

September 6, 2026

West Hill

Church of Christ

All In

All Good, Nothing Bad and Nothing Ugly
—Philadelphia

Focus 2026

By Dan Jenkins

The title of this series on New Testament churches is based upon the movie from years ago entitled, “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.” This approach does not fit the church in Philadelphia, for there was nothing bad or ugly known about this church. What a joy it would have been to have been part of the body of Christ in this ancient city.

The city of Philadelphia. While we can think of this city as an ancient one, this was not the way it was seen in the first century. It had been built about 150 B.C. as a center to spread the Greek language and culture in a place where it was not well known, and it accomplished its purpose. In A.D. 17, there was a great earthquake in the area, followed by many aftershocks. The emperor Tiberius helped in the restoration of the cities impacted, and the citizens of Philadelphia renamed the city Neo-caesarea—The New City of Caesar. There was also a large Jewish population which opposed the church as it served the Lord. The Jews thought they were God’s chosen people, but the church knew better.

The church in Philadelphia, faithful in the midst of adversity. As the Lord does in each of the letters to the seven churches, He reminds them that He knows their works. In spite of the opposition, they had persevered, keeping His word and not denying Him. The Lord saw their faithfulness and promised them that their faith would lead to great blessings.

The church in Philadelphia with an open door of opportunity. Those aftershocks from the earthquake created an air of uncertainty. Many were so fearful that they would not stay in their house which might be destroyed and were constantly leaving their homes with every aftershock. The Lord told the church that He was about to open a door before them that would remain open and provide for the growth of the church.

The early church used the idea of an open door for evangelism (see 1 Cor. 16:9; 2 Cor. 2:12; Col. 4:3; Acts 14:27). This church was promised that the Jews would come to realize that the church was now the true Israel of God and that, with the destruction of the city of Jerusalem in A.D. 70, there was a New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven, and they were its pillars inscribed with a new name, the name of God! The Jews thought they were His chosen one, but when the worst tribulation came against Jerusalem and that holy city with its holy temple ceased to exist, the situation totally changed. It was the church which became His temple and His name was given to all men of every nation.

Think again of what a blessing it would have been to be part of the church in Philadelphia with its open door!

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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Powerful Philadelphia

Scripture Reading: Isa. 22:20-22

Text of Study: Revelation 3:7-13

- Philadelphia = _____

Jesus reminds the church who is speaking:

- “He who is _____”
- “He who is _____”
- “He who has the key of _____”
 - Reference: Isa. 22:22

Four Things Christ Gives the Church of Philadelphia:

1. Christ gives _____ (v.8)
 - a. Opportunity = “Open _____”
 - i. God _____ do a _____ with a _____:
 1. 1 Kgs 17:8-16; John 6
 - ii. Philadelphia has:
 1. Kept My _____
 2. Not Denied My _____
2. Christ Gives _____ & _____ (v.9)
 - a. All will acknowledge _____ (Rom. 14:11; Phil. 2:9-11)
 - b. God will _____ us (Ps. 46:1)
3. Christ Gives _____ (v.11)
 - a. “Hold Fast” = _____
 - i. _____ Trap
4. Christ Gives _____ (v.12)
 - a. A _____ in the temple.
 - b. Given a new _____.
 - c. _____

Invitation:

“He who has an ear, let him hear” (v.13)

- This is a call to _____.

“Am I _____ Christ the way the _____ at Philadelphia did?”

Poderosa Filadelfia

Lectura bíblica: Isaías 22:20-22

Texto de estudio: Apocalipsis 3:7-13

- Filadelfia = _____

Jesús le recuerda a la iglesia quién está hablando:

- “El que es _____”
- “El que es _____”
- “El que tenga la llave de _____”
 - Referencia: Isaías 22:22

Cuatro cosas que Cristo le da a la Iglesia de Filadelfia:

1. Cristo da _____ (v.8)
 - a. Oportunidad = “Abierto _____”
 - i. Dios _____ haga un _____ con un _____:
 1. 1 Reyes 17:8-16; Juan 6
 - ii. Filadelfia tiene:
 1. Mantuve mi _____
 2. No me negaron mi _____
2. Cristo da _____ y _____ (v.9)
 - a. Todos reconocerán _____ (Rom. 14:11; Fil. 2:9-11)
 - b. Dios nos _____ (Salmo 46:1)
3. Cristo da _____ (v.11)
 - a. “Mantente firme” = _____
 - i. _____ Trampa
4. Cristo da _____ (v.12)
 - a. Un _____ en el templo.
 - b. Dado un nuevo _____.
 - c. _____

Invitación:

“El que tenga oídos, que oiga” (v. 13)

- Esta es una llamada a _____.

“¿Estoy _____ Cristo de la misma manera que lo hicieron los _____ en Filadelfia?”

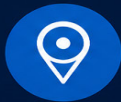
Areawide DEVOTIONAL



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5-7pm



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Dinner
provided



For grades
6th-12th



SCAQR TO REGISTER



Choosing Peace
WOMEN OF WESTHILL
W.O.W LADIES' DAY
SPEAKER: LORI BOYD | September 12, 2026

8:30 A.M. | Registration & light breakfast

Lunch provided

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Deacons

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Greg Olsen - 903.654.1406
Billy Roughton - 903.654.4032
David Shastid - 903.257.6464
Jose Sosa - 903.872.0535
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Justin Williams - 903.875.8288

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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

U.S. Mission Points

Tilton, NH & Mesa, AZ

Foreign Missions

Cameroon Preacher Training
India Preacher Training
Philippines Missions & Med. Evang.

Prayer Needs:

Nancy Sloan – Having health issues.

Don Ewing – Undergoing cancer treatment.

Sandy Perryman – Awaiting medical test results.

Robbin Gaines – Recovering from cataract and eye stent surgery.

Jim Milam – moved to Heritage Oaks for rehab.

Paula Spillyards – Daughter of Paul Ross and member of Whitehouse Church; recovering from cataract surgery.

Green Family – Prayers for continued recovery for Ken and children Chris & Teresa following recent surgeries.

Bob Quinn – Former Westhill member; passed away recently. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Continue to remember: Bronny & Ruth Watson, Dan & Rita Dominy, Eula Henry, Louie & Patty Williams, Nick Tooley, Bill & Beverly Abercrombie, Loyd Ander, Tiffany Smith, Cohen Drain, David Mahoney, Myrna Haufe, Aubrey Parrish, Faith Beamon, Baby Hank, Jeremiah Parrish, Becky Simpson, Kenneth Southard, Sharon Mahoney, Larry Green, & Steve Phillips

Staffed nursery available for babies up to 2 yr old.

Nursery Attendant this week:

Sun. Safety: Jay Harbin & Larry Rowden

Wed. Safety: Luke Baumgartner & Terry Hoehn

Records for August 30, 2026

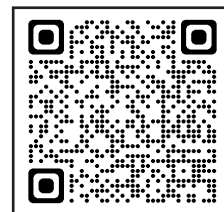
AM Worship..... 216

Contribution \$7,386

This Week's Birthdays

Visitor Form

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



Announcements:

New Babies: Congratulations to Austin & Ashley Roughton on the birth of **Chloe Patricia**! We also rejoice with the Austin & Jourdan Begnaud family on the arrival of **Wesley Jordan**, born at 34 weeks. Please continue praying for both families.

Burnett Baby Shower – Today @ 3pm in Parlor.

Youth Area-Wide Devo – Tonight @ 5pm at Westhill.

2026 Ladies Day – Sat. Sept. 12. Reg. is available online.

Westhill Lectureship – Save the dates Oct. 11-14

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

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

New Mission Work – Westhill is pleased to support Philippines Missions & Medical Evangelism, led by Michael and Debra Stock. We are thankful for the opportunity to support this growing work. — **Westhill Elders**

Westhill Family – Thank you so much for the many calls, texts, and visits over the past couple of weeks. Your love, prayers, and support during the passing of my dad are much appreciated. Love, **The Nelson Family**

Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader

AM Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Communion Leader

Communion Servers

Rick Newton

Cameron Haden

Dylan Nors

Greg Olsen

Ronnie Giles

Jay Mahoney

Jose Sosa

Larry Rowden

Colton Nicholson

Matt Newman

Frizzell Henry

Colton Nicholson

Carson Barham

Rusty Owens

AM Closing Prayer

Josh Newman

PM Song Leader

PM Opening Prayer

PM Devo

PM Closing Prayer

Brandon Watson

Ben Baumgartner

Anthony Warnes

David Shastid

Wed. Song Leader

Wed. Devo

Listan Ellis

Brandon Watson

Sept. Worship Coord.

Sept. Elder of Month

J. Haden / D. Shastid

Scott Barham