

# WESTHILL

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### Westhill Church of Christ

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Sunday 9:30a, 10:30a, 6:00p  
Tuesday 10:30a  
Wednesday 6:30p

Wednesday Benevolence 8:30a

December 24, 2017

### What a Disciple Is

Donny Weimar

Summarily, Jesus's Great Commission is "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19). Such converted souls as these are more than converts, and they are more than students. Pupils sit before their teacher merely to learn what the instructor has to say, but disciples are much more. Oh yes, they are certainly the Master's learners, but more than that, they apprentice His example and become teachers themselves! "A disciple is not above his teacher," Jesus told them, "but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher" (Luke 6:40). Like his teacher, like Jesus Christ, is to be perfectly trained to emulate His very character, His life-model.

Disciples are three things, as described in John's account of the everlasting Gospel. One, they abide in the Christ's teachings. Jesus said to believers "if you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples" (John 8:31). A person void of biblical understanding is empty of genuine faith because, it "comes from hearing the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17).

Disciples love one another. The Master taught, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). A Christian, absent of love, is not a true disciple (1 John 4:20). God's children comprehend biblical love, for "God is love" (1 John 4:8). "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers" (1 John 3:16).

Disciples of Christ bear fruit. "By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples" (John 15:8). Fruit bearing in the Bible has to do with a productive faith. Such faith yields two basic kinds of fruit: the fruit of righteousness (James 3:18) and the producing of more disciples for the Master (Philippians 1:22). Every living creature multiplies (Genesis 1:22). Bearing fruit is the litmus for determining real disciples.

Being disciples of Christ takes learning Him, emulating Him and sharing His Gospel. Disciples make disciples, who make disciples. "... Teach them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:20).

## SAMUEL PREACHED FROM GRAVE

1. 1 Samuel 28
  - a. Introduction
  - b. Saul's life
  - c. Near the end
  - d. Verses 5-6
  
2. Samuel warned Saul
  - a. 1 Samuel 15:26
  - b. Rejected by God
  - c. Time had run out
  
3. Saul developed plan
  - a. 1 Samuel 28: 7-10
  - b. Bring up Samuel
  - c. Saul hears message
  - d. 1 Samuel 28: 15-19
  
4. Message for today
  - a. How God speaks us
  - b. God call through Gospel
  - c. What Saul could have been
  - d. Lukewarm Christians
  - e. Rev 3: 15-16
  
5. Let Samuel preach to us
  - a. Jesus said to Church Ephesus
  - b. Rev 2:5
  
6. Conclusion



### Weekly Service @ TriSun

Every Sunday  
@ 8:30 AM

### Wed. Night Adult Classes

Men's: *Lessons from Joseph*  
Ladies': *Learning to be "His Princess Warrior"*

### SENIOR'S YOUNG AT HEART

MEETS EVERY  
TUES. @ 10:30AM

### Lads 2 Leaders Events

Bible Bowl  
Song Leading  
Oral Speech & more...

## WesthillWORKS!

### Community Outreach

Benevolence Program  
Habitat for Humanity  
Food for Fitness

### Local Missions

Cherokee Children's Home  
In Search of the Lord's Way  
Southwest School of Preaching  
Brown Trail Spanish School of Preaching  
The Truth in Love *ttil.tv*  
WVBS Online School  
*school.wvbs.org*  
La Poynor Prison Ministry  
(Steve & Carrie Handley)

### Foreign Missions

Four Seas Bible College, Singapore  
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  
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### Deacons

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Greg Olsen - 903.654.1406  
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### Ministers

Anthony Warnes - 430.775.0196 (Pulpit)  
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### Staff

Jay Mahoney - 903.467.9093 (Office)

# Prayer List

**Thelma Martin** has passed away at the age of 99. She was Patty Williams' mother & Justin Williams' grandmother. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family during this sorrowful time. Her service was held on Friday.

**James Welch** has improved some since surgery last week. He has been moved to a regular hospital room in Dallas Baylor.

**Velma McDougald** is in Baylor Scott & White Waco for rehab. She would enjoy any cards and really appreciates all of your prayers.

**Don Ivy** is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on 12/27 at Baylor Hospital.

**Bobby Barham** has back surgery scheduled for 1/22.

**Continue to Remember:** Don Bowen, Aline Barrett, Wanda Brown, Wanda Horner, Jan Ross, Sylvia Cockerham, Billie Thomas, Vicki Ivy, James & Sue Welch, John Sehon, Bronny Watson, Don Corley, Shirley Bowen, Mary Crews, Murphy family, Horn family, Dominy family, & Beverly Heathcote's mother

# Announcements

**Worship Service Today 12/24** is on normal schedule for morning service. There will be no pot luck lunch, but we will return for a service at 1pm. There will be no 6pm service.

**Wednesday Service, 12/27** all ages and classes will meet in the auditorium.

**Worship Service Sun., 12/31** will be normal worship format with morning & evening services. After evening worship you are invited to stay for **Fellowship & Game Night**. Please come and enjoy the fun. You are welcome to bring any food, snacks, or sweets of your choice.

**Winter Youth Retreat** in Athens coming up **1/12-1/15**. Be sure to return the registration packets.

**T3 Commision** - Lewisville church of Christ **2/16-2/17** for **8th-12th grade** - \$35 per student. See Anthony for info.

**Save the Date: Couples Retreat - 4/27-4/29**

**W.O.W.** - I feel so blessed to have been the recipient of this year's surprise. Thank you to all of the women who contributed and for continually inspiring me to be a better Christian. **-Love to all, Nancy Armstrong**

## Birthdays This Week

December 24 - Steely Southard

December 25 - Velma McDougald & Eugenia Sosa

December 26 - Keller Southard

December 27 - Barbara Gould & Jennifer Sosa

December 28 - Melba Bower

December 29 - Greg Olsen & London Olsen

December 30 - Paul Newman & Marcus Polk

## Next Week:

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

**AM Sermon** *State of Westhill*

**PM Sermon** *Turning the Page*

## Records for December 17, 2017

Bible Class .....	193
AM Worship.....	243
PM Worship.....	180
Wednesday.....	156
Contribution .....	\$7,981

**Military:** Samantha Armstrong, Clay Bayes, Blake Barrett, Jason Book, Alston Compton, David Dilbeck, Robert Johnson, Ryan Payne, Douglas Ramsey, & Ryan Stewart

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## Privileged to Serve

<b>Song Leader</b>	Zach Drain
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Mark McWherter
<b>Communion Leader</b>	Billy Roughton
<b>Communion Servers</b>	
Millard Dowdle	Bronny Watson
Darrell Olsen	Michael Jones
Jose Sosa Jr.	Greg Olsen
Joe Glass	James Olsen
Dan Gibson	David Shastid
Brent Stewart	Justin Williams
Buck Murphy	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Paul Slaughter
<b>Nursery</b>	Charlotte Weaver & Reece Briggs
<b>PM Song Leader</b>	Justin Mahoney
<b>PM Opening Prayer</b>	Casey Hendrix
<b>PM Closing Prayer</b>	Rusty Owens
<b>Wed. Song Leader</b>	Justin Mahoney
<b>Wed. Invitation</b>	Tim Cooke
<b>December Contact Elder</b>	Paul Slaughter