



The Blessing of Salvation

Salvation is the greatest gift God has ever offered man. Eternal salvation is the foundation of every Christian's hope. We long for heaven and living eternally with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. At the heart of salvation is God's grace. Paul writes, ***“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2.8).*** We can do nothing to earn salvation; it is strictly the gift of God. The gospel announces that God's love is not a wage to be earned but a gift to be received.

Salvation is the blessing that forgives our past. We all carry past mistakes, past shortcomings, and past sins. Many people feel that God could never forgive their sins because of their tremendous shame. Yet scriptures declare, ***“As far as the east is from the west, so far does He [God] remove our transgressions from us” (Psalm 103.12).*** In Christ, our sins are not counted against us. In Christ, our guilt and shame is washed away. In Christ, our record is wiped clean. In Christ, our condemnation is canceled. Salvation means your past no longer defines you. Salvation is the deliverance from sin and its consequences. Isn't it wonderful to know that our sins have been forgiven?



Salvation is not only about your eternal future, but also about who you are right now. Paul said, ***“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation” (2 Corinthians 5.17).*** When we come to Jesus, we receive a new identity and a new heart. Our desires change to please God—serving Him. God does not simply forgive sinners, He recreates them. Upon baptism we are given the gift of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, He comes and resides in us, leading and guiding us as we live for Christ. He strengthens us to walk daily for Jesus.

Salvation gives life meaning. Without salvation, one's life is a constant search for happiness and purpose. But salvation gives purpose to everything. Again, Paul said, ***“For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Philippians 1.21).*** Our salvation gives meaning to our work, our service, our worship, our suffering, our relationships. Salvation is the greatest treasure we can possess. What a tremendous blessing! Have you been saved today?

Gary

Blessed When It Hurts

Matthew 5.10-12

- 1) Have you ever been persecuted for your faith?
- 2) What kind of persecution do we face in the United States?
- 3) Did you know that in some parts of the world Christians are severely persecuted.
- 4) Can good come from persecution?
- 5) Jesus said, *“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5.10).*

I) The _____ of Persecution.

A) Jesus doesn’t say “if,” He says “when.”

1) Persecution is not always violent.

2) Persecution is not random.

B) Jesus tells us three different ways we may be hurt.

1) _____ Persecution.

2) _____ Insults.

3) _____ Accusations.

II) The _____ for Persecution.

A) Jesus says you will be persecuted for being _____.

1) Who will be persecuted?

2) Who will persecute?

B) The more your life reflects Christ, the more the world will respond to the way it responded to Him.

1) The world loves generic spirituality.

2) Why?

III) The _____ to Persecution.

A) Jesus tells us we are to _____ and be _____. Why?

1) Persecution is evidence of authentic faith.

2) Persecution connects you to the _____.

B) How should we live in the face of persecution?

1) Do not _____ but respond with _____.

2) Do not _____ your _____.

IV) The _____ Of Persecution.

A) Jesus begins and ends the beatitudes with the same promise.

1) *“The kingdom of heaven.”*

2) A double blessing.

B) We are rewarded when we endure persecution.

1) Blessings in our _____.

2) Blessings in the _____.

Conclusion: *Do you need to come to Jesus today?*



Good morning WH family!

I was able to go to the Rangers' home opener last week, and as I looked around the stadium, I saw all these "*retired*" numbers on the wall. The stars of yesteryear, some of my childhood heroes. As I was pondering this, Deatra asked if we were saving the game at home. "I'm taping it," I said." She started laughing at me hysterically— "On the VHS???" she asked. Ok, along with the numbers, maybe there are a few phrases that ought to be *retired*.

Hmmm, let's see . . . How about "groovy" for one, "totally" for another, and my personal pet peeve "It is what it is." Add to that a couple of old business phrases like "let's put a pin in it" and "let's talk about that offline." I would bet we all have a few phrases we would like to see "*retired*." What are some of yours?

What about adding this common church phrase to the list, referring to the youth of the church as "*the church of the future?*" After watching our young men and women perform their Leadership Training for Christ (LTC) events Sunday night, I am even more convinced that we, by and large, lose out on a great deal if we only look at the youth as the church of the future. These kids can be, need to be, must be, and in fact are, a vital part of the "*church of today.*" Over and over the Bible shows us how valuable youth are to the Lord and what pivotal roles they can play. How would the Bible story be without young David, Daniel & friends, Naaman's servant girl, the boy with the fish and loaves, and Timothy, just to name a few. Let's agree to *retire* that phrase "*the church of the future*" and start connecting with a very vital part of the church NOW! Reach out and get know these wonderful young people— You'll be blessed!

—Les Keele



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*Shepherd of the month

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Buck Thomas	817-733-2620
Arthur Torrez	817-721-2726

MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Steve Taylor

Song Leader - Russ Jones

Song - We Shall Assemble

Song - You're the One

Song - The Goodness of God

Opening Prayer - Rob Donahue

Scripture - Matthew 5.10-12

Song - In Christ Alone

Lord's Supper - Ben Meyers

Prayer For Contribution - Ben Meyers

Song - A Mansion, Robe and Crown

Blessed When It Hurts - Gary Williams

Song - Create In Me a Clean Heart

Announcements - Les Keele

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 13

Deuteronomy 28; Proverbs 13

Tuesday, April 14

Deuteronomy 29-30; Proverbs 14

Wednesday, April 15

Psalm 139; Deuteronomy 31; Proverbs 15

Thursday, April 16

Deuteronomy 32; Proverbs 16

Friday, April 17

Deuteronomy 33-34; Proverbs 17

Saturday, April 18

Psalm 1; Joshua 1-2; Proverbs 18

Sunday, April 19

Joshua 3-5; Proverbs 19

Monday, April 20

Joshua 6-7; Proverbs 20

LAST WEEK

TIMES OF ASSEMBLIES

Sunday		Wednesday	84	Bible Class	9:00 AM
Bible Class	81	On-Line	4	Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 AM
Worship	211	Contribution	\$11,199.62	Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 PM
Thai-Lao	32	Budget	\$15,372.28	Wednesday Evening	7:00 PM
On-Line	20				

FRIENDS AND FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Jerry Savage, son of	Leah Savage	In Oklahoma, not doing well. Possible MAC-TB (Tuberculosis).	Wisdom of doctors in finding a treatment
James Young, friend of	Marge Sager	Had open heart surgery 04.07.2026, (Husband of Sandra Stringer).	Strength and recovery
Tom Tackett, friend of	Marge Sager	Began chemo 04.07.2026.	Strength
Paul Arnold, brother-in-law of	Joe Gentry	Passed away on 04.05.2026.	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
Son-in-law of	Mary Ann Wagner	Has leukemia.	Comfort and peace for him and the family
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
Phil Southhall, frequent visitor	Betsy Strother	Fell and fractured his leg. Facing a long period of recovery and rehab.	Strength as he heals.
Rob Bryan, son-in-law of	Sharon Pippin	Had surgery on March 13 for an aneurysm.	Successful recovery
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
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
Jane Wilson, mother of	Mindy Markum	Is home now and will continue Physical Therapy as an outpatient.	Strength as she heals
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
Marty Tomlinson, son of	Ross Tomlinson	Thyroid cancer has returned.	Skill and knowledge for the doctors to determine best treatment options
Shane Grantham	Michael and Kitti Davis	Suffers from cancer.	Healing
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

MEMBERS PRAYER LIST

NAME	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Kham Intharansy	Is in THR Alliance Hospital. A mass was found during colonoscopy. She had surgery to remove cancer on 04/09/2026.	Comfort and strength
Zenia Donahue	Had emergency appendectomy on 04.04.2026. Rob said she is doing well.	Healing
Susan Dufrene	Is at Fort Worth Wellness. 2129 Skyline Drive, Sansom Park, Texas 76114	Healing and strength
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. She is currently undergoing more chemo treatments. 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, strength and wisdom for doctors
Patricia Emerson	Cancer has returned. 6536 Wooddale, Fort Worth, Texas 76148	Remission and healing
Rob Donahue	Has a new job. 4529 Starlight Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	God has provided. Thanksgiving
Betsy Strother	Had another day added to work schedule.	Thanksgiving
Gail Willmington	In the passing of her brother, Dennis Scroggins. 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 76135	Healing
Brenda Kelley, former member	Husband had knee surgery and has never fully recovered. Hasn't been doing well at all.	Encouragement
Shirley Bennett	Has health issues. 4018 Ridglea Country Club, #508, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Recovery
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 14, 2026
The Promise Of Revelation
Teacher: Janelle Ball

MEN'S BREAKFAST

April 16, 2026
IHOP
Cherry Lane 7:00 AM



DIRECTORY UPDATE

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

FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY



May 3, 2026

Potluck meal to follow!

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!

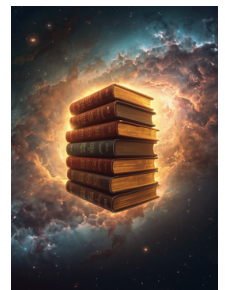


Love,
Beverly Lipham

WEST FREEWAY SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM

Classes Begin August 24

See the information in the middle foyer for registration.



FOOD BANK STATS

MARCH, 2026

153 – Families Served
\$416.69– Cost to WHCOC
3,390 Pounds– Estimated Weight of Food

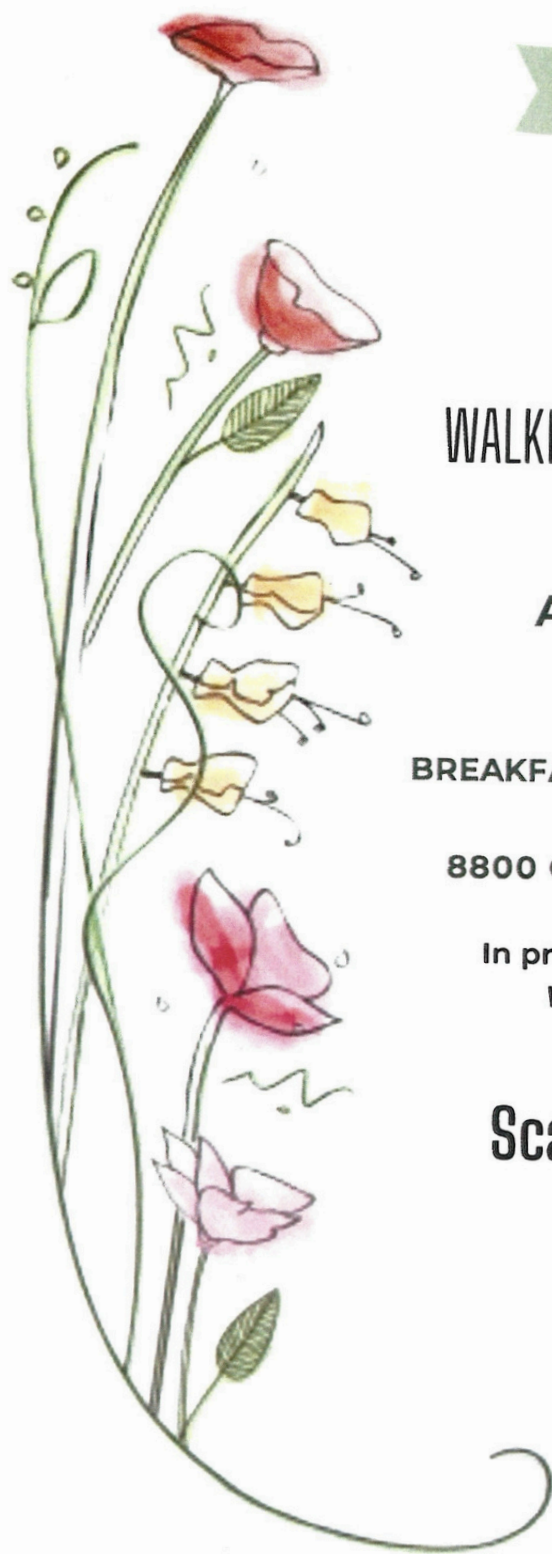
Romans 12:18

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

**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

