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# WESTHILL

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### 1 THESSALONIANS 3:8

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Sunday 9:30a, 10:30a, 6:00p

Tuesday 10:30a

Wednesday 6:30p

Wednesday Benevolence 8:30a

August 5, 2018

## Checking the Obituaries

Doug Dingley

We've all heard the jokes and comments – maybe even made a few of them ourselves. “The first thing I do when I wake up in the morning is to check the obituaries. As long as I'm not listed, I know it's going to be a good day,” or, “Any day above ground is a good one,” or some other, similar comment which is often heard to emanate from the lips of a Christian. But is such really the case? Do we as Christians truly believe that a day spent within the reach of sin, evil, sickness, death, and the devil, is ultimately better than one spent with and amongst the saints in paradise (Lk. 16:22-25); or even face to face with, and around the throne of the God who promised to wipe away every tear from our eyes in a place where death, sorrow, pain and crying have ceased to exist (Revelation 21:4)? The apostle Paul certainly didn't think so (Philippians 1:21-23).

You see, the fact is that none of us ever know exactly when that final day is going to arrive in which we won't wake up to experience another. We never know when the doctor is going to deliver the devastating news that, “There's nothing we can do,” or, when some totally unexpected and instantaneous death stroke may suddenly strike us during some earthly accident we never saw coming. And so, what each new day actually is, is another God-given and grace-laden chance to better prepare for our last day here, and the inescapable meeting with the Lord God almighty which we all – young and old, rich and poor, healthy and sick – will eventually, inevitably, and individually then be forced to face. What each new day is, is a divine gift and loving investment in you and your eternity, by the grace and mercy of the Lord God almighty. It is yet another much-needed (and hopefully enough appreciated) opportunity for each of us who is blessed enough to receive one, to use it wisely by getting to know the Lord and His word better; to draw ever closer to and become ever more like Him; and to serve Him and His cause even more deeply and sacrificially than we did the day before.

Conversely, it is a complete and total waste of God's incredible investment of providing us with another day to thus prepare for the time when we won't be given another one here, to spend it totally in pursuit of those worldly things which will mean absolutely nothing to us when our final day does arrive. Someone once said something akin to: “Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow may never be. Today is a gift. That's why they call it ‘the present.’” If and whenever, you may be blessed enough by God, to be given the gift of another day from now on, don't waste it – ever (Hebrews 3:1-4:16)! It just possibly might be the last one you ever receive...

**Why We Do What We Do  
One Church**

Ephesians 4:4-6

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.”

**It is NOT about...**

**It IS about...**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**What must we do**

Do not listen to \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal 1:6-9)

Listen to \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal 1:10-12)

**Sermon on the Mount  
Final thoughts**

**Many are on the \_\_\_\_\_ path**

**Many will \_\_\_\_\_ opposite**

**Many will bear \_\_\_\_\_**

**Many will \_\_\_\_\_ things that sound \_\_\_\_\_**

I don't want to be part of the "Many"

# Wednesday Summer Series You Have **OVERCOME**

August 8 - Ken Hope  
Overcoming Pride

## FIGHT NIGHT

2018 WESTHILL YOUTH MEN'S LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

**2 TIMOTHY 4:7**

Faith with a  
**PURPOSE**  
October 7-10

The Lectures at  
**WESTHILL**

## WesthillWORKS!

### Community Outreach

Benevolence Program  
Habitat for Humanity  
Food for Fitness

### Local Missions

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

### Foreign Missions

India Preacher Training Program  
New Zealand Harvest Missions

## Leadership

### Elders

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# Prayer List

**James & Yvonne Ainsworth's son-in-law & Betty Jo's nephew**, Ricky Stepp, has started chemo.

**Sloane Slaughter** is scheduled for shoulder surgery.

**Larry Rowden's mother** is staying with him after being hospitalized with pneumonia.

**Continue to Remember:** Russell Bankes, Don Bowen, Aline Barrett, Anita Hawkins, Alston Compton, Tonya Bowen, Cyndi Fordiglione, Ricky Stepp, Leo Brooks, & Trey Billingsly

## Records for July 29, 2018

Bible Class .....	205
AM Worship.....	269
PM Worship.....	140
Wednesday.....	205
Contribution .....	\$7,440.94

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

# Announcements

**High School Family Devo** tomorrow evening at 6:30pm at Greg & Lindsay Olsen's house. Boys bring drinks and girls bring desserts.

## Boys Leadership Initiative: 8/10 - 8/11

- \* David Olmos
- \* Rusty Owens
- \* Alex Warnes
- \* Anthony Warnes

Upcoming 6th - 12th graders that plan to attend please meet in chapel for **brief meeting tonight** after service.

**Joe & Barbara Glass are celebrating 60 years of marriage!** Congratulations Joe & Barbara for your amazing life long commitment to each other in a godly marriage!

**Dear Westhill,** Thank you so much for your prayers, card, and food in the loss of my sister Marie Mayes. We are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family! **-Bill & Beverly Abercrombie**

## Birthdays This Week

- August 5 - Ellen Earles
- August 6 - David Shastid
- August 7 - Claire Barham, Rita Dominy & Jose Sosa Jr.
- August 9 - Tom Raley
- August 11 - Rick Newton

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## Privileged to Serve

<b>Song Leader</b>	David Baumgartner
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	James Horn
<b>Communion Leader</b>	Darrell Olsen
<b>Communion Servers</b>	
Jim Haden	Ken Green
Aubrey Parrish	Kyle Slaughter
Mike Wylie	Jose Sosa
Grant Eccord	Thomas Saunders
Josh Newman	Paul Stewart
Frizzell Henry	Dale Hill
Eric Olsen	
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Matt Newman
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Mark McWherter
<b>Nursery</b>	Christie Beamon & Reece Briggs
<b>PM Song Leader</b>	James Horn
<b>PM Opening Prayer</b>	Jimmy Horn
<b>PM Closing Prayer</b>	Nicholas Tooley
<b>Wed. Song Leader</b>	Nicholas Tooley
<b>Wed. Summer Series</b>	Ken Hope
<b>August Contact Elder</b>	Darwin Thomas