

# Building Bridges

I'm very grateful for this time of the year. No, I'm not saying that Jesus was born December 25<sup>th</sup>. The evidence points to a more probable date earlier in the year for His birth. The date of December 25<sup>th</sup> was chosen by man. No, I'm grateful for something else. I'm grateful for the compassionate concern expressed during this time. I'm grateful for the generosity given to those less fortunate. I'm grateful for the love demonstrated by so many. Most of all, I'm grateful for renewed interest in God, His Son, and godly things. I only wish this could continue all year long.



In 2024 the 70 West family will attempt to help each other to achieve a more vibrant, active prayer life. 2024 is the year of prayer right here at 70 West. Throughout the year there will be reminders, encouragement, and lessons to help each 70 West member to become a more dedicated PRAYER WARRIOR. One of the things that hopefully will help is TWO MINUTES TO A BETTER LIFE, which is replacing the old FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH video class. TWO MINUTES TO A BETTER LIFE will be two minutes doses of encouragement in living the Christian life. The video series kicks off January 1<sup>st</sup> with 10 days of the 10 benefits of prayer. Join me each weekday morning at 7 (or anytime as a recording) on the church's Facebook page or YouTube channel for TWO MINUTES TO A BETTER LIFE. Invest 2 minutes and reap a better life.

One of the many things we hope to pray for in 2024 is on behalf of the many people we know who are not faithful Christians. May the year of prayer energize each of us to BUILD BRIDGES to people we love who need the saving power of Jesus.

Early in my preaching career I attempted to mail out each December, cards to the many people who had blessed my life during the year. The number of people requiring cards from me has increased so much, it is now not feasible for me to mail out cards. Even though you will not receive a card from me, please know that I deeply appreciate all that you do for me and I love being a part of the 70 West family. May 2024 be a blessing to all.

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## 10:15 AM Order of Worship

Welcome/Prayer.....Scott Griffith  
Song Leader.....Thomas Livingston

*R#797- "Lord, We come Before Thee Now"*  
*R#589- "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

Prayer.....Andy McCormick

*R#375- "Oh, the Depth and the Riches"*

Scripture Reading/Prayer  
Danny Griffith / Corben Nickolson

### COMMUNION

*R#412- "Jesus, Hold My Hand"*

Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox  
Sermon.....Billy Hayes

*"The Gift"*  
Romans 6:23

*R#909 - "There's a Fountain Free"*  
*B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"*

Prayer.....Festus Ugbade

**B=Brown Book ♪ R=Red Book ♪ SC=Screen**

## 6:00 PM Order of Worship

Welcome/Prayer.....Scott Griffith  
Song Leader.....Thomas Livingston

*R#716- "Sing to Me of Heaven"*  
*R#827- "Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

Prayer.....Tom Shelton

*R#315- "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

Scripture Reading/Prayer  
Danny Griffith / Corben Nickolson

### COMMUNION

*R#416- "Footsteps of Jesus"*

Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox  
Sermon.....Billy Hayes

*"Romans"*  
Romans 6:23

*B#538 - "Prepare to Meet Thy God"*  
*B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"*

Prayer.....Festus Ugbade

DECEMBER ELDER / DEACON:  
FESTUS UGBADE / DEREK LANDRUM

BAPTISMAL ASSISTANTS:  
Sharion Pipkins & Angie Drennon

## Children's 9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES:

9th - 12th – MPB  
Billy Hayes / Tim Wiemer

5th -8th –room#113  
Danny Griffith

1st -4th –room#114  
Lisa Cox

Kindergarten –room#108  
Kim Nickolson

PreK 3-4 yrs. –room#107  
Lynn Dishongh

18 mo.-2 yrs. –room#105  
Barbara Wells

3-18 months. -room#106  
Martha Dean

## Adult's 9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES:

Adult class - Auditorium  
"GENESIS: New Beginnings" -Michael Cox

Adult class - Room#112/Library  
"First Principles" -Carl Johnson

Adult Class –Room#118  
"The Church & Christianity from the Beginning to Today" -Andy McCormick

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Our Record: 12/17/2023

9:00 AM Bible Class.....146  
10:15 AM Worship.....267  
PM Worship.....114  
Wednesday Bible Class.....109  
Contribution.....\$11,189.08

~Hearing Assistance Available~ Please ask for a receiver from the sound room

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*70 West*  
**church of Christ**  
*Welcomes you!*

**because He has appointed  
a day on which  
He will judge the world  
in righteousness by  
the Man whom  
He has ordained.  
He has given assurance  
of this to all by raising  
Him from the dead."**

**Acts 17:31**

**Lightpost**

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Lightpost is the simple church app that helps your congregation communicate and work together *effortlessly*.

Thanks to the Lightpost app, the MailChimp emails will no longer be sent out, they will cease to be made available as of December 31, 2023. By the end of the month, all current information will be delivered through the new Lightpost app. Please make sure you have downloaded it to your phone & logged on before January 1, 2024 if you want to remain up to date with all 70 West church news & information. ~Thank you!





# Short- Changing

Hebrews 10:26- “For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, **there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins**, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.” (emph. added bh) When we purposely “skip” bible class, we do not serve ourself or our family. Take a few moments to understand this idea.

1. We short-change our **CHILDREN**  
Proverbs 14:26, Proverbs 20:7, Ephesians 6:4, Psalm 127:3
2. We short-change **OURSELVES**  
James 1:8, James 19-22&25, James 4:7-8, James 4:17
3. We short-change our **ELDERSHIP**  
Acts 20:8, 1 Peter 5:2, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13
4. We short-change our **TEACHERS/PREACHERS**  
Timothy 4:13-16, 2 Timothy2:15, 2 Timothy 4:1-5, Titus 2:1,15
5. We short-change our **WORSHIP**  
Psalm 29:1-2, 1 Corinthians 11:18-20, 1 Timothy 2:8, Luke 6:46
6. We short-change our **CONGREGATION**  
Ephesians 4:16 (NJKV), Nehemiah 4:6, Hebrews 10:24-25, Hebrews 3:13
7. We short-change our **SAVIOR**  
1 Corinthians 7:23, Titus 2:14, Ephesians 2:10, 1 Corinthians 15:58

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# Involve Yourself, Contribute, Take Part, Share...

**BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE:** [facebook.com/airportroad](https://facebook.com/airportroad)  
Every weekday morning @7AM, Monday-Friday  
‘Fundamentals of the Faith -an online Bible study with Michael Cox  
Every weekday evening @9PM, Monday-Friday  
‘Bible Investigation’ -an online Bible study with Michael Cox

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

- ♦ TEEN’S FIRST PRINCIPLES BIBLE STUDY●4:30-5:30pm ●Room#118
- ♦ L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE●7-8:30pm●Room#118

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES’ VISITATION●11am●MPB●Bring your lunch!

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

- ♦ L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE●7-8:30pm●Room#118

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES’ VISITATION●11am●MPB●Bring your lunch!

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

- ♦ TEEN DEVO●4:30-5:30pm●MPB

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

- ♦ L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE●7-8:30pm●Room#118

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES’ VISITATION●11am●MPB●Bring your lunch!

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

- ♦ L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE●7-8:30pm●Room#118

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

- ♦ 5TH WEDNESDAY SINGING●7-8pm●Refreshments in MPB @8:05pm

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- ♦ LADIES’ DAY “TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS” WITH LAURA BOYD  
●8am –2pm

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## MEMBERS

- Louise Honeycutt●Walton Kyle●Carla March  
Zandra Mendenhall●Glenda Pannell●Karen Pate  
Leslie Pate●Wes/Sue Poole●Stuart Reeves  
Freddie Sharpe
- Burns, Wendell-12/19 staples removed. Physical therapy started 12/20
- Cook, Henry-Home with 3 broken ribs, pneumonia, & a lot of inflammation around the broken ribs. Dr.’s recommended lots of rest
- Dale, Sherry-came forward 12/17 asking for prayers to be a more mature Christian, a better example, for strength & prayers for her health
- Martin, Kevin-Had 7½ hour surgery on his ear on 11/30. Dr’s believe they did all that was needed & that he will not need further surgery
- Wedsted, Donna-Somewhat stable at the moment ~Thank you for the Prayers!
- Wedsted, Ken-No evidence of cancer found. Will have a follow up Ct in 6 months
- White, Ann-came forward 12/17 asking for prayers for strength

## FAMILY/FRIENDS BATTLING CANCER

- Nona BartonJune Beach●Elbert Bollinger  
Robin Dahlman●Billie Jo Dockins●Matt Gilmore  
Cindy Hayes●Kari Hulien●Phyllis Madlen  
Nevaeh Newcomer●Mitzi Robinson  
Cindi Flories Rossetti●Carl Rutledge  
Ray Stansberry●Danna Rhodes  
Delorious Tolleson●Joe/Betty Varner  
John Wilcox
- Malone, Daryll (cofC member in SC) Cancer relapse & kidney removal

## SHUT-INS

- Janice Archer●Mike/Shirley Baka  
Norman/Joyce Bonde●Henry Cook  
Bill Crow●LaVonne Depew●Nancy Gordon  
Marcelle Green●David Pendleberry

## ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

- \* Bernard, Heidi -GCSO/Investigator
- \* Crow, Jake, (Army) Fort Sill, OK
- \* Pianalto, Nick (Navy) Japan
- \* Schuler, Tommy (Army) Fort Jackson, SC
- \* Schuler, Tracy (Navy)
- \* Spellings, C (Army Nat’l Guard) Jackson, TN
- \* Vincent, Tyler (VF) Garland County
- \* Wethington, “A.J” Anthony (AF) Whitman AFB, MO
- \* Wells, Andrew GCPD/HSPD

## FAMILY & FRIENDS

- Paula Crippen●Jerry Crow●Linda Golden  
Jenna Griffith●Sam Palmer●Don Rutherford  
Barbara Sanders●Judy Straut●Barbara Sickels  
Harrel Walters●Kay Ward●Michael Wedsted
- Andrews, Roy(Lamb’s friend) Prayers for recent heart attack & overall improved health
- Brewer, Ben (M. McKee’s cousin) Now out of ICU
- Dunaway, Tiffany(Lamb’s daughter) Prayers for a successful, very critical eye surgery in 3-weeks
- Job, Caleb/Kara (McCormick’s friends) Baby Timothy has improved but remains in the NICU. The family is thankful for the continued prayers
- Scarbro, Leona(P.Crenshaw’s sister)Back surgery
- Tressa, Jamie (P.Crenshaw’s niece) Thyroid disease

## MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

- Kakinada, India-Ronnie Gootam
- Nigeria -Chad Wagner
- Pacific Islands -Randy English