

September 28, 2025

West Hill

Church of Christ

Walk and Work Together in the Light

On Repentance

FOCUS 2025

By Mark Hanstein

It has been said that repentance is the hardest command to obey because of the obstinacy of the human will. Yet, once one repents, no command of God is too hard to obey.

Repentance is required. Jesus said, “Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3). Paul preached, “God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness” (Acts 17:30–31).

What is repentance? It is a change of mind that results in changed behavior. One who repents changes his mind about sin and proves it by obeying God.

Repentance involves four necessary components—remorse, resolve, reformation, and restoration. Without all four, repentance is incomplete:

Remorse is genuine sorrow for sin against God—not regret over being caught. God said, “Rend your heart and not your garments. Now return to the Lord your God” (Joel 2:13). Paul added, “The sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret leading to salvation” (2 Corinthians 7:10).

Resolve is a change of will. The Thessalonians “turned to God from idols” (1 Thessalonians 1:9). The prodigal son resolved, “I will get up and go to my father... I have sinned” (Luke 15:18).

Reformation is a change of behavior. John called people to bear “fruit worthy of repentance” (Matthew 3:8). In Ephesus, believers burned their magic books as evidence of repentance (Acts 19:18–19).

Restoration is the effort to right wrongs. Zaccheus said, “If I have defrauded anyone, I will give back four times as much” (Luke 19:8). The thief must return what was stolen; the gossip must strive to repair damage done.

These four things mark true repentance. God demands it and will not save without it. No wonder, “There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance” (Luke 15:7, 10).

These four things are involved in genuine repentance. God demands it of us and cannot save us until we repent. It is no wonder then that, “There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance” (Luke 15:7; cf. verse 10).

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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Signs of a BRIGHT Congregation

The _____ of _____
Matthew 19:13

_____ from the _____
Proverbs 16:13; Titus 2:3-5

_____ for Each _____
John 13:35

_____ and _____
Acts 2:47

_____ for the _____
Matthew 4:4; John 6:35; 1 Peter 2:2

_____ & _____
Hebrews 13:17
What can we do for them?

Señales de una Congregación BRILLANTE

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¿Qué podemos hacer por ellos?

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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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 Dowdle – Completed radiation and chemo; CT scheduled next week; monitoring blood counts.

Carl Max Bennett – Diagnosed with blood cancer; remains at Medical City.

Patty Williams – Twilight Home, Room 203, for rehab & wound care.

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

Naomi Martinez (sister of Sam Ramirez) – Successful surgery; recovering at home.

Beverly Heathcote – Homebound, recovering from broken ribs.

Jim Bess – Recovering from open-heart surgery in Dallas Hospital.

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, Jon Compton, Larry Hartsell, & Martha Olsen

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

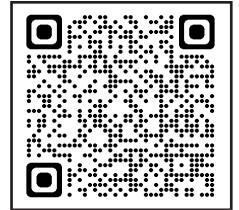
This Week's Birthdays

Records for September 21, 2025

AM Worship..... 216
Contribution \$6,251

Visitor Form

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



Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader

Justin Williams

AM Opening Prayer

Brent Stewart

Scripture Reading

Frizzell Henry

Communion Leader

James Olsen

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

Tyler Baumgartner

PM Song Leader

Justin Williams

PM Opening Prayer

James Horn

PM Devo

Brandon Watson

PM Closing Prayer

Colton Nicholson

Wed. Song Leader

Listan Ellis

Wed. Invitation

Justin Williams

Sept. Worship Coord.

Matt Newman / David Baumg

Sept. Elder of Month

Rusty Owens

Announcements:

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

90th Birthday Celebration - Please join in celebrating Darwin Thomas' 90th Birthday on Sat. Oct. 4, 2-4pm (come & go) at the home of Darwin & Billie, 3849 FM 55, Blooming Grove, TX 76626.

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

Clothing Exchange/Giveaway - Ladies, start clearing out your family's closets! The fall Clothing Exchange/Giveaway date will be announced soon.

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