

March 22, 2026

West Hill

Church of Christ

All In

God Is Not a "Heavenly Riddler"

By Dan Jenkins

Focus 2026

Sometimes I stand in awe of how clearly and simply God reveals truth to us and how often we fail to see it. God loves us so much that He gave His Son to save us, and He is not trying to make the path to heaven hidden in some mystical way. He gives us deep, profound truth about so many things, but He reveals the truth about salvation in words that everyman can understand it.

How could Adam and Eve not understand what God wanted them to do to maintain the amazing relationship with Him inside the Garden of Eden? He told them that they could eat of every tree in that garden except one. The consequences of not doing what He said would be death. He did not hide truth from them. It was so plainly stated.

The same is true of His instructions to Noah. He described the ark, giving simple truths about its material, its dimensions, its interior design and the specific number and nature of the animals to be taken into the ark. He is not trying to hide truth, but to reveal it.

If you had been Abraham, would you have been able to understand God when He told him to offer his son as a sacrifice? Take your son, Isaac, to a specific mountain and there burn him as an offering. There may be thoughts we have about this when we first hear the story, but never overlook the fact that God gave simple commands to reveal to Abraham words so simple that even a child can understand them. God is not trying to trick us by hiding truth.

This most important question that we all must face was asked by the prophet Micah in his message to the Jews. "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the High God" (Mic. 6:6). He suggests possible answers which might be given. Should he bring burnt offerings like a young calf? Should he bring thousands of rams? Should he bring ten thousand rivers of oil? Should he bring his son, like Abraham did, to offer him to God as a sacrifice for his sins? His answer to these questions shows what the Jews had left out of their service to God. If you want to know God's answer, read the rest of that paragraph. God was not trying to hide the answer in a mystical, theologically perceived way. God is not a "Heavenly Riddler" who hides truth. He gives simple answers in simple words that all can understand.

God alone reveals the path to Him. Do you know what He wants you to do? Does He reveal you must believe? What about repentance? What about confessing Jesus? What about baptism? Read His simple answers in Hebrews 11:6; Acts 17:30; Romans 10:9; Acts 2:38; 22:16. What you hear on TV may not be the way. God never gave the sinner's prayer as the way!

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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MARCHing All In: Service

Selfishness Defined

- Main _____ Syndrome
- _____
- Fabricated _____ - _____

Ecclesiastes 1:9

“That which has been is that which will be, And that which has been done is that which will be done. So there is nothing new under the sun.”

1 John 2:16

“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.”

Romans 12:3

“For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you **not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think**; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.”

How does one Break themselves of Selfishness?
One thing to March Towards: _____!

Romans 12

Serve _____ – 12:1

With your _____

With your _____

Serve _____ – 12:4-13

Use what you have been _____ (4-8)

_____! Don't _____! (9)

Make your Service your _____! (10-13)

Marchando con todo: Servicio

Definición del egoísmo

- Síndrome del _____
- _____
- _____ fingida

Eclesiastés 1:9

¿Qué es lo que fue? Lo mismo que será. ¿Qué es lo que ha sido hecho? Lo mismo que se hará; y nada hay nuevo debajo del sol.

1 Juan 2:16

Porque todo lo que hay en el mundo, los deseos de la carne, los deseos de los ojos, y la vanagloria de la vida, no proviene del Padre, sino del mundo.

Romanos 12:3

“Digo, pues, por la gracia que me es dada, a cada cual que está entre vosotros, que no tenga más alto concepto de sí que el que debe tener, sino que piense de sí con cordura, conforme a la medida de fe que Dios repartió a cada uno.”

¿Cómo liberarse del egoísmo?
Un objetivo a alcanzar: ¡_____!

Romanos 12

Sirvan a _____ – 12:1

Con su _____

Con su _____

Sírvanse unos a _____ – 12:4-13

Usen lo que se les ha _____ (4-8)

¡_____! ¡No _____! (9)

¡Que el servicio sea su _____! (10-13)

March – May Adult Bible Classes

Adult Chapel Class (Sunday)

“Character Study of Abraham” – Rusty Owens

Adult Chapel Class (Wednesday)

Excellencies of Him – Justin Williams

Adult Family Room (Sunday)

“ALL IN Living” – Casey Hendrix & Greg Olsen

Adult Family Room (Wednesday)

Challenges Christians Face – Brandon Watson

College & Young Professional Class (Sunday)

Big Concepts...Small Steps - Brandon Watson

College & Young Professional Class (Wednesday)

Holy Living (1 Peter) – Jay Mahoney & Rusty Smith

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](http://WVBS.school.wvbs.org)

U.S. Mission Points

Tilton, NH & Mesa, AZ

Foreign Missions

Cameroon Preacher Training
India Preacher Training

Prayer Needs:

Kate Dancer – recovering from brain shunt in Methodist Hospital in Dallas.

Barbara Gould – recovering from knee surgery.

Will Hill (Barbara Gould's grandson-in-law) – experiencing severe complications from Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

Greg Newman (Paul & Becky Newman's nephew) – in ICU in Waxahachie with serious health issues.

Don Ewing – Undergoing cancer treatment.

Martha Dowdle – Undergoing cancer treatment.

Mike Wylie – underongoing cancer treatment.

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, Judi Olsen, Jim Milam, David Mahoney, Myrna Haufe, Robin Gaines, & Glyn Phillips

This Week's Birthdays

March 22 - Beverly Abercrombie & Kari Newman

March 24 - Tyler Baumgartner

March 26 - Kallahan Olsen

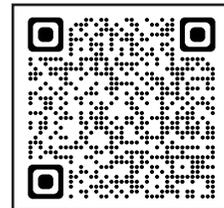
March 27 - Brian Beamon

Records for March 15, 2026

AM Worship..... 219
 Contribution \$9,465

Visitor Form

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



Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader

Jay Mahoney

AM Opening Prayer

Paul Ross

Scripture Reading

Carson Barham

Communion Leader

Paul Stewart

Communion Servers

Caleb Jackson

Larry Rowden

Robby Thomas

Eli Haden

Mike Wylie

Joel Haden

Listan Ellis

Grayson Baumgartner

David Shastid

Matt Zaayer

AM Closing Prayer

Casey Hendrix

PM Song Leader

Jeremiah Parrish

PM Opening Prayer

Listan Ellis

PM Devo

Jay Mahoney

PM Closing Prayer

David Shastid

Wed. Song Leader

Matt Newman

Wed. Invitation

Rusty Smith

Mar. Worship Coord.

J. Mahoney / David Baum.

Mar. Elder of Month

Rusty Owens

Announcements:

Adult Classes – New Quarter (see pg 3)

Spring Closet Clean-Out – Cleaning out your closets? Bring gently used clothing to the Outreach Center on Saturday, Mar. 21, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon. You may exchange clothes, or donate them to the Eastside Church of Christ clothing room. Questions? **Melissa Hoehn or Sandy Zaayer.**

Young at Heart Classes — Tues morning @ 10:30

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

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