



THE GRACE OF GIVING

Consider for a few moments Deuteronomy 25:5–10. Deuteronomy is Moses' farewell address to the Hebrew people. It is a book of law, given by God, to guide the people as they seek to build a nation in the yet to be settled Promised Land.

Moses instructs them that when they come into the Promised Land, settle it and farm it, they are to take a portion of the first harvest and bring it to the priest. The priest is to take the offering and place it upon the altar of God. Then the person who is bringing the offering is to perform a ritual before the Lord. That was the **rite** and **ritual** for the first **tithe** offering.

And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. **Deuteronomy 26:5–10**

If you or I could have been one of the Hebrew children still on the march through the wilderness when Moses gave this command, we would understand what a bold statement of faith this prescribed ritual was.

At that moment, the people of Israel had very little. They could have reasoned "We have had so little during the wilderness let us spoil ourselves a little. We deserve it." Or they may have said "we need to save; save for the immediate future, and save for our retirement, so we will wait a few years until we are better established."

A day was coming, however, when they would inhabit a land flowing with milk and honey. When that day came, they were to bring a tithe (10%) of their harvest and dedicate it to God. The giving of the tithe was an acknowledgment of what God had done for them. This began with the blessings God had given to Abraham. It included God's work of redeeming them from Egyptian bondage. And it looks forward to God keeping his promise of giving them the Promised Land.

**God's people give in response to what the Lord has done for us.
That's the grace of giving.**

WORSHIP CENTER – Derek McNamara

8/23/26 Adult Class, FLC2, *Live by the Spirit*, **Galatians 5:16-26**
8/23/26 Sermon, *Devoted*, **Acts 2:42-47**

ADULT FALL CLASSES

Complete Joy

- Exploring 1st, 2nd, 3rd John
- Dr. Derek McNamara
- Sunday, 9:00 AM – Starting September 6 – FLC 2

Shepherding a Child's Heart

- Russell Crook & Russell Cashion
- Wednesday, 7:00 PM – Starting September 2 – FLC 3

A Journey with Jesus

- Luke 10-24
- Dr. Derek McNamara
- Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Starting September 2 – FLC 2

AUGUST PRAYER FOCUS

Father, as we enter a new school year, we ask that you bless our children, bless our families, bless our teachers, bless those in support roles, bless those in administration. We ask that this school year we would grow deeper in our knowledge of Jesus.

Colossians 1:9 *That we be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.*

PRAYER REQUEST

Ashley Ainsworth's daughter – Had a dental procedure done on Wednesday, August 19. She will be asleep for this procedure. Please pray for a speedy & safe recovery.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Steve Curlee Continued health issues.

Diane Dill (Daughter of Dallas & Darla Dill) Continued Health issues.

Donna Edwards Cancer treatment.

Jack and Diane Magness Health issues.

Rhonda Reece Continued Health Issues.

Brad Stevens Recovering from shoulder surgery.

Joshua Stevens (son of Brad & Terri Stevens) Encouragement.

Terri Stevens (Brad's wife, Caleb's mother) Health issues.

Ellen Triplett Recovering at home.

Ralph Vaquera Health issues.

Christy Warenskjold Health Issues.

Kent Williams Dialysis.

Rick Yates Health issues.

Susan Yates Health issues.

Elderly and Homebound members.

World Bible School at Westhill.

Bring a Friend Sunday.

SYMPATHY

Michelle Pearce's father passed away Sunday, August 16.

Please keep Doug and Michelle Pearce in your prayers.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 6, Bring a Friend Sunday

August 26 Faith Café, Foyer, 6:30 pm

September 2 Piece Maker Quilt, FLC, 9 am

September 6 Mne's prayer Meeting, FLC, 8 am

BAPTISM

T. J. Toth.

Baptized Sunday, August 16, 2026.

LADIES DAY

In your mailboxes you will find the registration forms for our Ladies Day, October 3. This will be an exciting morning filled with devotion, singing, laughter, inspiration, and good food! Plan to be a part of it all!

PRESCHOOL

For the month of August, we will be collecting unscented wipes. There is a collection bin in the foyer.

MONEY TREE

David and Madi Faulk are expecting their first child in September. They are stationed with the Marines in Hawaii. We are collecting money for gifts that Christy will deliver when she goes out to meet the new grandchild. Ladies can give money through the month of August. They are also registered at Amazon. You may give the money to Kelli Lehrmann.

WESTHILL STUDENT MINISTRY

- Doors open Wednesday at 6pm for open gym and to hangout, followed by youth at 7pm. Our teens were challenged to invite someone they love and care about to hear the gospel message, so encourage your teen to find a friend and bring them!
- Our back to school bash will be 6-8pm next Sunday, August 30. Stay tuned for more details!
- If you haven't registered or paid for our WSM fall retreat, now is your chance! Our retreat will take place September 4-6 at Mt. Lebanon campground in Cedar Hill, TX. Cost is \$100/student. To signup or for more details, use this link: <https://forms.gle/2sP1n5BopEptZX9r7>
- Our discipleship groups kickoff September 13. These are grade and gender specific small groups for our students that meet in members' homes once each month. Discipleship groups are designed to challenge our students to grow deeper in their faith and in their friendships. If you want your student to take their next step, this is where it happens!
- If your student is playing fall sports or is a part of any performance group, please send me their schedule. I'd love the chance to come cheer them on sometime!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

August 23 Reagan LaFon & Tori Miller

August 30 Betty Waits & Emma Wilkin

KINGDOM KID'S HELPERS - AUGUST

Molly Allen, Ki Utley, Lenny Hansen & McKenna George

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES 2026

August 26th Chuck Reagan

GREETERS

Please stop by the main "Welcome Desk" and sign up for the fall quarter.

AUGUST 16, 2026

AM Worship	330
Bible Classes	189
Weekly Offering (week of 08/016)	\$9,171
Weekly Budget Needs	\$11,500
Giving: Venmo@Westhill-ChurchOfChrist.	

GOD SQUAD

2026 Youth and adult t-shirt & hoodie orders are going on now until September 2nd! T-shirts are soft style Gildan @\$25 each, hoodies are \$33 each. Pay by venmo@Westhill-ChurchOfChrist, check to Westhill Church of Christ, or cash to Laura Crowell. (Memo: GOD SQUAD) Contact Laura Crowell with any questions: 325-201-4840.

Order form link:

<https://forms.gle/aht69cJKXm69Es4x8>



WEEKLY MEETINGS

Sunday: Bible Classes for all ages 9 am; Worship 10 am.

Silver Eagles, FLC 3, 1 pm.

Tuesday: Silver Eagles, F LC 3, 3 pm.

Wednesday: Bible Classes 7 pm.

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