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# WESTHILL

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### 1 THESSALONIANS 3:8

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Sunday 9:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

Tuesday 10:30am

Wednesday 6:30pm

Wednesday Benevolence 8:30am

September 23, 2018

## Avenge Not Yourselves

Kevin Cauley

The greatest test of a Christian within the New Testament is how he treats his enemies. When we are wronged, we lash out in response to “defend” ourselves. We demand what is “equitable” in relationship to the harm that has been done to us. Vengeance is that demanding attitude that what was done to me ought to also be done to my enemy.

Christians are directed not to harbor such thoughts in their sanctified minds. Romans 12:19-21 says, “Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.” Peter wrote, “For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously” (1 Peter 2:21-23). When pursued by our enemies, how do we respond? Do we avenge or “give place unto wrath?” Do we revile or revile not? Do we threaten or threaten not? Do render our own verdict, or commit ourselves to the righteous judge? Do overcome evil with evil or do we overcome evil with good? Our enemies deserve our mercy and love because we were once God’s enemy and that is how God looked upon us. To treat them otherwise, is to invite the same judgment that we mete out upon them upon ourselves (Matthew 7:1).

**The Prodigal**  
**Part 3: The Brother**  
 Luke 15

With the parable of the Prodigal, the brother might be the character we give least amount of attention to.

**C\_\_\_\_\_ , we might need to give much more attention to it**

**1. I see a brother who was C\_\_\_\_\_ (25-25)**

- Think of J\_\_\_\_\_
- Sometimes we are c\_\_\_\_\_, we are not s\_\_\_\_\_, but what do we do with the c\_\_\_\_\_?

**2. I see a brother who was A\_\_\_\_\_ (28A)**

- What was driving Jonah's A\_\_\_\_\_?  
S\_\_\_\_\_ (Issue younger brother and older brother both had)
- A\_\_\_\_\_ is not always E\_\_\_\_\_  
○ But we do need to ask "\_\_\_\_\_"

**3. I see a brother who was S\_\_\_\_\_ (28-30)**

- As with Jonah, sometimes we are left having compassion over m\_\_\_\_\_ items rather than s\_\_\_\_\_!

**The Father had to remind the Brother (31-32)**

**Charge:**

- **Don't** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Don't** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Don't** \_\_\_\_\_ **what the Lord** \_\_\_\_\_

**Struggles or Blessings**  
**Psalm 60**  
 September Psalms

**Historical Context from 2 Samuel 8:**

**The Title of Psalm 60**

**Psalm 60**

Seems to slightly be written in a Chiastic Structure

Ex. Matthew 6:24

1. No one can serve two masters
  2. for either he will hate the one
  3. and love the other
  3. or he will be devoted to one
  2. and despise the other
1. You cannot serve God and wealth

**Disaster and a Call for H\_\_\_\_\_ (1-5)**

**God is H\_\_\_\_\_ (6-8)**

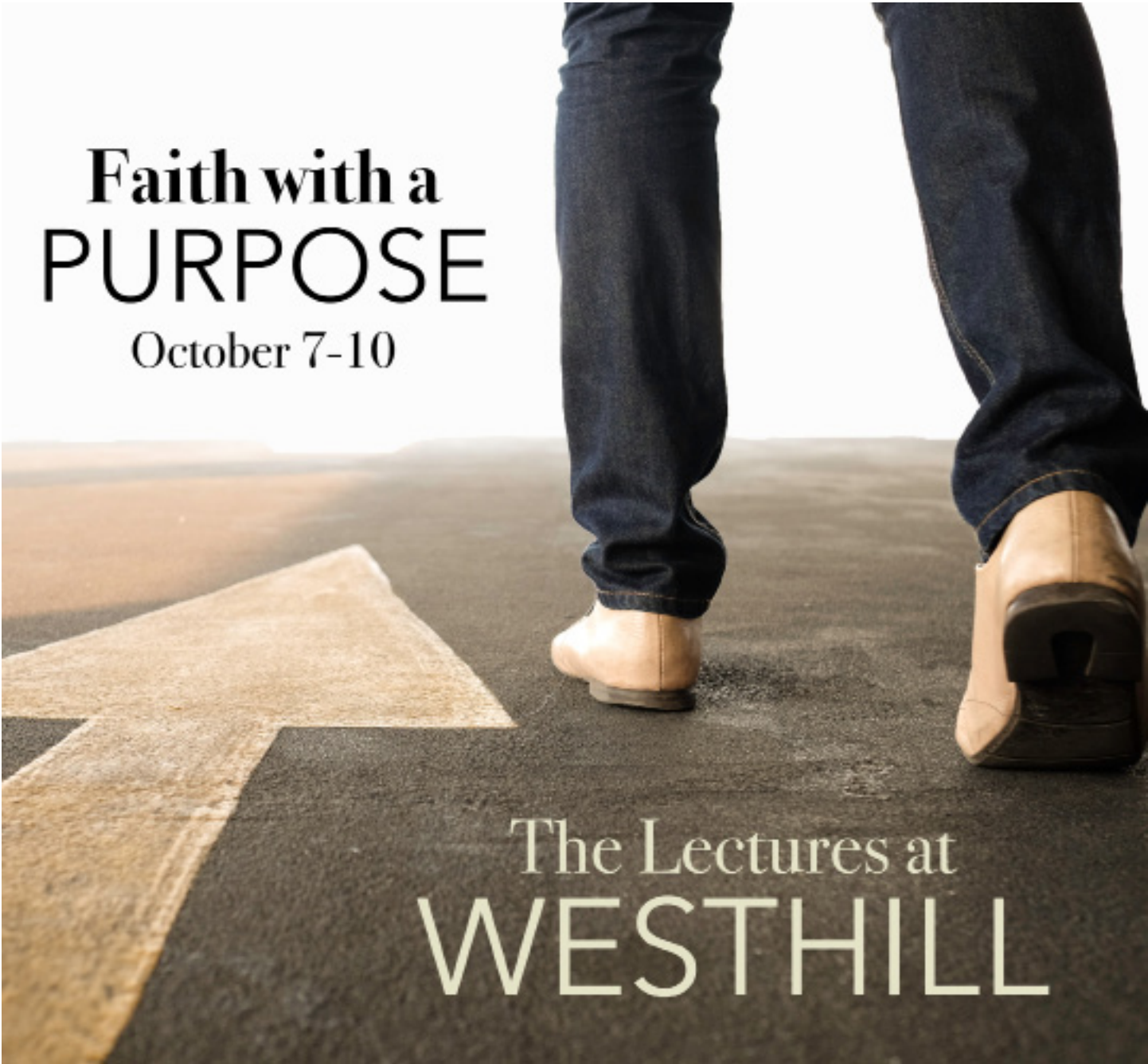
**Disaster and a Call for H\_\_\_\_\_ (9-12)**

**Lessons:**

- We will feel \_\_\_\_\_ – Yet, the Lord can help us be \_\_\_\_\_!
- We will wonder "\_\_\_\_\_ is God?" – Yet He is the One who is always \_\_\_\_\_!
- We will ask: "How \_\_\_\_\_ you?" – Yet we must always remember that He is \_\_\_\_\_

# Faith with a PURPOSE

October 7-10



## The Lectures at WESTHILL

### WesthillWORKS!

#### **Community Outreach**

Benevolence Program  
Habitat for Humanity  
Food for Fitness

#### **Local Missions**

Cherokee Children's Home  
In Search of the Lord's Way  
Bear Valley School of Preaching  
Student Support  
Brown Trail Spanish School of  
Preaching  
The Truth in Love *ttil.tv*  
WVBS Online School  
*school.wvbs.org*  
La Poynor Prison Ministry

#### **Foreign Missions**

India Preacher Training Program  
New Zealand Harvest Missions

### Leadership

#### **Elders**

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#### **Staff**

Jay Mahoney - 903.467.9093 (Office)

# Prayer List

**Don Corley** is recovering from surgery at his son's home in Lewisville.

**Continue to Remember:** Don Bowen, Aline Barrett, Alston Compton, Ray & Carla Jones, Debra Woodcock, Trey Billingsly, & Margie Holton

# Announcements

We are very excited to welcome **Tony & Alicia Saulus and their son, Ti**, into our Westhill Family. They **placed their workmanship** with us last Sunday.

**This morning 9:30am Bible Classes** – 5th grade and up including both adult classes, will meet in the **auditorium** to hear from guest speaker, Roy Johnson, who will be giving a **presentation on Lads to Leaders**.

**This afternoon at 5pm** there will be a **Q & A** with Roy Johnson for any of you who are interested in learning more about **Lads to Leaders**.

**Devotional for the High School students** at the Watson's following evening service from 7:30-9pm. Dinner will be provided (Pancake Bar). Address is 808 Oxford St. Corsicana, TX 75110. If you have questions please call or text Brandon @ 903-771-6359.

**Next Sunday, 9/30** will be **5th Sunday Format**. Please bring a dish and plan to stay for a wonderful fellowship lunch, followed by our young men leading the service at 1pm.

**Eastside COC Gospel Meeting: 9/23 - 9/26**  
"Let the Bible Speak" - Starts today with speaker Anthony Fletcher. Continuing during the week nightly at 7pm will be Eddie Jones on Monday, our own Anthony Warnes on Tuesday, and Terry Norris on Wednesday.

**Lectures at Westhill next month: 10/7 - 10/10**  
"Faith With a Purpose"

Please pick up some brochures located at the back of the auditorium, and begin passing them out and inviting all of your friends and folks in the community to this wonderful event to hear God's Word preached!

**Safety Team Volunteers-** We need 25 plus volunteers to serve during one week of services every six months. More details to come. Sign-up on table at the back and we will give you more info before you have to committ to participate.

## Birthdays This Week

September 23 - Kyle Slaughter & Helen Strange

September 26 - Andy McDougald

September 27 - Grayson Baumgartner & Dianne Compton

September 29 - Cecil Ellis

## Next Week:

**Bible Class** *The Life of the Apostle Paul*

**AM Sermon** *In His Footsteps*

**PM Sermon** *5th Sunday*

## Records for September 16, 2018

Bible Class .....	225
AM Worship.....	292
PM Worship.....	160
Wednesday.....	194
Contribution .....	\$12,763.80

**Military:** Samantha Armstrong, Clay Bayes, Blake Barrett, Alston Compton, David Dilbeck, Robert Johnson, & Ryan Stewart

# Privileged to Serve

<b>Song Leader</b>	Justin Mahoney
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Paul Ross
<b>Communion Leader</b>	Percell Milton
<b>Communion Servers</b>	
Collin Barham	George Schmidt
David Shastid	Robby Thomas
Jose Sosa Jr.	James Horn
Percell Milton	Jimmy Horn
Casey Hendrix	Matt Newman
Justin Williams	Billy Roughton
Rusty Owens	
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Greg Olsen
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Jim Milam
<b>Nursery</b>	Tina & Emily Roughton
<b>PM Song Leader</b>	Joshua Haden
<b>PM Opening Prayer</b>	Matt Newman
<b>PM Closing Prayer</b>	Joe Glass
<b>Wed. Song Leader</b>	Jimmy Horn
<b>Wed. Invitation</b>	Paul Stewart
<b>September Contact Elder</b>	Percell Milton