

August 31, 2025

West Hill

Church of Christ

Walk and Work Together in the Light

Power of Leadership

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Recently, I studied elders and deacons with a new Christian and recalled a saying from one of my college professors: “It is better to be biblically unorganized than unbiblically organized.” In other words, having no elders or deacons is preferable to having unqualified ones. Unfortunately, many churches today appoint unqualified leaders simply to have some form of leadership, unaware of the severe consequences of such actions.

In the Old Testament, the rebel king Jeroboam rose to power by opposing Solomon and his son Rehoboam. He persuaded ten tribes to follow him in response to Rehoboam’s strict policies. Although God was involved in these events (1 Kgs 11:31–32; 12:24), the sins of Jeroboam that followed were not from God. Jeroboam established two alternative worship sites at Bethel and Dan to prevent his people from traveling to Jerusalem. At each high place, he made a golden calf and appointed his own non-Levitical priests (1 Kgs 12:27–33; 2 Chr 13:8). Clearly, Jeroboam was not qualified to lead God’s people spiritually, yet one man’s influence was enough to draw many away from God.

This highlights the importance of selecting the right leaders in the church. God has provided qualifications for these men because He understands the significance of good leadership (1 Tim 3; Titus 1). However, many churches, even within our own fellowship, have abandoned these qualifications, viewing them merely as “qualities” or “suggestions.” A single popular leader, like Jeroboam, can alter the worship practices of God’s people and lead them into apostasy. If we do not hold our leaders to the standards God has set, we risk ending up with unbiblically organized churches led by unqualified men. We must trust that God has His reasons, even if His demands seem challenging or difficult to comprehend. God, who knows all things, has established these qualifications because He understands the potential consequences — He has witnessed them.

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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God's Faithfulness & Our Response

In the book of Lamentations Jerusalem is portrayed as a _____.

Lamentations is a book of poems of _____.

- They are a form of _____.
- A way to process _____.
- A way to voice _____.

The _____ (Lam. 1:1-2:18)

The _____ (Lam. 2:19)

The _____ (Lam. 3:1-20)

The _____ (Lam. 3:22-24)

- Fact: God's _____ does not run out.
- Fact: God is _____.

The _____ (Lam. 3:25-26)

The _____ (Lam. 3:40)

- Be _____!

How To Remain Faithful:

1. Acknowledge _____ Honestly (1:4-2:11)
2. Remember God's _____ (3:21-23)
3. _____ Quietly on God (3:24-26)
4. Submit to God's _____ (3:27-30)
5. Hold on to _____ (3:31-33)
6. Seek God in _____ (3:55-57)
7. _____ God's Justice (3:58-64)

The Prophet concludes the Lament in 5:19-22:

The answer lies with _____.

La fidelidad de Dios y nuestra respuesta

En el libro de Lamentaciones, Jerusalén es retratada como una _____.

Lamentaciones es un libro de poemas de _____.

- Son una forma de _____.
- Una forma de procesar _____.
- Una forma de expresar _____.

El _____ (Lam. 1:1-2:18)

El _____ (Lam. 2:19)

El _____ (Lam. 3:1-20)

El _____ (Lam. 3:22-24)

- Hecho : La _____ de Dios no se agota.

- Hecho : Dios es _____.

El _____ (Lam. 3:25-26)

El _____ (Lam. 3:40)

- Ser _____!

Cómo permanecer fiel:

1. Reconocer _____ honestamente (1:4-2:11)
2. Recuerda la _____ de Dios (3:21-23)
3. _____ En silencio, en Dios (3:24-26)
4. Someterse a la _____ de Dios (3:27-30)
5. Aférrate a _____ (3:31-33)
6. Buscad a Dios en _____ (3:55-57)
7. _____ La justicia de Dios (3:58-64)

El Profeta concluye el Lamento en 5:19-22:

La respuesta está en _____.

Food Devotional Activity

Area-wide Devo

Hosted By:

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3400 W. Hwy 22 Corsicana, TX, 75110

Sunday 09 / 07 / 25
5 - 7 p m

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Community Outreach

Addiction [Recovery](#) Counseling
Benevolence Program
Food for Fitness

Forever His

Wed. Night Focus Groups
Spanish ESL Classes

Local Missions

Apologetics Press - Jeremy Pate
Bear Valley - Wayne Jones
Cherokee Children's Home
Disaster Relief
The Jenkins Institute
Memphis School of Preaching
WVBS school.wvbs.org

U.S. Mission Points

Tilton, NH & Mesa, AZ

Foreign Missions

Cameroon Preacher Training
India Preacher Training

Prayer Needs:

Bronny Watson – Hospitalized with pneumonia.

Patty Williams – Recovering in Waxahachie Hospital from surgery.

Becky Newman – Received favorable test results.

Larry Hartsell – Moved to Heritage Oaks, rm. 101B, for rehab.

Percell Milton – Recovering well from heart surgery and has returned home.

Myrna Haufe – Recovering from hip surgery at Twilight Home rm. 309.

Naomi Martinez (Sam Ramirez's sister) – Scheduled for exploratory bladder surgery on 9/8.

Our Sympathy to:

Mary Montfort & family, including **Ericka Kinkade**, in the passing of Garland Thomas Montfort Jr. Please also remember **Rikki Crawford** & **Shane Derden** in the loss of their daughter, Presley (18).

Continue to remember: Bronny & Ruth Watson, Dan & Rita Dominy, Eula Henry, John Braly, Louie & Patty Williams, Nick Tooley, Becky Loosier, Barbara Gould, Bill & Beverly Abercrombie, Faith Beamon, Alan Stewart, Mike Wylie, & Martha Dowdle

Announcements:

5th Sunday Format — Potluck lunch after this morning service, followed by a 1 p.m. service led by our young men. No 5 p.m. service.

Jr. High Wed. Night Regroup - 9/3 from 4:30-6:30pm

Ladies Day - 9/20 - Register online or sign-up on back table

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 Tues. @ 10:30am.

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

Westhill Family - Thank you for the calls, texts, and especially your prayers during the loss of our brother. I also want to thank the Youth Group and Brandon for the wonderful sunshine bowl you gave me! It was so sweet and did bring some sunshine on our sad days. Please keep our family in your prayers.
- **Love, Charlotte & Mike Weaver**

Thank you so much for all your cards, messages, and most of all your prayers. I'm doing my homework and trying to pick the best form of treatment for my cancer. I meet again with my doctor end-October and will give him my decision then. Your concern is much appreciated! - **Mike Wylie**

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

This Week's Birthdays

August 31 - Robbie Jennings & Jaxsen Mahoney

September 1 - Millard Dowdle

September 3 - Dillan Parrish

September 4 - Mike Wylie

September 6 - Daniel Valdivia

Records for August 24, 2025

AM Worship..... 230

Contribution \$7,626

Visitor Form

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



Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader

Justin Williams

AM Opening Prayer

Paul Slaughter

Scripture Reading

Ronnie Giles

Communion Leader

Matt Newman

Communion Servers

Carson Barham

Clay Jackson

Listan Ellis

Dillan Parrish

Isaac Haden

Ti Saulus

Joel Haden

Paul Wells

Micah Haden

Jay Mahoney

AM Closing Prayer

Paul Stewart

1 PM Service.

Young Men

Wed. Song Leader

Joshua Haden

Wed. Summer Series

Brent Stewart

Aug Worship Coord.

Michael Jones / Billy Roughton

Aug Elder of Month

Percell Milton