



FLYING BY FAITH

*“Let not your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God; believe also in me.
In my Father’s house are many rooms.
If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
that where I am you may be also.”*

John 14:1-3

The wheels of the heavily loaded Cessna 206 had barely left the wet jungle airstrip when the passenger, sitting in the co-pilot’s seat, panicked. The pilot had the throttle pushed all the way forward to the firewall. He had done this many times before and was confident they would clear the huge trees towering at the end of the little airstrip.

The passenger had never taken off from a jungle airstrip. Looking up, all he could see were the on-rushing trees filling the windshield. *Why doesn’t the pilot pull back on the controls*, he thought in terror? Fearful they were going to crash; he tried to help. He grabbed the wheel and pulled back. That was the worst thing he could have done. A plane needs to build up air speed before you point the nose skyward. Otherwise, the plane will stall.

The plane did stall. It pitched up, lost critical air speed and began to settle toward the jungle below. The pilot wrenched the controls back and tried desperately to get the nose down. But it was too late. As the airplane reached stalling speed, the heavy engine pulled the nose over sharply, and the craft spun to earth. By God’s grace, no one was killed, but all were injured because of a passenger’s lack of trust in his pilot.

How like that frightened passenger some of us are.

We are continually grabbing the controls from God. We damage our health with worry. We deny our dreams because we fear risk. We dampen enthusiasm and joy with our anxiety. We fail to live as conquerors because we fail to trust in the pilot of our salvation, Jesus Christ. How we need to turn our lives over to God and trust His Son!

*Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples,
which are not written in this book;
but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

John 20:30-31

Grace And Peace
Derek McNamara

OCTOBER PRAYER FOCUS

Prayer of Gratitude for Wonder of Creation

Father, you are the Creator of heaven and earth, how blessed we are to be surrounded by the beauty of your creation.

We praise you for the stars of heaven, and the beauty of the sunset.

We are amazed by the seas and waterways and all that are in them.

We are enriched by the flowers and trees which are clothed by you.

We are fascinated by all the animals you created.

For the beauty of the earth, the mountains and valleys, the sun and the moon – we give you praise.

ADULT FALL CLASSES

SUNDAY CLASSES

- **Sermon** – One Mediator Between God & Man – Dr. Derek McNamara – Sunday 10 AM.
- **Complete Joy** – Exploring 1st, 2nd, 3rd John – Dr. Derek McNamara – Sunday, 9 AM – FLC 2.
- **Seasons in the Psalms** – Nathan Brown – Sunday, 9 am – Auditorium.
- **Discipleship & Relationships** – Matt Gilbert – Sunday 9 am – FLC 3.
- **Bible Basics** – Steve Cervas & Randy Mayfield – Sunday 9 am – FLC 1.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

- **Shepherding a Child's Heart** – Russell Crook & Russell Cashion – Wednesday, 7:00 PM – FLC 3.
- **A Journey with Jesus** – Luke 10-24 – Dr. Derek McNamara – Wednesday, 7:00 pm FLC 2.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Bullard (mother of Sharon Jones) Is at home with congestive heart failure. It has been an ongoing issue. Please pray for strength and solutions.

Pat Richard Has advanced stage pancreatic cancer. She starts her chemo Wednesday. Prayers for a good outcome.

Rhoda Holbert (One of our new members) Had surgery last week. She is recovering at home. Prayers for a quick recovery.

CONTINUED PRAYERS (Please look this list over and any updates would be appreciated)

Charley Boyce, Steve Curlee, Annette Dill, Donna Edwards, Marilyn Gilter, Jesse Gilter, Paul Henicke, Marie Henicke, Parker Johnson, Jack and Diane Magness, Olivia Lawrence, Christina Martinie, Lawrence Muniz, Serena, Joshua Stevens, Terri Stevens, Ellen Triplett, Ralph Vaquera, Christy Warenskjold, Oneta White, Kent Williams, Rick Yates, Susan Yates, Elderly and Homebound members, World Bible School at Westhill.

SYMPATHY

Scarlot Jones (mother of Roman Jones) Passed away on Friday, September 25, 2026. She had suffered from dementia for several years, The funeral was held Thursday, October 1, 2026.

Please pray for comfort for the family.

CONGRATULATIONS

Birth of Corbin Thomas Priester (Larry & Chrisanne Brightwell's grandson).

Born on September 26, 2026.

6 lb. and 14oz.

19 inches Long.

PHOTO MAKEUP DAY FOR PICTURE DIRECTOY TODAY

October 4, Near the doors by the playground and Parlor, 9:00 to 9:45 am.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 4, Bring a Friend Sunday.

October 4	Men's prayer meeting, FLC, 8 am.
October 4	Photo makeup day, 9:00 to 9:45 am.
October 4	WSM – Various discipleship Groups.
October 7	PieceMakers Quilt, FLC, 9 am.
October 7	WSM – Invite night (80's theme).
October 7	WCP – Spirit night at DQ (Both Cleburne locations) 5- 8 pm.
October 11-13	Silver Eagles Retreat, Glen Rose Texas.
October 18	WSM – Devotional, FLC, 5-7 pm.
October 21	Koinonia, FLC, 6 pm.
October 25	Chili Cook Off, FLC, 6 pm.
October 30	God Squad Costume Party, FLC, 10 am to 12 noon.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies class will not meet on October 12 due to the "Silver Eagles Retreat". The ladies' class will resume on October 19

LOST & FOUND

If you are missing any items from church, please stop by the main welcome desk. There is a lost & found box behind the welcome desk.

CHURCH FILE FOLDERS

Please stop by your church file folder in the foyer. There is a lot of useful information in them. Also, members put greeting cards in them too.

GOD SQUAD OCTOBER 30

Costume Party, FLC, 10 am to 12 noon.

WESTHILL STUDENT MINISTRY

- Our core Discipleship groups (MS & HS guys and girls) today! MS guys will meet at the Crowell's after morning worship; MS girls will meet 5-7pm in the youth room; HS girls will meet 5-7pm at the Barnes' house; HS guys will meet 6:30-8:30 at the Muniz' house.
- Invite Night is coming up THIS Wednesday! Start encouraging your students to invite their friends to join us for this special guest-oriented event, starting with dinner at 6pm, youth at 7pm, and the after-party at 8pm!
- Registration for Encounter LE is now open! Signup online at <https://lcucamps.com/encounter-le/>, and use coupon code "westhill." Registration and \$125/student is due to Westhill by 11/8.
- 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

October 4	Camille Shaw & Waverley Shaw.
October 11	Kayla Stepp & Tori Miller

WESTHILL CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT

Take a night off from dinner and come support Westhill Christian Preschool! WCP is having a spirit night. Mention Westhill Christian Preschool dining in or drive thru at either DQ location (901 W Henderson & 1616 N Main) and 25% will be donated back to us! Thank you for your support. Whitney Ellis and Jill Crook.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

AM Worship	304
Bible Classes	179
Weekly Offering (week of 09/20)	\$8,275
Weekly Budget Needs	\$11,500
Giving: Venmo@Westhill-ChurchOfChrist.	

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Sunday: Bible Classes for all ages 9 am; Worship 10 am.
Sunday: Silver Eagles, FLC 3, 1 pm.
Monday: Ladies Bible Class, FLC1, 10 am.
Tuesday: Silver Eagles, FLC 3, 3 pm.
Wednesday: Bible Classes 7 pm.

STAFF

Dr. Derek McNamar	Preaching Minister
Jesse Muniz	Youth & Family Minister
Russell Crook	Counselor
Alberto Gamboa	Custodian
Michelle Anderson	Finance Secretary
Gary Patterson	Communications Director
Whitney Ellis	Preschool Director

SHEPHERDS

Larry Brightwell
Russell Cashion
James Cordell
Russell Crook
Brent Easdon
Mike Glover
Aaron Williams



Make & Mature Disciples