

West Hill

Church of Christ

All In

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The "Secret Ingredient" Missing from Our Lives

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Over the years, I have been part of conversations where people talked about just how good their mother/grandmother cooked a particular part of a meal. Or it may have been a friend who gave them a recipe of her specialty, but part of the conversation said something like, "I have tried and tried to prepare it like she did, but there must be some 'secret ingredient' she used and just don't know what it might be."

There is a parallel to this in the lives of far too many of us as we try to follow the Bible. We look at other Christians and wish that we could be what they are and wonder what "special ingredient" they have that we may have overlooked. If you have ever felt this way, keep reading the rest of this article to learn more about this secret.

Obviously, as we try to duplicate in our lives what we see in theirs, we need to understand these ingredients of maturing as a Christian. Some are so obvious—reading the Bible, studying the Bible, attending worship regularly, trying to share what we know with those around us. Yet, sometimes we wonder if there is a "secret ingredient" we have missed.

The Jewish leaders in Jesus' day certainly understood much of what God had said for them to do. They made lists of the commandments and spent time discussing which of the 613 commands they had listed in the Bible was the most important. They were so devoted to "following the recipe" that they made sure they kept the Sabbath in not traveling more than a sabbath's day journey. They washed their hands before eating, thinking this was part of what God wanted them to do. They literally strained the water they drank to get rid of any insect that might have fallen into that water. God gave them food laws and just maybe that insect might be one they should not eat. Read Jesus' words to them as He talked about how they knew the law, but there was some part of it they had overlooked. Keep reading if you want to learn this "secret ingredient."

They saw His miracles, and they understood these miracles were real. They ate loaves and fish that He miraculously gave to them. They knew His sinless life. Yet, they killed Him because they left something out of the recipe He tried to give them.

Is it possible we are making the same mistake? What was missing? The Bible clearly defines it in the book of Hebrews. Meditate on this Divine truth. "The word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those that heard it" (Heb. 4:2). It's not enough to read, to study, to worship, to try to teach others. Make sure you mix faith with knowledge. Heaven's ingredient we overlook is personal faith!

Sunday: Worship 10:30am & Class 5:00pm

Tuesday: Benevolence 9:00-10:00am & Young at Heart Class 10:30am

Wednesday: Class 6:30pm

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All In or Checked Out?

Setting: _____

Bible Character: _____

Contrast Jonah & God:

Concerned with _____

Concerned with _____

_____ Reluctantly

_____ Mercifully

Angry at _____

Overflowing with _____

Focused on _____

Focused on the _____

4 Ways to Renew Our Hearts:

1. Adopt God's _____
From "What benefits _____?"
To "What breaks _____ heart?"

2. Meet Confusion with _____

From frustration with people's _____
To _____ with their need
for guidance

3. Allow God's _____ to
Preside
From "They shouldn't get _____"
To "I didn't _____ this either"

4. Shift from obligation to _____
From "I'll do what You _____"
To "Teach me to _____ the way You
care"

¿Todo incluido o retirado?

Configuración: _____

Personaje bíblico: _____

Contraste entre Jonás y Dios:

Preocupado por _____

Preocupado por _____

_____ De mala gana

_____ Piadosamente

Enojado con _____

Rebosante de _____

Centrado en _____

Centrado en el _____

4 maneras de renovar nuestros corazones:

la _____ de Dios
De "¿Qué beneficia a _____?"
a "¿Qué le rompe el corazón a _____?"

Conoce a Confusion con _____
De la frustración con la _____ de las
personas
a _____ con su necesidad de
orientación

el _____ de Dios presida
De "No deberían _____"
a "Yo tampoco _____ esto"

Pasar de la obligación a _____
De "Haré lo que Tú _____"
a "Enséñame a _____ como Tú me cuidas"

WOW Ladies' Retreat
Jan 30–31, 2026

w/ speaker:
Lindsay Olsen

*You can
do hard
Things*
WOW 2026

Friday

Check-in beginning at 3:00 pm
Dinner on your own
First lesson will start at 7:00 pm

Saturday

Breakfast included with hotel stay
First lesson will start at 8:30 am

Church Leadership & Westhill Works

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Community Outreach

Addiction [Recovery](#) Counseling
Benevolence Program

Food for Fitness

Forever His

Local Missions

Bear Valley - Wayne Jones
Cherokee Children's Home
Disaster Relief
The Jenkins Institute
Knoxville School of Preaching
Memphis School of Preaching
WVBS school.wvbs.org

U.S. Mission Points

Tilton, NH & Mesa, AZ

Foreign Missions

Cameroon Preacher Training
India Preacher Training

Prayer Needs:

Don Ewing — Cancer has returned; will see his doctor for treatment options.

Martha Dowdle — Began chemotherapy for spots on her liver.

David Mahoney — Recovering at home after treatment for a bone infection.

Joel and Eli Haden — On an extended work trip for six weeks; prayers for safety.

Ron Haker (Sandra McCullough's brother-in-law) — Health improving; has returned home.

Tiffany Smith (Tanya Rowden's daughter) — Health improving; no further surgery needed.

Randy (Vikki Ivy's brother) — Hospitalized with a brain bleed.

Paula Gentry (Angus community) — Lost her home in a fire; prayers for comfort and provision.

Continue to remember: Bronny & Ruth Watson, Dan & Rita Dominy, Eula Henry, Louie & Patty Williams, Nick Tooley, Bill & Beverly Abercrombie, Beverly Heathcote, David Mahoney, Millard & Martha Dowdle, Carol Barham, Judi Olsen, Tangie Anderson, & Jim Milam

Announcements:

WOW Ladies' Retreat - Jan 30–31, 2026
Theme: "You Can Do Hard Things" w/ speaker Lindsay Olsen.

Baby Shower for Claire Gowan
- Sun. Feb 1 @ 3pm in the Parlor.
<https://my.babylist.com/claire-gowan>

Galentine's Party - Sat. Feb. 7 for Jr High HS @ Audra Jennings home.

Sweetheart Banquet - Feb. 9
Youth Group will serve the Young at Heart group.

T-3 (Teach the Truth) - Feb 13-14
High School age will go to Lewisville church of Christ.

Friends & Family Day - Save the Date: Sun. Feb. 22

Westhill ARC (Addiction Recovery Counseling)
meets weekly - contact Jay Mahoney

Staffed nursery available for babies up to 2 yr old.
Nursery Attendant this week: **Rachel Williams**

This Week's Birthdays

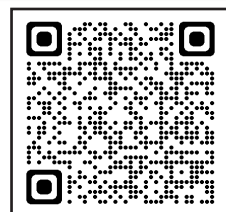
January 25 - Brent Stewart & Paul Wells
January 28 - Garnette Russell
January 29 - Abigail Smith & Louie Williams
January 30 - Dianne Stewart
January 31 - Janet Earles

Records for January 18, 2025

AM Worship..... 187
Contribution\$6,416

Visitor Form

Thank you for joining us for
worship! We would love to
follow-up with you...



Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader
AM Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Communion Leader
Communion Servers

Owen Warnes
Colton Gowan
Cash Hendrix
James Horn
Paul Wells

Zach Drain
Frizzell Henry
Michael Jones
Scott Barham

Joshua Haden
Jeremiah Parrish
Frizzell Henry
Colton Nicholson
Jose Sosa

AM Closing Prayer

David Shastid

PM Song Leader
PM Opening Prayer
PM Devo
PM Closing Prayer

Zach Drain
Carson Barham
Brandon Watson
Jeremiah Parrish

Wed. Song Leader
Wed. Invitation

Joshua Haden
Matt Newman

Jan. Worship Coord.
Jan. Elder of Month

Michael Jones & Casey Hendrix
Scott Barham