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West Hill

Church of Christ

Walk and Work Together in the Light

The Psalms Show Us the Way

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The book of Psalms allows us to see deep into the heart and soul of the man whose heart mirrored the heart of God. The words of these psalms and the depth of the spirituality behind them should become the words of our hearts. Early in this book, David said, “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer” (Psalm 19:14). These words are followed by more than a hundred psalms where we see the words of David and look into his heart. When we read and meditate on these words from his mouth, they allow us to see his heart and then our hearts can become like the heart of God.

Almost every emotion of our hearts can be found in the psalms as we meditate on them. There are psalms written when David was so filled with despair that he was about to turn from God (Psalm 73), and there are those where David was filled with exaltation of the grandeur of being in God’s presence. Our emotions differ from day to day, and since almost all emotions are found in the psalms, there are psalms that fit each period of our lives.

To see this illustrated, take a moment to look at Psalm 63. David was dealing with those who were seeking to destroy him (v. 9), but instead of looking at them he looks toward God. The greatness of God is so far greater than what others were doing, and David fully saw this.

He recognized that God was supreme, and God was personally concerned about him. “O God, You are my God” (v. 1). His soul and his body began early each day by praising God. He looked at God and saw his power and glory (v. 2). Every day David spent seeing His greatness—he blessed his name and lifted up his hands toward heaven (v. 4).

Though there were those who sought to destroy him, David ended each day mindful that God would help him. “I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches” (v. 6). He never forgot that God had helped him in the past and he had lived “...in the shadow of Your wings” (v. 7).

Note carefully his words, “My soul follows close behind you” (v. 8). God was His guide who led him in paths of righteousness, but David did not follow him from a great distance. He was a close follower of Him whose right hand upheld him. He knew that ultimately he would triumph over his enemies (v. 10). He praised God with his lips (v. 3) and his mouth praised God with joyful lips (v. 5).

Should not we say to God, “Let the words of OUR mouth and the meditation of OUR hearts be acceptable in your sight”? David has shown us how to do this!

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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**If I Love You, I will Encourage You
Treating Each Other in a Worthy Manner –
Part 3**

As Jesus was participating in the Passover the night
before He was to die...

He _____ His Disciples
He _____ and _____ His Disciples

**Today, we will see how He also
_____ His Disciples**

1. He Showed _____ – 13:31

**2. He Showed that He would _____ –
13:37 – 14:3**

3. He Showed the Ability to _____ – 14:16f

**4. He Showed that He would _____ with
them – 16:16, 20-22**

How can we Encourage others?

Remember to live in _____ ourselves

Remember to _____

Remember _____ and _____ Matter

Remember to Look for Opportunity to _____

**Si te amo, te animaré
Tratándonos con dignidad – Parte 3**

Mientras Jesús participaba en la Pascua la noche
antes de morir...

_____ a sus discípulos
_____ y _____ a sus discípulos

**Hoy veremos cómo también _____ a sus
discípulos.**

1. Mostró _____ – 13:31

2. Demostró que _____ – 13:37 – 14:3

3. Demostró capacidad para _____ – 14:16s

**4. Demostró que se _____ con ellos
– 16:16, 20-22**

¿Cómo podemos animar a otros?

Recuerde vivir en _____

Recuerde _____

Recuerde que el _____ y el _____
importan

Recuerde buscar oportunidades para _____

Planting in the Desert

A monthly newsletter from the Austin family

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Westhill church of Christ
& many generous individuals*

Hoping and praying you and your family are doing well. Excited to share a couple of people who obeyed the gospel this month. First was Donovan. He first started worshipping with us 5 years ago when he lived at a sober living facility close to the building. He would come sporadically and then about a year ago, he became as regular as his work schedule allowed. We had studied baptism multiple times, but he was unwilling to commit. Finally, one Saturday night, he called me out of the blue, saying he needed to obey the gospel. Jason, one of the other new Christians, went with me across town and I had him immerse Donovan. It was a great night.



Thomas, Ian's brother-in-law was also buried into Christ when I was out of town on a support trip. He has some special needs, but has been attending with his mom and after studying, made the decision to follow Jesus - rejoicing with him!! Madison was the third soul who obeyed the gospel. Maddy has worshipped with us at Salt River for over three years. She attended church camp in Prescott and after several hours of studying, she desired to be clothed with Christ. Please keep these three precious souls in your prayers.

Madison was one of 13 youth from Salt River who attended the church camp in Prescott, AZ (CBBC). We also had our daughter Alyssa & our brother Wacey work as counselors. A little over 60 kids attended from all around Arizona. I heard it was a blessed week! Five of our 13 kids had never been to a church camp and were not really familiar with church in general. They loved it and were excited to start coming to worship with their uncle Ian and his family.



June is always a big month to recruit and prepare for "Rez Camp." The Lord blessed us with 43 men, women, and children who all took the challenge of camping in the remote wilderness around Fluted Rock, AZ – thankful Josiah & Aaliyah (& cousin Jada) could make it this year! There was a lot of hard work and sacrifices to make this the success it was, but it really was a blessing for all who attended. A total of 150 came for one of the largest camps ever. Members from

Ft. Defiance, Kayenta, Many Farms, and Crown Point participated, as well as Colorado, TN, and TX. A big thanks to Concord Rd for providing our yearly teachers/servants and to the Bear Valley church for providing our cooks/servants this year.

Prayer Needs:

Percell Milton: Medication is being changed to treat pneumonia and an enlarged heart.

Cam Haden: Improving and receiving medication for a corneal ulcer.

Martha Dowdle: Resumed radiation and chemo treatments for her lungs.

Patty Williams: Having hernia surgery on 8/20.

Mike Wylie: Diagnosed with prostate cancer; meeting with his doctor to discuss treatment options.

Myrna Haufe: Recovering from hip surgery at Twilight Home.

Becky Newman: Undergoing medical tests.

Kenneth Farmer (Becky's father): Recovering from congestive heart failure.

Naomi Martinez (Sam Ramirez's sister): Having exploratory bladder surgery in two weeks.

Alan Stewart (Buck Murphy's brother): Improving but needs continued prayers.

Continue to remember: Bronny & Ruth Watson, Dan & Rita Dominy, Eula Henry, John Braly, Louie & Patty Williams, Nick Tooley, Becky Loosier, Barbara Gould, Carolyn Bennet, Steve Nicholson, Bill & Beverly Abercrombie, Faith Beamon

Announcements:

We are very excited that **Judy Smith** has decided to place her workmanship with our Westhill Family!

Wed Night Focus Group - 8/6

Flood Relief Donations need to be in by Wed. 8/13.

Ladies Day - Save the Date: 9/20

English Second Language Classes (ESL) - 3rd & 4th Wed. Nights of each month @6:30pm.

Hispanic Bible Classes Sun & Wed. Night.

Young at Heart Class meets on Tuesdays @ 10:30am.

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

Westhill - Thank you all for the prayers, calls, texts, and visits throughout the long months I was sick. The meals were yummy and a real life savor! I'm trying to get my health back and appreciate the prayers as you continue to encourage me. God is so good! He blesses me with the most loving church family. I've

been a member of this special church family for 55 years, and I love you all! - **Barbara Gould**

Thank you, thank you to Brandon & the youth group for the great job done at my home. God bless you all for the love shown to me that day. With all my love, **Dianne Compton**

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

This Week's Birthdays

August 3 -Charlette Stewart

August 4 - Amy Haden

August 6 - David Shastid

August 7 - Claire Barham, Rita Dominy, & Jose Sosa Jr.

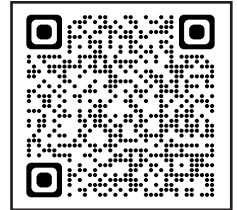
Records for July 27, 2025

AM Worship..... 220

Contribution\$9,314

Visitor Form

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



Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader

Joshua Haden

AM Opening Prayer

Dan Gibson

Scripture Reading

Ronnie Giles

Communion Leader

Jay Mahoney

Communion Servers

Carson Barham

Clay Jackson

Listan Ellis

Dillan Parrish

Isaac Haden

Ti Saulus

Joel Haden

Paul Wells

Micah Haden

Matt Zaayer

AM Closing Prayer

Jim Haden

PM Song Leader

Joshua Haden

PM Opening Prayer

Owen Warnes

PM Devo

Anthony Warnes

PM Closing Prayer

Colton Gowan

Wed. Song Leader

Jaxsen Mahoney

Wed. Invitation

Colton Stewart

Aug Worship Coord.

Michael Jones / Billy Roughton

Aug Elder of Month

Percell Milton