

March 17, 2019

Westhill church of Christ

Growth By Involvement
2019 Theme

Playing to our Strengths

Doug Dingley

Our son was one of the most naturally gifted athletes I have ever known. Even at a young age, his advanced speed, quickness, agility and athleticism were obvious to anyone who watched him play. I recall one particular elementary school basketball game he competed in. With the game on the line and only seconds

left, our coach called a time-out and drew up a play which featured Chris's ball-handling ability and would also give him the final shot, making a comment to the effect that, "If they're going to beat us, they're going to have to stop our best player." Smart coach. Not because he featured our son, but because he played to our strengths; he featured that which was the best of what we had to offer. That's what good, insightful, successful and winning coaches and people do – they emphasize and play to their strengths, instead of allowing the competition to dictate what they do.

This is why we, as members of the Lord's church, must not reduce ourselves to simply just inviting others to church the way so many other competing religious groups do, but must instead, consistently utilize that which is our unique and greatest strength. We must find or create every opportunity possible, to engage people in an ongoing and in-depth personal Bible study, precisely because the word of God is our greatest strength and attraction for a lost world. Let's face it, what other church can be proven by Scripture, to be the one the Lord established and Peter opened on the Day of Pentecost just as Jesus promised (Mt. 16:13-19; Acts 2:22-47)? What other churches can honestly claim to comprise the one, unique, exclusive, undivided and undenominated body or church of Christ which the Lord's very own hand-picked apostles worked and worshipped in during the post-resurrection first century (Ro. 16:16; Eph. 1:22-23, 4:4-6)? What other church preaches and teaches that a lost person is cleansed, forgiven, saved, and added to the Lord's church, in exactly the same way as our Lord's apostles taught (Acts 2:38-47, 22:16; Ro. 6:1-6; Col. 2:12-13; 2 Ptr. 3:21)?

As evidenced above, the word of God proves every one of these points unequivocally. No man-made and founded denomination coming along centuries later can ever legitimately lay claim to any of these things. No judgement, just fact: The Catholic (circa 330 A.D.), Lutheran (1517), Baptist (1607), and so many other man-made churches which lost folks are so often invited to, are never once seen or named in Scripture – but the churches of Christ (33 A.D.) and their faith and doctrine are (Ro. 16:16-17; Jude 3; Eph. 4:11-14; 1 Tim. 4:1-6, 6:3-5; 2 Tim. 3:16-4:4; 2 Jn. 1:9-11). Our greatest strength, is that we go solely by Scripture. Want to win the war for a lost soul? Play to your strength. Get them into the Bible (Jn. 8:31-32)!

Sunday: Class 9:30am, Worship 10:30am,
Worship 6:00pm

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

Wednesday: Class 6:30pm

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“But didn’t Moses Allow Divorce?”

Honest Questions about Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage

Sometimes, honest questions are not so

- The Pharisees question was a _____

Jesus’ Discussion on a Delicate Subject

1. God’s Eternal P _____ for Marriage
2. God’s Temporary P _____ for Marriage
3. God’s Restored P _____ for Marriage

The ONE exception to the rule:

- It breaks the _____ of marriage (Matt 19:6)
- It uses the _____ of the Holy Spirit for something it was not intended (1 Cor 6:16-19)

Answering some TRULY honest questions

“But what if they have been married for years?”

“But what if they have children?”

“But doesn’t baptism wash that sin away?”

I Crossed My Fingers (Ex. 24, 32)

Exodus 5:2, 6:7, 7:5, 7:17, 8:10, 8:22, 9:29, 11:7, 14:4 – “you shall know that I am the _____”

Ex. 20:18-21 - People Afraid of God’s Presence! -- “... His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.”

Point of Interest:

- _____ Times God refers to idolatry while giving the law.
- **Ex. 20:3, Ex. 20:4, Ex. 20:23, Ex. 22:20, Ex. 23:13, Ex. 23:24, Ex. 23:32-33**

_____ **Relationship - Ex 24:1-7**

The people agree to the “terms” Ex. 24:3 - “All the words which the LORD has said _____.”

Moses is on Mountain for _____ days and nights

Why a “calf” or “young bull?” Influenced by Egyptian of _____.

3 Things to know about Idolatry:

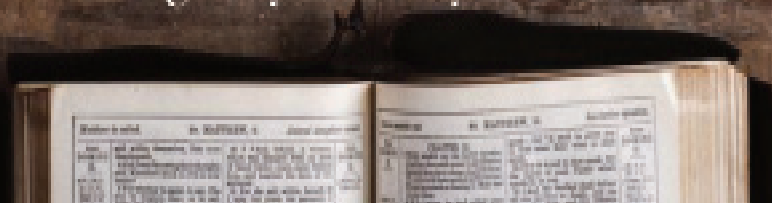
1. Idolatry is a _____ (Ex. 23:33)
2. Idolatry comes from being _____ (Ex. 32:9_
3. Idolatry is _____ (Ex. 32:21)

IRON SHARPENS IRON



Westhill Men's Retreat - March 29-30 - Quinlan, TX
with Myron Bruce

We Wish To See Jesus
Wednesday Adult Bible Class at 6:30
Taught by Anthony Warnes



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Community Outreach

Benevolence Program
Habitat for Humanity
Food for Fitness
Forever His

Local Missions

Cherokee Children's Home
In Search of the Lord's Way
Bear Valley Bible Institute
Brown Trail Spanish Preaching
The Truth in Love *ttil.tv*
WVBS *school.wvbs.org*
La Poynor Prison Ministry

Foreign Missions

India Preacher Training Program
Cameroon Preacher Training Program

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Prayer List

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to **Sue Welch** at the **passing of James Welch** on Friday morning.

Buck Murphy & his wife both have complicated surgeries scheduled in the next couple weeks and request our prayers.

Malvinee Jett is recovering well from a recent procedure.

Betty Jo Striplin's nephew, who is also James & Yvonne Ainsworth's son-in-law, Rickey Stepp, passed away last weekend. Please remember these families during their time of loss.

Bobby Compton is still receiving chemo and is having a difficult time right now.

Faith Beamon is scheduled for brain flap surgery tomorrow morning at Medical City Plano at 8am.

Michelle Crowson's mom was diagnosed with stage one breast cancer. She had surgery Wednesday and will follow-up with chemo and radiation.

Donna Brooks is recovering well from a very successful corrective surgery to her broken arm.

Continue to Remember: Aline Barrett, Ruth Ann Watson, Trey Billingsly, Pat Wheat, Jan Ross, Gerald Armstrong, Teresa Jenkins, Jan Sain, Janice Elder, Billie Murphey, Beverly Abercrombie, Richard Downs, Debra Woodcock, & Tanya Rowden

Announcements

Bronny & Ruth Watson have a **new grandson**, Walker W. Watson, born Wed. 3/13 in College Station. Proud parents are Matt & Christine Watson.

Lads to Leaders ALL Practice Today.

High School Devo TONIGHT after evening services at the Roughton's home.

Building Entry Doors are locked 10 min. after services begin. The southeast door by the office will be the only entry point for late arrivals.

Beamon Fund - There is a Go Fund Me account set up and an account where donations may be made at Community National. If you prefer to donate through Westhill, please give your donations directly to the office or to an elder.

Westhill- In times of happiness and sorrow, the love, hugs, words of encouragement, words of sorrow, calls, cards, & food prepared for all the family from Christian family means so much. Thank you to all for the love shown to me and all the family and the honor you gave to Don.

-Shirley Bowen & Family

Birthdays This Week

March 17 - Seth Haden

March 18 - Brian Hand

March 20 - Ruth Kline

March 21 - Colby Watson

March 22 - Beverly Abercrombie & Kari Newman

Next Week:

Bible Class *The Life of the Apostle Paul*

AM Sermon *We Are NOT Divided*

PM Sermon *"I Am" Sermons for L2L*

Records for March 10, 2019

Bible Class	181
AM Worship.....	250
PM Worship.....	145
Wednesday.....	157
Contribution	\$9,189.75

Military: Samantha Armstrong, Clay Bayes, Blake Barrett, David Dilbeck, Robert Johnson, & Ryan Stewart

Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader	Justin Williams
AM Opening Prayer	David Shastid
AM Communion Leader	Brent Stewart
Communion Servers	
Jose Sosa Jr.	Casey Hendrix
Dale Hill	Tyler Baumgartner
Robby Thomas	Justin Williams
Billy Roughton	Percell Milton
Darwin Thomas	Darrell Olsen
Rusty Owens	Greg Olsen
David Shastid	
AM Scripture Reading	Don Ivy
AM Closing Prayer	Dan Gibson
AM Nursery	Debbie Wylie & Nancy Sloan
PM Song Leader	Justin Mahoney
PM Opening Prayer	Dan Gibson
PM Closing Prayer	Paul Slaughter
Wed. Song Leader	Tyler Baumgartner
Wed. Invitation	Don Ivy
Weekly Safety Team	Wade Braly & Mike Wylie
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March Contact Elder	Paul Slaughter