

September 7, 2025

West Hill

Church of Christ

Walk and Work Together in the Light

Peace, But At What Cost?

FOCUS 2025

by Steve Higginbotham

The psalmist once penned, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity” (Psalm 133:1).

And of course, he’s right, peace is pleasant, and unity is desirable. But, while I value the concept of peace, I wonder if its virtue has been pushed beyond its limits? Is peace desirable at any cost? Is unity to be preferred above truth?

I do not believe that one should disturb peace and unity over things that don’t really matter. But what about those things that do matter? Should our desire for peace and unity override our desire for truth?

No right-minded person enjoys conflict. No one wants to say difficult things. And no one wants to take a stand that will cause him/her to be branded as a “trouble-maker.” Yet, virtue demands that we must! God calls us to rebuke immorality (Ephesians 5:11), to be morally courageous (2 Peter 1:5), and to be a light to those who are in darkness (Romans 2:19).

I believe our culture has overemphasized peace and unity to the point that a person who would dare disturb the peace is considered uncivil.

What the church needs today is a healthy dose of “Christian virtue,” not “timid civility.” We need to unhesitatingly speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). We need to stop trying to flirt with the world, for we are already spoken for and are the bride of Christ (Romans 7:1-4; Ephesians 5:22-33). Friends, don’t let the world silence you. Don’t let ridicule and name-calling keep you from speaking up for the Lord.

Understand this: the world lives by different rules, different standards, and it has different goals. For those reasons, the truth will always be viewed with contempt, along with its messengers. Therefore, the world, as a whole, will never accept the truth of God’s word. However, there are people in the world, right now, who are receptive to the truth and would escape the shackles of the world if they only knew how. That’s where we come in. That’s why we cannot allow persecution to silence us.

Instead of trying to make peace with the world, maybe we should be more focused upon making peace with God (Romans 5:1).

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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Walk as Children of Light
Ephesians 5:8

Genesis 1:1-4

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

Ephesians 5:8

for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

1. Light is _____

- Unfruitful Deeds of Darkness (5:11)
 - _____ (3, 5)
 - _____ (3, 5)
 - _____ (3, 5)
 - _____ (5)
 - _____ (4)
 - _____ (4)
 - _____ (4)
- Contrast that with the Fruit of the Light (5:9)
 - _____ (9)
 - _____ (9)
 - _____ (9)
 - We are trying to _____
what is _____ to the Lord!
(10)

2. Light _____ (5:10-11)

3. Light is _____ (5:7)

- Do not be _____ with them
- Others will _____ that you are Children of Light (_____)

Anden como hijos de luz
Efesios 5:8

Génesis 1:1-4

En el principio creó Dios los cielos y la tierra. Y la tierra estaba desordenada y vacía, y las tinieblas estaban sobre la faz del abismo, y el Espíritu de Dios se movía sobre la faz de las aguas. Y dijo Dios: Sea la luz; y fue la luz. Y vio Dios que la luz era buena; y separó Dios la luz de las tinieblas.

Efesios 5:8

Porque en otro tiempo erais tinieblas, mas ahora sois luz en el Señor; andad como hijos de luz

1. La Luz es _____

- Obras Infructuosas de las Tinieblas (5:11)
 - _____ (3, 5)
 - _____ (3, 5)
 - _____ (3, 5)
 - _____ (5)
 - _____ (4)
 - _____ (4)
 - _____ (4)
- Contrasta esto con el Fruto de la Luz (5:9)
 - _____ (9)
 - _____ (9)
 - _____ (9)
 - ¡Estamos tratando de _____
lo que es _____ para el
Señor! (10)

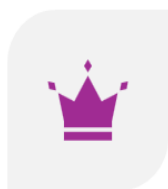
2. La Luz _____ (5:10-11)

3. La Luz es _____ (5:7)

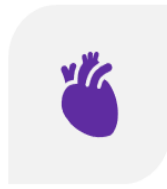
- No se _____ con ellos
- Otros _____ que son Hijos de la Luz
(_____)

Adult Classes

September –
December



SUNDAY CHAPEL
“UNITED KINGDOM”
BRENT STEWART



SUNDAY FAMILY ROOM
“GUARD YOUR HEART”
CASEY HENDRIX



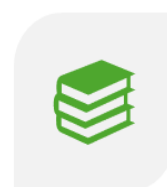
SUNDAY- YOUNG ADULT
“ANCHORED IN CHRIST”
ANTHONY WARNES



WEDNESDAY –
CHAPEL
“1 TIMOTHY”
RUSTY OWENS &
PAUL STEWART



WEDNESDAY – FAMILY ROOM
“FORESHADOWING OT-NT”
ANTHONY WARNES



WEDNESDAY –
YOUNG ADULT
“SPIRITUAL
DISCIPLINES”
JAY MAHONEY

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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:

Faith Beamon – Admitted to UTSW for a 2-week inpatient therapy stay.

Zoe Ramirez – Experiencing severe foot pain from tendinitis.

Bronny Watson – Home recovering from pneumonia.

Patty Williams – Recovering from surgery at Waxahachie Hospital.

Larry Hartsell – Heritage Oaks, Room 101B, for rehab.

Perrell Milton – Recovering well from heart surgery.

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

Naomi Martinez (Sam Ramirez's sister) – Scheduled for exploratory bladder surgery on 9/22.

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, Alan Stewart, Mike Wylie, & Martha Dowdle

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

This Week's Birthdays

September 7 - Scott Barham & Danielle Gibson

September 8 - Whitney Watson

September 9 - Ashley Jones, Dalton Shastid,
& Andria Warnes

September 10 - Ryder Newman

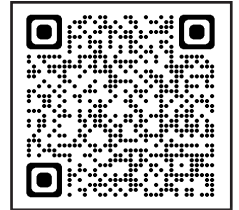
September 11 - Dickie Russell

Records for August 31, 2025

AM Worship.....207
Contribution\$12,528

Visitor Form

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



Announcements:

We are very excited that **Joshua Miller** has placed his workmanship with our Westhill Church Family!

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

Eastside Gospel Meeting - 9/28-10/1
"Come Now Let Us Reason Together..."

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

Thank you for your prayers and encouragment to me while enduring rehab at Twilight. A special thank you to those who came to visit and sing to us who were in the nursing home.
Love, **Myrna Haufe**

Thank everyone so much for prayers offered while I was doing medical tests. My test results were favorable. The love and support from my church family mean everything. What a blessing! Love, **Becky Newman**

Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader

Jay Mahoney

AM Opening Prayer

James Olsen

Scripture Reading

Frizzell Henry

Communion Leader

Paul Stewart

Communion Servers

Larry Rowden

Donny Beal

Colton Nicholson

Dylan Nors

Jose Sosa

Owen Warnes

Luke Baumgartner

Cash Hendrix

Ben Baumgartner

Casey Hendrix

AM Closing Prayer

Colton Nicholson

PM Song Leader

Justin Williams

PM Opening Prayer

Dillan Parrish

PM Devo

Brandon Watson

PM Closing Prayer

David Shastid

Wed. Song Leader

Listan Ellis

Wed. Invitation

Rusty Owens

Sept. Worship Coord.

Matt Newman / David Baumg

Sept. Elder of Month

Rusty Owens