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West Hill Church of Christ

All In

Focus 2026

Let Us Hear the Conclusion of the Matter

By Steve Higginbotham

While I know that the firm foundation of God stands (2 Timothy 2:19), and his kingdom cannot be destroyed (Daniel 2:44), nor shaken (Hebrews 12:28), I am concerned about the church in the United States.

We have more ways to hear the gospel than ever before, yet we have greater biblical illiteracy than we have in decades.
We have more youth ministers than ever before, and yet we are losing more young people to the world than we ever have.
We have more fully-supported preachers than ever before, yet many are doing less evangelizing than those who preached while supporting themselves.
We have nicer church buildings with accommodations than we have ever had before, yet our attendance is declining.
We have more schools of preaching than ever before, yet we struggle to find men willing to preach the gospel.
We have more translations of the Bible than ever before, yet the Bible remains one of the most owned, but unread books.
We have more financial resources than ever before, yet we aren't funding mission work, we're funding gymnasiums, fellowship halls, and church trips.

Well, here's the conclusion, at least from me…
More is not necessarily better. God can do a lot with a little (1 Kings 17:7-16). We don't need sophistication to reach the lost. Have we forgotten, "not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called" (1 Corinthians 1:26).
Activity is not the same thing as spirituality. A busy church is not necessarily a faithful church. Does our busyness reflect our mission?
Let the church be the church, and the home be the home. The church is not equipped or authorized to do the work of parents.
We must clarify our mission: Our goal is not to attract people, but to convert people. The church may never be relevant to a secular culture. Be the church anyway!
Brethren, I believe in the power of the gospel (Romans 1:16), not the power of programs. We need to get back to the old paths and proclaim the gospel as if it were life and death, and not merely a matter of life enhancement. The former will produce a convert, the latter will produce a follower.

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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Glorifying God in Making Disciples

1. Taste & _____that the Lord is good. (Ps. 34:3-8)
    1. Results in a _____life.

Song - Taste & See

2. The _____ of the Branch (John 15:1-8)
    1. Bear _____. (15:2)
        1. Christ like _____ (Gal. 5:22; 2 Pet. 5:5)
        2. Making More _____
            1. Matt. 4:19, Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15, 2 Tim. 2:2
    2. _____in the Vine (15:4)
        1. Spiritual _____
    3. God will be _____ (15:8)

Song - Abide with Me

3. The _____to the Branch (John 15:9-17)
    1. Abide in _____ Love (15:9)
    2. Love _____ (15:12)
    3. _____ Fruit (15:16)

Song - They'll know we are Christians by our Love

4. The _____of Being a Branch (John 15:18-25)
    1. The world will _____you (15:18)
    2. Risk v. _____
        1. 1 Pet. 4:16, 2 Thess. 1:12, Rom. 8:17
    3. Jn. 17 - Jesus' _____

Song - Footsteps of Jesus

Glorificar a Dios haciendo discípulos

1. Gusto & _____que el Señor es bueno. (Salmo 34:3-8)
    1. Resulta en un _____vida.

Canción - Probar y ver

2. La _____ del Renuevo (Juan 15:1-8)
    1. Oso _____. (15:2)
        1. Cristo semejante a _____ (Gálatas 5:22; 2 Pedro 5:5)
        2. Haciendo más _____
            1. Mate. 4:19, Mat. 28:19; Marcos 16:15, 2 Tim. 2:2
    2. _____en la Vid (15:4)
        1. Espiritual _____
    3. Dios será _____ (15:8)

Canción - Quédate conmigo

3. El _____al Renuevo (Juan 15:9-17)
    1. Permaneced en el amor _____ (15:9)
    2. Amor _____ (15:12)
    3. _____ Fruta (15:16)

Canción: Sabrán que somos cristianos por nuestro amor.

4. El _____de ser un retoño (Juan 15:18-25)
    1. El mundo _____tú (15:18)
    2. Riesgo vs. _____
        1. 1 Pedro 4:16, 2 Tesalonicenses 1:12, Romanos 8:17
    3. Juan 17 - Jesús _____

Canción: Los pasos de Jesús





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Community Outreach
Addiction Recovery Counseling
Benevolence Program
Food for Fitness
Forever His

Local Missions
Bear Valley - Wayne Jones
Cherokee Children's Home
Disaster Relief
The Jenkins Institute
Knoxville School of Preaching
Memphis School of Preaching
WVBS *school.wvbs.org*

U.S. Mission Points
Tilton, NH & Mesa, AZ

Foreign Missions
Cameroon Preacher Training
India Preacher Training
Philipines Missions & Med. Evang.

Prayer Needs:

Baby Hank (Anthony's sister's baby): Has been experiencing severe respiratory complications and needs improvement before doctors can perform a tracheotomy.

Addie & Baby Nors: Successfully underwent a procedure in Houston Thursday and are recovering well.

Sandy Perryman: Waiting for clearance for cancer surgery scheduled Nov. 2.

Sharon Mahoney: Will undergo a second eye procedure Nov. 2 to treat glaucoma. Pressure complications in her first eye continue to require monitoring.

Jeanie Slaughter: Preparing for shoulder surgery Nov. 10.

Barbara Mounce (Whitney Watson's mom): Preparing for hip replacement surgery Nov. 18.

Becky Newman: Recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Continue to remember: Bronny & Ruth Watson, Dan & Rita Dominy, Eula Henry, Louie & Patty Williams, Nick Tooley, Bill & Beverly Abercrombie, Loyd Ander, Tiffany Smith, Cohen Drain, David Mahoney, Myrna Haufe, Aubrey Parrish, Faith Beamon, Larry Green, Steve Phillips, Sharon Mahoney, Joyce Miles, Don Ewing, & Nancy Sloan

Nursery Attendant this week: Afton Mahoney

Sun. Safety: Alex Dunham & Tyler Baumgartner
Wed. Safety: Luke Baumgartner & Drew Burnett

Records for October 11, 2026
AM Worship..... 206
Contribution $8,574

This Week's Birthdays
October 26 - Michael Jones
October 28 - Brady Burnett

Visitor Form

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

Announcements:

Trunk or Treat — Oct. 31 from 5:30-7pm

Wed. Night Impact — Nov. 4

Forever His Special Needs Day Camp — Nov. 7

Clothing Exchange – Nov. 14
Join us Sat. Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon to browse, exchange clothing, or drop off donations. Remaining items will be donated to the Eastside Church of Christ Clothing Closet to help those in need. Questions? Contact Sandy Zaayer (469-544-0351) or Judy N. Smith (903-641-7340).

W.O.W. Ladies' Retreat – Save the Date!
Jan. 29–30, 2027. Registration opens Nov. 15.

Young at Heart Classes — Tues. morning @ 10:30am

Westhill ARC (Addiction Recovery Counseling) meets weekly - contact Jay Mahoney

Staffed nursery available for babies up to 2 yr old.

Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader	Justin Williams
AM Opening Prayer	Paul Slaughter
Scripture Reading	Colton Nicholson
Communion Leader	Ronnie Giles
Communion Servers	
David Baumgartner	Isaac Haden
Grayson Baumgartner	Rusty Smith
Jose Sosa	Eli Haden
Turner Jones	Ethan Drain
Marcus Dancer	Jason Burnett
AM Closing Prayer	Rusty Owens
PM Song Leader	Brandon Watson
PM Opening Prayer	Frizzell Henry
PM Devo	Greg Olsen
PM Closing Prayer	Billy Roughton
Wed. Song Leader	Grayson Baumgartner
Wed. Devo	Brandon Watson
Oct. Worship Coord.	Scott Barham / Greg Olsen
Oct. Elder of Month	Percell Milton