of the most widely accepted facts of the resurrection story. It was acknowledged by the Jewish leaders who claimed the disciples stole the body (Matthew 28.11-15). The first witnesses of the empty tomb were women. If the story was fabricated, men would have been chosen as the first reporters because a woman's word had very little value in the first century. Plus, the apostles preached the resurrection and the empty tomb in the very city where Jesus was buried.

There were hundreds of eyewitnesses who saw our resurrected Lord. Paul recorded a list of eyewitnesses in I Corinthians 15.3-8. Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene, then to the apostles, to Thomas, who touched Jesus' wounds, to over 500 hundred people at once, to His half-brother James, and finally to the apostle Paul.



Another proof of the resurrection was the transformation of Jesus' disciples. Before the resurrection, the disciples were fearful and locked behind closed doors. After the resurrection, they preached boldly and the church grew exponentially. They proclaimed the resurrection as the center of the gospel message. Preaching the resurrection caused them to face imprisonment, torture, and death. People may die for a lie they believe is true, but no one willingly dies for a lie they know is false. Their transformation can only be explained from seeing and believing in the risen Lord.

The resurrection is the best explanation of the evidence. When all the facts are considered: Jesus' death, His burial in a known tomb, the empty tomb, eyewitnesses, the transformation of the disciples, and the explosion of the early church—the resurrection stands. What more do you need to convince you that Jesus rose from the grave?

**Gary**

# The Resurrection Speaks

Matthew 28.1-6

1. Anyone ever tell you something so good that your reaction wasn't joy, but disbelief?
2. What are your expectations about Jesus?
3. Do you come to worship expecting emptiness, expecting disappointment, expecting nothing to change?

## I) The Resurrection Speaks To People Who Feel \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 24.1-8).

- A) The women came to the tomb carrying \_\_\_\_\_, **not** \_\_\_\_\_.
- B) The resurrection meets people in their defeat.

## II) The Resurrection Speaks To People Who Feel \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 24.9-11).

- A) The disciples thought the women's words were \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) Who were the disciples?
  - 2) Didn't they see Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead (John 11.38-44)?
- B) The resurrection is God's \_\_\_\_\_ to every doubt.
- C) The resurrection doesn't silence doubt—it \_\_\_\_\_ it.

## III) The Resurrection Speaks To People Who Feel \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 24.12)

- A) When the angel told the women, "*Go tell His disciples,*" Mark's gospel account added two powerful words "... \_\_\_\_\_" (*Mark 16.7*).
- B) The resurrection is not just about power—it's about \_\_\_\_\_.
- C) If Jesus walked out of the grave, then your \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't get the last word.

## IV) The Resurrection Speaks To People Who Feel \_\_\_\_\_ Inside.

- A) The greatest miracle that ever occurred was when Jesus arose from the dead.
- 1) But just as exciting is that Jesus raises the \_\_\_\_\_ **in** \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) Paul said in **Ephesians 2.1**, "*And you were dead in your trespasses and sins.*"
- B) The resurrection is not just an event—it is a power that brings dead things back to life.

## V) The Resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Many people reacted differently to the good news.
- B) The empty tomb calls you to...
- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ again.
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ again.
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ again.
  - 4) \_\_\_\_\_ again.

C) If Jesus arose, you can, too.

**Conclusion:** Christ arose to save you. Do you need to come to Him?





Good morning church family and happy Lord's Day. (Bet you thought I was going to say "Easter!") So many people are celebrating "Easter" today, that I thought there may be something to consider in that story about my favorite topic—Connection!

Easter reminds us of the greatest turning point in history—the moment when what was broken was made whole again. *On the cross*, Jesus bore the weight of our sin. *In the tomb*, it seemed all hope was lost. But on the third day, the stone was rolled away, and *Jesus rose in victory*. Through His death, burial, and resurrection, the separation between God and man was overcome, and the door to reconciliation was opened (Romans 5:10; 1 Peter 3:18).

***The resurrection is more than an event to remember—it is a mission to carry forward.***

After His resurrection, Jesus didn't withdraw—He *connected*. He appeared to Mary in her grief, walked alongside discouraged disciples on the road to Emmaus, and stood among His followers offering peace and purpose. He met people where they were and drew them back to God with love, truth, and hope.

In the same way, *we are called to be people of connection*. Because we have experienced the power of the resurrection, we now carry its message to others. A simple invitation, a heartfelt conversation, or a compassionate act can open the door for someone to encounter Christ.

Easter is not just about what Jesus has done for us—it is about what He continues to do through us. As people who have been reconnected to God, we have the privilege of helping others find their way back to Him. Seek out someone today—you'll be blessed!

--Les Keele



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## MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

**Welcome** - Steve Taylor

**Song Leader** - David Birdow

**Song** - We Praise Thee, O God

**Song** - Love Lifted Me

**Song** - We're Marching to Zion

**Opening Prayer** - Not Available

**Scripture** - Matthew 28:1-6

**Song** - Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

**Lord's Supper** - Adam Power

**Prayer For Contribution** - Adam Power

**Song** - Heavenly Sunlight

The Resurrection Speaks - Gary Williams

**Song** - There's A Fountain Free

**Announcements** - Gary Williams

**Shepherd's Prayer and Dismissal** - Dan Kille

**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, April 6**

Deuteronomy 15-16; Proverbs 6

**Tuesday, April 7**

Deuteronomy 17-18; Proverbs 7

**Wednesday, April 8**

Psalm 128; Deuteronomy 19-20; Proverbs 8

**Thursday, April 9**

Deuteronomy 21-22; Proverbs 9

**Friday, April 10**

Philemon; Deuteronomy 23; Proverbs 10

**Saturday, April 11**

Psalm 49; Deuteronomy 24-25; Proverbs 11

**Sunday, April 12**

Psalm 19; Deuteronomy 26-27; Proverbs 12

**Monday, April 13**

Deuteronomy 28; Proverbs 13

### LAST WEEK

### TIMES OF ASSEMBLIES

<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>Bible Class</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Bible Class</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>On-Line</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$27,740.44</b>	<b>Sunday Evening Worship</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Thai-Lao</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$15,372.28</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>On-Line</b>	<b>15</b>				

# 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
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
Phil Southhall, frequent visitor	Betsy Strother	Fell and fractured his leg. Facing a long period of recovery and rehab.	Strength as he heals.
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
Son-in-law of	Mary Ann Wagner	Has leukemia.	Comfort and peace for him and the family
Jane Wilson, mother of	Mindy Markum	Is home now and will continue Physical Therapy as an outpatient.	Strength as she heals
Rob Bryan, son-in-law of	Sharon Pippin	Had surgery on March 13 for an aneurysm.	Successful recovery
Shane Grantham	Michael and Kitti Davis	Suffers from cancer.	Healing
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
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
Jeff Holland, nephew of	Judy Birmingham	Bladder cancer has returned.	Doctors to determine best course of treatment
Nicole Donahue-Isom, sister of	Rob Donahue	Had surgery on 03/04/2026 to remove cancer.	Healing and that no further cancer is discovered
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

## 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 Wichita 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
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
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
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



April 7, 2026  
The Promise Of Conviction  
Teacher: Janelle Ball

## THANK YOU

Thanks so much to mine and mother's Western Hills Family for the beautiful plant you sent. Hope I can keep it alive!

## PILLOW MINISTRY



**TUESDAY, APRIL 7**  
Immediately after Ladies Bible Class.  
Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the fellowship and service together.



Love,  
Beverly Lipham

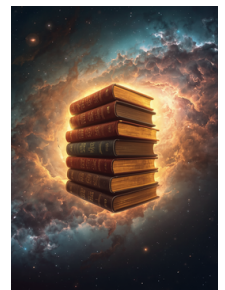
## MEN'S BREAKFAST

April 9, 2026  
IHOP  
Cherry Lane 7:00 AM



## WEST FREEWAY SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM

Classes Begin August 24  
See the information in the middle foyer for registration.



## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Wayne & Linda Tong  
(817) 782-9149  
Please update your directory

## LTC NEWS

## SOUTHSIDE LADIES DAY

LADIES' DAY – SOUTHSIDE

April 11 : 8 AM – 2 PM

\$15

Register on – line

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

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

**April 5**

5 PM

The Legendary LTC Presentation

*Romans 12:18*

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

## FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY



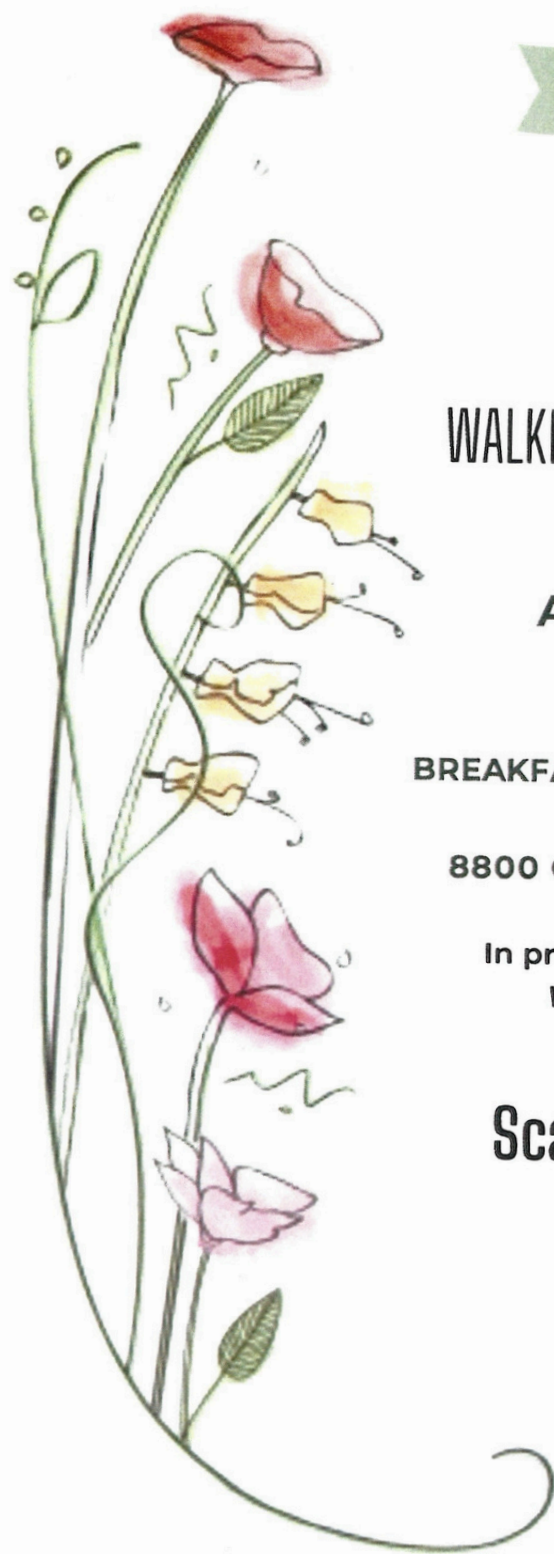
**May 3, 2026**

**Potluck meal to follow!**

## MEN TO SERVE COMMUNION IN APRIL

Liam Scott  
Jeff Thiravong  
Riley Bowie  
Isaias Torrez  
Steven 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

