

September 21, 2025

West Hill

Church of Christ

Walk and Work Together in the Light

What New Christians Need

FOCUS 2025

By Spencer Clark

As they come up out of the water, it is easy to think that the work is done. But in reality, that's just the beginning. Where evangelism ends, discipleship begins and it is our responsibility to ensure that a new believer is properly taught and integrated into the body of Christ. This is where many new Christians are lost because we expect them to know what to do, but this is like expecting a newborn to run or feed itself. They just don't know how. So what can we do to support new Christians?

First, new Christians need continual teaching. As the Great Commission indicates, we are to make disciples (command) by baptizing and teaching (Matt 28:19–20). This teaching does not stop once someone becomes a Christian, it continues. Jesus's own disciples continued to learn and grow even after they made a commitment to follow Jesus. We have benefited from a lifetime of teaching that we sometimes take for granted, not realizing what a new Christian might lack. They still need milk of the word (Heb 5:11–14) and just like feeding a baby, it takes time and requires considerable patience.

Second, new Christians need to be incorporated into the body. While it is the Lord who adds individuals to the church and joins them to the body (Acts 2:47), we also have a responsibility toward them (1 Thess 5:11). The church did not leave Paul to navigate Christianity alone. Although Paul was a highly motivated convert, brothers like Barnabas helped him connect with the church in Jerusalem and reconcile with those who once feared him (Acts 9:26–28). It can be challenging to accept new people into our circles, especially in Paul's case, where he was someone who had previously hated and persecuted the church. However, if the church could embrace a redeemed murderer of their people, can we not welcome those who come to Christ and make them feel accepted? Can we not treat those who are different from us as friends and family? If we fail to do so, they may become disconnected and fall away.

Third, new Christians need to be loved and encouraged. As Jesus said, "all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). As we are helping to incorporate new believers into the body of Christ, we need to show love for them and continually encourage them. They will face trials and temptations after becoming a Christian. Satan would love to reclaim them for his collection. They are still sorting out the specifics of what it means to live this new life with their family, their choices, and even sins that they struggle with. This is where we need to love and encourage those who have joined us so that they will be able to navigate this new life with a family by their side.

The life of a new Christian presents numerous difficulties. Their success depends on their commitment to their faith in Christ and obedience to his Word, but it also depends on us.

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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Beware the Bad Light
2 Corinthians 11

What is up with the Purple Street Lights?

Context of 2 Corinthians 11

No wonder, for even Satan **disguises himself as an angel of light**. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds. **2 Corinthians 11:14-15**

Examples of a Disguised Angel of Light:

Bad Light Causes you to...

1...not properly see _____

2...take your _____ **off the true** _____

How can we Beware the Bad Light?

1. Always _____ **your Light** _____

2. Shine the true Light _____ **for the**
_____ **of others**

Cuidado con la Mala Luz
2 Corintios 11

¿Qué pasa con las farolas moradas?

Contexto de 2 Corintios 11

Y no es maravilla, porque el mismo **Satanás se disfrazaba como ángel de luz**. Así que, no es extraño si también sus ministros se disfrazan como ministros de justicia; cuyo fin será conforme a sus obras.
2 Corintios 11:14-15

Ejemplos de un ángel de luz disfrazado:

La Mala Luz te hace...

1... no ver bien los _____

2... desviar tu _____ **del verdadero** _____

¿Cómo podemos cuidarnos de la Mala Luz?

1. _____ siempre tu _____ **de luz**

2. Haz brillar la verdadera luz con más
_____ **para el** _____ **de los**
demás

DOES GOD REALLY CARE?

The Lectures at Westhill
October 12-15, 2025

Sunday

10:30 About What I believe about Him? (Jeremy Pate)
5:00 About Science? (Jeremy Pate)
6:00 About Me? (John Gooch)

Monday

10:30 How to be Joyful in Trials (John Gooch)
6:00 About Grieving and Suffering? (John Baker)
7:00 About Addiction? (Cory Waddell)

Tuesday

10:30 How to Submit to God (John Baker)
6:00 About Active Membership? (Jeremy Pate)
7:00 About Active Worship? (John Baker)

Wednesday

10:30 How to Overcome Sin (Cory Waddell)
6:00 About Evangelism? (Jeremy Pate)
7:00 About Our Salvation? (Cory Waddell)

Church Leadership & Westhill Works

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Staff

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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:

Carl Max Bennet – At Medical City in Dallas undergoing medical testing.

Jon Compton – Recovering in the hospital from hernia surgery.

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

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

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

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

Martha Olsen – Recovering at home from heart ablation and Watchman procedure.

Beverly Heathcote – Homebound while recovering from broken ribs.

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, & Faith Beamon

Announcements:

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

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

This Week's Birthdays

September 21 - Dan Gibson & Sandy Zaayer

September 22 - Ben Baumgartner

September 23 - Zack Lewis

September 26 - Joshua Miller

September 27 - Grayson Baumgartner & Dianne Compton

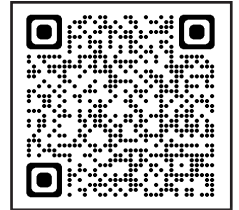
Records for September 14, 2025

AM Worship.....228

Contribution\$7,925

Visitor Form

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



Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader

Brandon Watson

AM Opening Prayer

Paul Stewart

Scripture Reading

Frizzell Henry

Communion Leader

Marcus Dancer

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

Carson Barham

PM Song Leader

Jeremiah Parrish

PM Opening Prayer

Casey Hendrix

PM Devo

Anthony Warnes

PM Closing Prayer

Cash Hendrix

Wed. Song Leader

Michael Jones

Wed. Invitation

Terry Hoehn

Sept. Worship Coord.

Matt Newman / David Baumg

Sept. Elder of Month

Rusty Owens