

July 5, 2026

West Hill

Church of Christ

All In

The Good, the Bad, the Ugly in the Church...

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Focus 2026

The expression “The good, the bad, the ugly” is widely used in our culture. It originated from a movie by this title released in 1966. There were three characters starring in it with each having one of the distinct personality traits found in the title. Over the next few weeks, we will use this approach to look at churches in the first century.

Ephesus: the good. It was established by Paul on his third missionary journey and became the center of the evangelizing of the Roman province of Asia.

Paul preached in this city longer than in any other place he lived and during that time all of Asia heard the gospel (Acts 19:10). Later Timothy came to the city to continue the work as it grew. In the book of Acts, we read Paul’s conversation with the elders of this great church. There is so much good in those early years of this congregation.

In the book of Revelation, more good can be found, when John writes to them from the island of Patmos. Paul had told those elders that after he left false teachers, some from within the congregation and others from without, would enter the church to destroy it. When John writes to them, it was obvious how seriously that eldership had taken Paul’s words. There were some who were claiming they were apostles, and the elders and the church realized this and did not allow these false teachers to harm the church. John said that their labors to stand for the truth in this way continued and they had not become weary in doing this (Rev. 2:3). Then there were other false teachers who brought in the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, and both the church and the Lord hated this doctrine (2:6).

Ephesus: the bad. Things were not all good in this church because a serious problem had developed. It is a problem that often develops in both preachers and churches. Their focus had been so centered on dealing with error that the love they once had for the Lord was not what it once was. John said they had left their first love, but this does not mean they had turned against Jesus who they loved. Leaving your first love simply means that they had forgotten how much they loved Jesus at first. That had greatly diminished.

Ephesus: the ugly. How serious is that when it happens to a church? The answer to this is the “ugly” of this church. Tongues minus love, prophecies minus love and knowledge minus love are often just noise like a clanging cymbal (1 Cor. 13). So is standing for the truth minus taking seriously what Jesus said lay in this church’s future: “I will come and remove your candlestick” (3:5). Keeping this love will lead to eating from the tree of life. Another church next week.

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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Is Anything too DIFFICULT for the Lord?
Genesis 18

The Lord is going to ask a question, and in the way He asks, we know the answer: _____

But we like to throw _____ up...

T_____

1. _____ is not too difficult for the Lord

- Genesis 12:1-4 – He is _____ year old
- Genesis 12:7 – _____ Promised
- Genesis 17:1 – _____ years has elapsed
- Us: 2 Peter 3 – God has proven to be _____ for us

M_____

2. Our own _____ are not too difficult for the Lord

- Genesis 12:10-13 – Not fully _____
- Genesis 12:16 – Paid _____ for it
- Genesis 16:1-4 – Use one of slaves to “_____ God”
- Hebrews 6:4-6 – Impossible? “_____ as they are doing”
- Revelation 2:19-22 – She had the ability to _____ it

D_____

3. Our _____ is not too difficult for the Lord

- Genesis 17:15-18; 18:9-10 – Two _____
- Mark 9:14-27 – There will be times of _____
 - Are we willing to _____ through it?
_____ God through it?

Is anything too DIFFICULT for the Lord?
Genesis 21:1-7

¿Hay algo demasiado DIFÍCIL para el Señor?
Génesis 18

El Señor va a hacer una pregunta, y por la forma en que la hace, sabemos la respuesta: NO

Pero a nosotros nos gusta poner _____...

T_____

1. El _____ no es demasiado difícil para el Señor

- Génesis 12:1-4 – Tiene _____ años
- Génesis 12:7 – Se prometen _____
- Génesis 17:1 – Han transcurrido _____ años
- Nosotros: 2 Pedro 3 – Dios ha demostrado ser _____ con nosotros

E_____

2. Nuestros propios _____ no son demasiado difíciles para el Señor

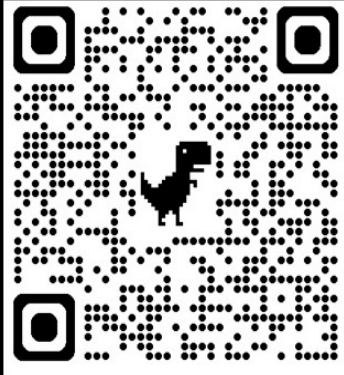
- Génesis 12:10-13 – No fue completamente _____
- Génesis 12:16 – Fue recompensado _____ por ello
- Génesis 16:1-4 – Usa a una de sus esclavas para “_____ a Dios”
- Hebreos 6:4-6 – ¿Imposible? “_____ de nuevo mientras así lo hacen”
- Apocalipsis 2:19-22 – Ella tenía la posibilidad de _____

I_____

3. Nuestra _____ no es demasiado difícil para el Señor

- Génesis 17:15-18; 18:9-10 – Dos _____
- Marcos 9:14-27 – Habrá momentos de _____
 - ¿Estamos dispuestos a perseverar en _____? ¿A _____ a Dios en medio de ella?

¿Hay algo demasiado DIFÍCIL para el Señor?
Génesis 21:1-7

Leadership Initiatives

Registration is Due Today!

Girls Leadership Initiative – July 15-17

Guys Leadership Initiative – July 20-22




Deacons

David Baumgartner - 903.654.4057
 Zach Drain - 903.521.6055
 Joshua Haden - 903.602.9645
 Casey Hendrix - 817.307.2127
 Michael Jones - 430.236.2244
 Matt Newman - 972.935.5789
 Greg Olsen - 903.654.1406
 Billy Roughton - 903.654.4032
 David Shastid - 903.257.6464
 Jose Sosa - 903.872.0535
 Brent Stewart - 903.641.9052
 Mike Wylie - 214.837.3848
 Justin Williams - 903.875.8288

Shepherds

Scott Barham - 903.641.0133
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 Rusty Owens - 903.229.3650
 Paul Stewart - 903.872.3464

Ministers

Anthony Warnes - 430.775.0196 (Pulpit)
 Brandon Watson - 903.771.6359 (Family)

Staff

Jay Mahoney - 903.467.9093 (Office)

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:

Sandy Perryman continues to improve and has follow-up appointments with her doctors.

Jeremiah Parrish has returned home and continues his long road to recovery.

Baby Hank remains in the NICU and is being treated for a bacteria infection, and **Anna Hooper** continues her recovery.

Please remember the family of **Julia Jones**, cousin of Veronica Giles, following her passing. Also pray for their niece, **Ashley Lyons**, who is recovering from surgery complications and being treated for a blood clot in her lungs.

Kenneth Southard recently fell and suffered five broken ribs. He is currently hospitalized in Waxahachie.

Jim Milam has started rehab at Clear Sky Rehab in Rockwall, TX over the next 10-14 days.

Continue to remember: Bronny & Ruth Watson, Dan & Rita Dominy, Eula Henry, Louie & Patty Williams, Nick Tooley, Bill & Beverly Abercrombie, Judi Olsen, Myrna Haufe, Royce Smith, Loyd Ander, Larry Rowden, Tiffany Smith, Cooper Olsen, Levi Haden, Cohen Drain, David Mahoney, & Robby Thomas

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

Records for June 29, 2026

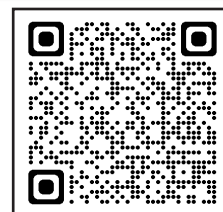
AM Worship..... 204
Contribution \$8,472

This Week's Birthdays

July 2 - Carolyn Milton
July 5 - Tanya Rowden
July 7 - Cash Hendrix
July 13 - Sawyer Watson

Visitor Form

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



Privileged to Serve

Announcements:

SYS (Summer Youth Series) will be Tues., July 7, in Waxahachie for all 6th–12th grade students and their families. The van will leave Westhill at 6:15pm and return around 9:15pm.

Wed. Night Summer Series — All adults, Jr. High, and High School students will meet in the auditorium. Classes will be provided for 5th grade and under.

Girl's Leadership Int. — July 15–17
Registration Due ASAP

Guy's Leadership Int. — July 20–22
Registration Due ASAP

Young at Heart Classes — Tues. morning @ 10:30am

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

Dear Westhill Family, How thankful we are for the prayers you sent up on our behalf during Covid and pneumonia. "We give thanks to God always for all of you."
- Love, **Paul & Jeanie Slaughter**

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

Scott Barham
Rick Newton
Thomas Helms
Matthew Zaayer
Justin Williams

Tyler Baumgartner
Ronnie Giles
Colton Gowan
Cash Hendrix

Colton Nicholson
Mike Wylie
Paul Wells
Listan Ellis
Cash Hendrix

AM Closing Prayer

Greg Olsen

PM Song Leader
PM Opening Prayer
PM Devo
PM Closing Prayer

Jay Mahoney
Billy Roughton
Joshua Haden
Jose Sosa

Wed. Song Leader
Wed. Invitation

Eli Haden
Garrett Sawyers

Jul. Worship Coord.
Jul. Elder of Month

Casey Hendrix / Billy Roughton
Rusty Owens