

October 12, 2025

West Hill

Church of Christ

Walk and Work Together in the Light

Salt and Light

By John Seibel

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With all of the social and political chaos occurring around us in the world, we, as Christians, are called to be a healing salve of salt and light. Matthew 5:13-16 says, "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Salt and light have interesting properties; they influence and change the environment with which they come in contact. They do not affirm or conform, they change for the better. Jesus compared us to salt and light because we are to change the environment around us for the better. Our response to the world is key to how we influence the world. Not coincidentally, Matthew 5:13-16 is preceded by the beatitudes, which give us examples of how we are to be salt and light, and respond and behave in the world in which we live. For example, we are to be gentle, merciful, pure in heart, and peacemakers. One of the beatitudes illustrates clearly the outcome for US when we are salt and light. Matthew 5:11-13 says, "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

As salt, we can preserve goodness in the world with Godly principles and work against the moral decay that is around us. As light, we can illuminate the darkness and confusion in the world with Biblical teachings and Godly behavior. Jesus lived over 2,000 years ago, but His words have not lost their saltiness today. Let us all consider how we can be salt and light to God's glory.

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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Meet our Speakers

John Baker has been preaching for the Katy church of Christ in Katy, Texas for nearly 12 years. A preacher of the Gospel for the past 25 years, John has previously worked with congregations in Texas and Louisiana in addition to working as a missionary in Tanzania, East Africa for 2 years. John and his wife Angie have two college-age children: Daniel and Abby.



John Gooch retired as the preaching minister at the Jersey Village church of Christ in March of 2025, after 13 years serving in the pulpit. Before preaching full time, John served as a deacon for 7 years and as an elder for 5 years at JV. He grew up in Branson, Missouri and attended college at Missouri Central University. John spent 2 years as a golf professional and then 26 years in the electronics industry before moving to the pulpit full-time. John and Lisa have been married for 40 years and have 3 adult sons, 3 daughters in law and 3 grandchildren. John and Lisa love to travel, ride their bikes and play with their grandkids.



Jeremy Pate and his wife, Brooke have been married for 20 years. They have 4 children: Ava (14), Greta (13), Willa (9), and Prentice (8). Jeremy is the Youth Publications Coordinator at Apologetics Press, where he has served since 2019. He also serves as the Preaching Minister and one of the deacons for the Dalraida church of Christ in Montgomery AL. Before moving to Montgomery, Jeremy served in full-time Youth & Family Ministry for 18 years in TX, AL, and GA. He has a Bachelors of Fine Arts from MTSU and a Masters in Ministry from Freed-Hardeman University.



Cory Waddell Cory Waddell began working as the pulpit minister for the Bear Valley church of Christ (Denver, CO) in 2020. He served previously as the pulpit minister at Highland Heights in Lebanon, TN and as the youth minister for Woodland Oaks in The Woodlands, TX. Cory has earned B.A. and M.A. degrees from Freed-Hardeman University and a MDiv from Heritage Christian University. Additionally, he is an adjunct instructor for the Bear Valley Bible Institute, Co-Director of the Lads-to-Leaders Colorado Convention, and works parttime as a martial arts instructor. Most importantly, Cory shares his life and ministry with his beautiful wife, Paige, and their two boys Jace and Cameron.



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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Greg Olsen - 903.654.1406
Billy Roughton - 903.654.4032
Dickie Russell - 903.874.4457
David Shastid - 903.257.6464
Jose Sosa - 903.872.0535
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Ministers

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Brandon Watson - 903.771.6359 (Family)
Samuel Ramirez 325.436.1051 (Spanish)

Staff

Jay Mahoney - 903.467.9093 (Office)

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 – Homebound with pneumonia.

Millard Dowdle – Treating a painful blood clot in his leg.

Teresa Thomas' mother – Hospitalized at Navarro Regional for severe back pain and possible hip issues.

Carl Max Bennett – Completed first round of chemo; continuing treatment at Medical City.

Beverly Heathcote – Recovering from broken ribs.

David Mahoney – Recovering well from a recent procedure.

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

Announcements:

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

Singing to the Shut-ins - Sun 10/19 meet in the Family Room after evening service.

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

Save the Date! Join us for the WOW Ladies' Retreat — Jan. 30–31, 2026! Theme: “You Can Do Hard Things” with our own Lindsay Olsen. Registration Opens: Nov. 2 and will remain open throughout the month of Nov. Mark your calendars and get ready for an uplifting weekend!

Un ity Service - Coming up 11/16

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

Westhill - Thank you all for the prayers, cards, and kindness during our time of sorrow with my dad's death. We are so grateful for our church family. In Christian love,
The Robby Thomas Family

Darwin Thomas wants to thank everyone who joined to celebrate his 90th Birthday. He is overwhelmed by your love and kind generosity.

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

This Week's Birthdays

October 12 - Jeremiah Parrish & Teresa Thomas

October 15 - Bruce Shore

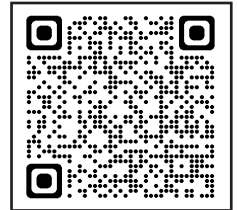
October 18 - Cooper Olsen

Records for October 5, 2025

AM Worship..... 212
Contribution\$7,746

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

Colton Nicholson

Scripture Reading

Carson Barham

Communion Leader

Jay Mahoney

Communion Servers

Jason Burnett

James Horn

Marcus Dancer

Joshua Miller

Colton Gowan

Josh Newman

Levi Haden

Jeremiah Parrish

Thomas Helms

Paul Wells

AM Closing Prayer

James Olsen

Sun. PM Lectureship

Various

Mon. Lectureship

Various

Tues. Lectureship

Various

Wed. Lectureship

Various

Oct. Worship Coord.

Casey Hendrix / Rusty Smith

Oct. Elder of Month

Paul Stewart