

March 24, 2019

Westhill church of Christ

Growth By Involvement
2019 Theme

Reconciliation with God

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The weeping prophet pleaded, "Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored!" (Lam. 5:21). In a sense, the entire message of Genesis through Revelation can be summed up in the concept of restoration... Jehovah reconciling man to himself. We see God's plea with us in the inspired pen of Paul when he wrote his second letter to Corinth: "Therefore, we are

ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20). His love for us is so great, his compassion so deep, his kindness so beyond comparison, that he was willing to give his only begotten Son for our redemption (John 3:16; 1 John 3:16).

Our Father is the source of "every good gift and every perfect gift" (James 1:17). His love for man is so far-reaching that he sends blessings every day even upon those of us who reject him and do not even try to follow his ways (Matt. 5:44-48), which in the end will be the majority of his creation (Matt. 7:13-14). The plate of food for which the atheist refuses to give thanks to a God he refuses to acknowledge, each breath of air taken by Muslims who adhere to corrupted views of their Creator... all come willingly and freely from a God who loves them in spite of themselves, a God who freely offers us all the gift of salvation and eternal life which none of us deserve (Rom. 6:23; Tit. 2:11).

Yet it takes two for complete reconciliation to occur. God's hand has always been outstretched from Eden until today, and will continue to be held out for us until the day of judgment. Are we willing to take his hand and allow him to pull us back to his side? We are given the choice as to whom we will serve (Josh. 24:15). The Almighty is pleading with us to make the right choice. The apostle wrote, "Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain" (2 Cor. 6:1). God loves us with all his being, and only asks that we do the same by submitting our lives to his will (Matt. 22:37; John 14:15; Rom. 12:1-2).

How Satan tries to deceive us into thinking that we can offer God less than our all and still be restored to him... and how sad it is that he succeeds more times than not! From the beginning God's followers have often wrestled with the sin of giving him lukewarm, mediocre service (Rev. 3:14-22; Mal. 1:6-9). We love the idea of God saving us from our sins by his grace... and yet we also love to follow our own desires instead of his! This leads us to believe Satan's lie that we are still reconciled to God even if we unrepentantly and rebelliously usurp his authority and turn away from his commandments (Rom. 6:1-2; Heb. 10:26-31; 2 Pet. 2:20-22).

Friends, our Father in heaven has done and continues to do more than enough to bring us back to him. His hand is outstretched. We must take hold of it by giving to him what is rightfully his... our lives, our service, our obedience.

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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**Is Evangelism for You?
Growth By Involvement**

We might be staying away from _____...but are we also staying away from _____?

Isn't Evangelism a _____?

Isn't Evangelism an _____?

What does Evangelism Require?

1. Evangelism Requires a Willingness to Seek

2. Evangelism Requires a Willingness to Seek

3. Evangelism Requires a Willingness to Seek

**The God of Punishment & Second Chances
The Leader of Second Chances & Punishment**

Exodus 32-40

Remember the Idolatry

The God of Punishment

The Leader of Second Chances

The God of Second Chances

The Leader of Punishment

Observations:

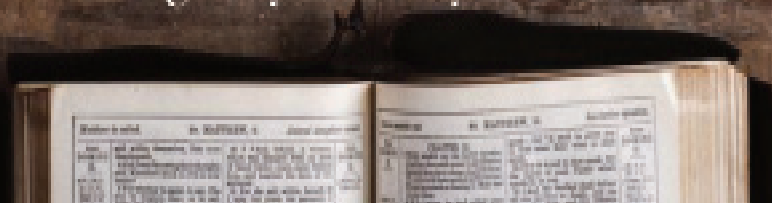
- I can love the _____
- We must _____ against _____
- Everyone is _____ for their own _____
- God loves the _____

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



WesthillWORKS!

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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Tim Cooke - 903.641.5515 (Seniors)

Staff

Jay Mahoney - 903.467.9093 (Office)

Prayer List

Buck Murphy & his wife both have complicated surgeries scheduled soon and need our prayers.

Faith Beamon is still recovering well and has been approved to return to Our Children's Home for another two weeks for treatment.

Carolyn Milton's brother, Harold Brown, has Myeloma Cancer and the chemo is no longer working. Please be in prayer that he will be receptive to a new drug that he will be taking.

Marco Colato's mother is currently in the hospital with some health issues.

Our Continued prayers are with the **Willie Wilmore family** and our brethren at Eastside during their time of loss.

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

Announcements

Lads to Leaders ALL Practices Today.

Family Devo tonight after PM Services in the Outreach Center. This is for ALL kids and their parents/guardians. For dinner we will have a Sandwich Supper. This will be potluck style, so please bring sandwiches, chips, and a dessert that will feed your family and some to share. Water, Tea, and Lemonade will be provided.

Men's Retreat this weekend in Quinlan, TX. Men sign-up, the cost is free!

Next week for 5th Sunday: Myron Bruce from Tyler, TX will present us with a "**Singing with the Spirit**" Class for AM Bible Classes 6th grade and up. After potluck at 1pm he will present a second class for everyone. Men & young men are encouraged to stick around afterward for additional song leading training.

A representative from **Cherokee Children's Home** will be at Westhill, **Sun. 4/14** to speak to the adult & high school bible classes. All these classes will meet in the auditorium.

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.

Birthdays This Week

March 24 - Tyler Baumgartner

March 27 - Brian Beamon

March 29 - Tatum Briggs & Thomas Saunders

March 30 - Miranda Orozco

Next Week: 5th Sunday

Bible Class *Singing with the Spirit - Myron Bruce*

AM Sermon *The Purpose of Singing*

PM Sermon *1 pm Singing Seminar*

Records for March 17, 2019

Bible Class	188
AM Worship.....	300
PM Worship.....	160
Wednesday.....	173
Contribution	\$7,560.90

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

Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader	Brandon Watson
AM Opening Prayer	Micah Haden
AM Communion Leader	Frizzell Henry
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	Jose Sosa

AM Nursery

PM Song Leader	Paul Ross
PM Opening Prayer	Paul Stewart
PM Closing Prayer	Zach Drain

Wed. Song Leader	Matt Newman
Wed. Invitation	Paul Stewart

Weekly Safety Team	Tony Saulus & Mark Watson
March Worship Coord.	Scott Barham & Joshua Haden
March Contact Elder	Paul Slaughter