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# WESTHILL

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## 1 THESSALONIANS 3:8

## Purposefully Challenging our Faith

Anthony Warnes

Pre-Isaac Abraham was a man who was promised much by the Lord: Descendants as numerous as the stars (although he had no children), and land large enough to house that great number. Despite grand promises, Abraham proved to be very human. Taking the advice of his wife, he committed fornication for the purpose of trying to “help” fulfill God’s promise because he couldn’t “see” how God’s promises could happen.

Post-Isaac Abraham was shown through God’s magnificent hand the fulfillment of those promises. Despite Abraham’s sin, a son was given to the 100-year-old man through his 90-year-old wife! Abraham got to witness first hand that God is powerful and that He keeps His promises. The Lord wasn’t done working on his faith. The Lord commanded him to take this promised son, Isaac and sacrifice him. Pre-Isaac Abraham may not have had enough faith in the Lord to be that obedient. However, Post-Isaac Abraham immediately obeyed. He got up early, traveled to the place, prepared the alter, and placed his beloved son on the alter. How could Abraham do such a thing? His faith was so strong in the Lord that he believed that if God was asking him to do this, that he would in turn be able to raise Isaac from the dead (Hebrews 11:19)! Having observed the faith and obedience of Abraham, God stopped him from sacrificing his son. Hebrews 11:2 says, “For by it (Faith) the men of old (men like Abraham) gained approval (From God).”

We too have received promises: our sins can be washed away, and we can live in heaven for all of eternity! Despite this, we can prove to be very human and lack faith because we too cannot always “see” these promises. How is your faith? Are you struggling with obedience? Fear? Complete commitment to the Lord in your life? If so, can I encourage you to purposefully challenge your faith? Hebrews 11:1 says “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Post-Isaac Abraham had something that he was able to base his faith on, and that was his son. Has the Lord blessed you? Write those blessings out, put them somewhere in your house where you will see them. When you are faced with difficult decisions based on obedience to the word, remember those blessings and challenge your faith even when you cannot “see” the end. Purposefully put your faith in the One who has made promises and has already blessed you in so many ways, then go and obey!

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

Tuesday 10:30am

Wednesday 6:30pm

Wednesday Benevolence 8:30am

October 7, 2018



## BJ Clarke

*Memphis School of Preaching  
(Memphis, Tennessee)*



## Steve & Kim Higginbotham

*Karns church of Christ  
(Knoxville, Tennessee)*



## Wayne Jones

*University church of Christ  
(San Marcos, Texas)*



## Tim Lewis

*North MacArthur  
church of Christ  
(Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)*



## Eric & Vanessa Owens

*Avondale church of Christ  
(Decatur, Georgia)*

## Schedule

### Sunday, Oct 7 – Saving Faith

9:30 AM Wayne Jones

The Righteous Will Live by Faith

10:30 AM BJ Clarke

Am I saved by Faith or Works?

6:00 PM BJ Clarke

Mountain Moving Faith

7:00 PM Wayne Jones

When your Faith Quakes

### Monday, Oct 8 – Working Faith

6:00 PM Wayne Jones

With my Faith, I will Hope

6:45 PM BJ Clarke

With my Faith, I will Endure

7:30 PM Steve Higginbotham

Does your Hand Fit the Plow?

### Tuesday, Oct 9 – Loving Faith

11:00 AM Various Speakers

Young at Heart Class

6:00 PM Steve Higginbotham

Loving the Faithless

6:45 PM Eric Owens

When Faith & Love is Hard

7:30 PM Tim Lewis

My Faith Impacts my Family

### Wednesday, Oct 10 – Dedicated Faith

11:00 AM Kim Higginbotham & Vanessa Owens

(Women's Class)

11:00 AM Steve Higginbotham

(Men's Class)

6:00 PM Panel Discussion

Sharing our Faith

6:45 PM Tim Lewis

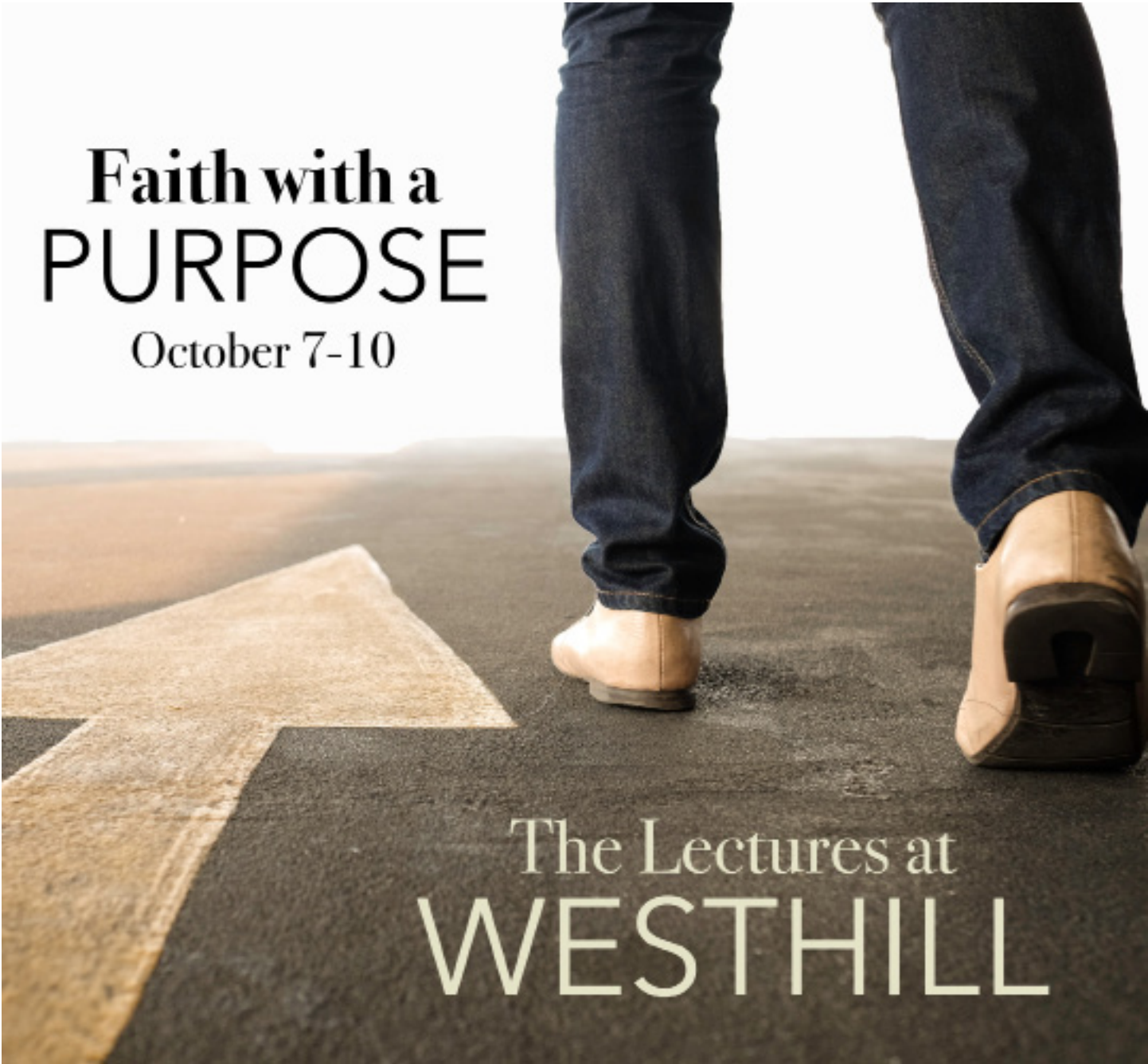
Pursuing Faith when I want to Pursue the World

7:30 PM Eric Owens

Do you take this Faith?

# 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**

Don Ivy - 214.695.5276  
Percell Milton - 903.673.1819  
Paul Slaughter - 903.872.1228  
Paul Stewart - 903.872.3464  
Darwin Thomas - 903.695.0176

#### **Deacons**

Scott Barham - 903.641.0133  
David Baumgartner - 903.654.4057  
Zach Drain - 903.521.6055

Joshua Haden - 903.602.9645

Micah Haden - 903.673.1177

Michael Jones - 214.803.5984

Greg Olsen - 903.654.1406

James Olsen - 903.874.8918

Rusty Owens - 903.695.0095

Billy Roughton - 903.654.4032

Dickie Russell - 903.874.4457

David Shastid - 903.257.6464

Brent Stewart - 903.641.9052

Justin Williams - 903.875.8288

#### **Ministers**

Anthony Warnes - 430.775.0196 (Pulpit)

Brandon Watson - 903.771.6359 (Family)

Tim Cooke - 903.641.5515 (Seniors)

#### **Staff**

Jay Mahoney - 903.467.9093 (Office)

# Prayer List

**Gene Wardlaw's** surgery went well on Friday to replace his pacemaker.

**Erlene Denton** is scheduled for day surgery on Monday.

**David Brown** is receiving treatments for prostate cancer.

**Bobby Compton** is home, but will have surgery in three weeks to remove a mass.

**Kathy Green** will have surgery for breast cancer on 10/11, and later will be treated with radiation.

**Laura Haden's sister**, Pamela Hammond, passed away recently after battling illness.

**Barbara Moore's brother**, Bill Travis, passed away last week. His service was yesterday at Highland Oaks church of Christ in Dallas.

**Billy Stubbs**, one of our painters, is going to have surgery to replace his pacemaker on Monday.

**Continue to Remember:** Don Bowen, Aline Barrett, Alston Compton, Trey Billingsly, Ricky Stepp, Don Corley, Jan Sain, & Mildred Wooten

# Announcements

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

**Singing Service** coming up **Sun. 10/28** at 1pm in place of usual 1pm afternoon service. There will be a potluck lunch at noon.

"Forever His" outreach event is planned for **Sat. 12/8**.

**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

October 7 - Joanne Newton & Darwin Thomas  
October 9 - Malvinee Jett  
October 10 - Betty Jo Striplin  
October 12 - Clay Gillen, Jeremiah Parrish, & Teresa Thomas

## Next Week:

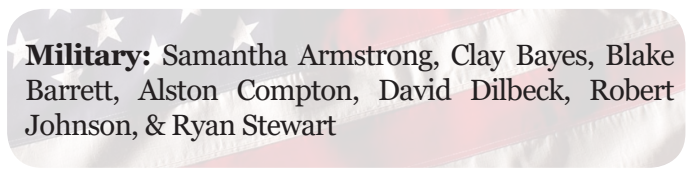
**Bible Class** *The Life of the Apostle Paul*

**AM Sermon**

**PM Sermon** *Who is Greater?*

## Records for September 30, 2018

Bible Class .....	229
AM Worship.....	285
PM Worship.....	
Wednesday.....	168
Contribution .....	\$10,452.75



## Privileged to Serve

<b>Song Leader</b>	Zach Drain
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Joshua Haden
<b>Communion Leader</b>	Rusty Owens
<b>Communion Servers</b>	
Millard Dowdle	Bronny Watson
Wade Braly	Andy Parrish
Nate Haden	Nicholas Tooley
Larry Rowden	Dan Gibson
David Baumgartner	Michael Jones
Luke Baumgartner	Mark McWherter
James Olsen	
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Ken Green
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Josh Newman
<b>Nursery</b>	Attended
<b>PM Song Leader</b>	Lectureship
<b>PM Opening Prayer</b>	Lectureship
<b>PM Closing Prayer</b>	Lectureship
<b>Wed. Song Leader</b>	Lectureship
<b>Wed. Invitation</b>	Lectureship
<b>October Contact Elder</b>	Paul Slaughter