

September 14, 2025

West Hill

Church of Christ

Walk and Work Together in the Light

A Story Misspoken

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I am reminded of my childhood church family and some memorable lessons. A teacher at camp once taught us a valuable lesson on gossip by conducting a common exercise; he whispered something to the first person in the front row, who in turn whispered it to their neighbor. This continued until the last person in the class was asked to recite the message, which was nothing like the initial statement.

The Bible has much to say about gossip and the negative impacts on others. "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment" (Matthew 12:36).

I am amazed when people tell me, an outsider, negative things about their church or its members. The person clearly lacks care and consideration for others as their spiritual family. It has been said, "blood is thicker than water," when referring to our earthly families, but for some, this seemingly does not extend to church family.

All Christians have experienced hurt due to being the object of gossip; however, we can likely admit to having been an active participant at times. The latter should have been avoided if we had remembered the hurt from the former, which is the principle behind the golden rule (Matthew 7:12, Luke 6:31).

A few scriptures to keep us on track:

"...that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you" (I Thessalonians 4:11). "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers" (Ephesians 4:29). "A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter" (Proverbs 11:13). "He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends" (Proverbs 17:9).

The Lord's church is a body, a spiritual family. May our love grow stronger daily for our brothers and sisters, bearing with one another and forgiving one another (Col. 3:13), and having words that build up and not tear down.

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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Intentionally Walking in the Light
1 Peter 1:13

List Things that you do INTENTIONALLY

Often, items of Intentionality requires

- James 4:15 says that these must come with an attitude of “If the _____ Wills...”
- But there are things that we can be confident that we know the Lord’s will before we even begin...
 - Our state at the “_____.” And then, there will be...
 - _____ (1 Peter 1:5)
 - _____, _____, and _____ (1:7)
 - _____ (1:13)

We need to be Intentional

1. _____ your minds for Action
(Bind/Gird up...now you can walk and work)

- With the _____
- For _____
- For _____

2. Keep _____
(First thing that comes to mind: From Substances. Yet so much more)

- From _____
- From _____
- From _____

3. Fix your _____
(Keep that Confidence on where you are Going)

- On _____
- On a _____

Caminando intencionalmente en la luz
1 Pedro 1:13

Enumera las cosas que haces INTENCIONALMENTE

A menudo, la intencionalidad requiere

- Santiago 4:15 dice que estas deben venir con una actitud de “Si el _____ quiere...”.
- Pero hay cosas en las que podemos estar seguros de que conocemos la voluntad del Señor incluso antes de comenzar...
 - Nuestro estado en la “_____”. Y entonces, habrá...
 - _____ (1 Pedro 1:5)
 - _____, _____ y _____ (1:7)
 - _____ (1:13)

Necesitamos ser intencionales.

1. _____ sus mentes para la acción
(Cíñanse... ahora pueden caminar y trabajar).

- Con la _____
- Para el _____
- Para el _____

2. Manténganse _____
(Lo primero que les viene a la mente: De las sustancias. Y mucho más).

- Del _____
- De la _____
- Del _____

3. Fijen su _____
(Mantengan la confianza en el camino)

- En _____
- En una _____



WESTHILL CHURCH OF CHRIST
LADIES' DAY

STYLE YOUR SOUL

BRITTANY DAVIS

SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

- ☕ Registration & light breakfast: 8:30-9M
- 📺 First session begins: 9AM
- 🍽️ Lunch provided




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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:

Martha Olsen – Scheduled for a heart ablation and Watchman procedure on Monday.

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

Patty Williams – At Twilight Home, Room 203, for rehab and wound care following surgery.

Larry Hartsell – Has moved to a facility in Tyler, TX, to be closer to family while recovering from his fall.

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

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

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Debra Prowell (Haynie)** following her recent passing.

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, & Percell Milton

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

This Week's Birthdays

September 14 - Acie Mahoney
September 17 - Britani Newman
September 18 - Grady Jones
September 19 - James Horn
September 20 - Bel Williams

Records for September 7, 2025

AM Worship.....207
Contribution\$12,039

Visitor Form

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



Announcements:

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..."

Westhill Lectureship - 10/12 - 10/15
"Does God Really Care???"

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

Spanish Bible Classes Sun & Wed. Night.

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

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

The Milton Family truly appreciate and thank our Westhill Family for all the prayers, cards, messages, calls, visits, and all the personal things during my surgery. Westhill is a loving and caring congregation, and we are so blessed to be a part of it. Thank you, Westhill Family, **Percell Milton Family**

Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader
AM Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Communion Leader
Communion Servers

Larry Rowden
Colton Nicholson
Jose Sosa
Luke Baumgartner
Ben Baumgartner

Zach Drain
Matt Newman
Frizzell Henry
Justin Williams

Donny Beal
Dylan Nors
Owen Warnes
Cash Hendrix
Casey Hendrix

AM Closing Prayer

Scott Barham

PM Song Leader
PM Opening Prayer
PM Devo
PM Closing Prayer

Zach Drain
Billy Roughton
Samuel Ramirez
Tyler Baumgartner

Wed. Song Leader
Wed. Invitation

Marcus Dancer
Casey Hendrix

Sept. Worship Coord.
Sept. Elder of Month

Matt Newman / David Baumg
Rusty Owens