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# WESTHILL

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## 1 THESSALONIANS 3:8

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

Tuesday 10:30am

Wednesday 6:30pm

Tuesday Benevolence 9:00 -10:00am

December 30, 2018

## Hard to be Understood

Dan Jenkins

“No one can understand the Bible; it is just too hard for me to know what God is saying.” These words express the hearts of many, but are they true? Peter said that in parts of the Bible there are “... some things hard to be understood” (2 Pet. 3:16), but he does not say that even the hard things are impossible to understand.

An amazing truth about the Bible is that the most important truths are stated in a way that everyone can comprehend them. Let’s take time to look at the following vital truths of the Bible which are so simply stated.

**Jesus is the only way any person can be saved.** Is this true? Read the words of Jesus. “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). Is that hard to understand? A vital truth simply stated.

**Those who do not believe in Jesus cannot go to heaven, even if they do good things.** Read these words of Jesus. “If you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins” (John 8:24). Read them again and imagine the spiritual destiny of those who are still in their sins. A vital truth simply stated.

**Not all religious people will be saved.** Jesus said, “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness’” (Matt. 7:22-23). If you wonder how this could happen, look at verse 21, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.” A vital truth simply stated.

**No man, without God’s help, can find the way to heaven.** “It is not in man who walks to direct his own way,” and “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the ways of death” (Jer. 10:23; Prov. 16:25). A vital truth simply stated.

**The Bible is the final source for all religious doctrine and instruction.** “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17). A vital truth simply stated.

Look at how simply God has stated the most important truths. Think about this. It is not the “hard” things in the Bible that should concern us, nearly as much as the “easy” things in it. God has stated eternal truths. God has stated the most vital, eternal truths in the simplest language. Wise men will never overlook the simple truths of the Bible. Be wise!

**2020 Vision**

Hindsight is 20/20

- Look ahead to 2020 (Where can you be one year from now?)

The Apostle Paul wrote to a church that he had never met: Colossae (Colossians 1:3-4)

- He had \_\_\_\_\_ been there
- Their faith was \_\_\_\_\_

Paul wrote and gave them some very obtainable goals

**What we should want to SEE in our future:**

**1. An Increase in \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord**

- Good resolution: to ask ourselves: “Would this \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord?”

**2. An Increase in Bearing \_\_\_\_\_**

- Epaphras: where would you be \_\_\_\_\_ him? (Evangelism)
- Good resolution: bear more \_\_\_\_\_ than last year

**3. An Increase in \_\_\_\_\_**

- Bible Reading/Listening/Watching
- What does this help with?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- Good resolution: \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_

**“Who has given thanks?”**

Questions Jesus Asked

**Luke 17**

Lepers in the Law

Lepers in the Culture

**Luke 17**

- Standing at a distance (Obedience to \_\_\_\_\_)
- Calling out to Jesus (Showing \_\_\_\_\_)
- As they were going...(they had to \_\_\_\_\_)
- Yet only \_\_\_\_\_ came back
  - He came and \_\_\_\_\_ God
  - He came and \_\_\_\_\_ himself
  - He came and gave \_\_\_\_\_
  - He was a \_\_\_\_\_
- You can almost hear the sadness: “Were there not \_\_\_\_\_ cleansed?”

Let’s show THANKS...

- **When He Blesses us \_\_\_\_\_**
- **When He Blesses us with \_\_\_\_\_**
- **When He Blesses us with another \_\_\_\_\_**
- **When He Blesses us with a \_\_\_\_\_**
- **When He Blesses us with \_\_\_\_\_**

# JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	2 <i>6:30pm Assembly</i> <i>Singing/Devotional</i> <i>Auditorium</i>	3	4	5
6 <i>Worship</i> <i>Registration due:</i> <i>- Winter Retreat</i> <i>- L2L</i> <i>- Couples Retreat</i>	7	8 <i>Benevolence</i> <i>9-10am</i>  <i>Young at Heart</i> <i>10:30am</i>	9 <i>6:30pm Assembly</i>	10	11	12
13 <i>Worship</i>	14	15 <i>Benevolence</i> <i>9-10am</i>  <i>Young at Heart</i> <i>10:30am</i>	16 <i>6:30pm Assembly</i>	17	18 <i>Yth Winter Retreat</i> <i>Ft. Parker</i>	19 <i>Yth Winter Retreat</i> <i>Ft. Parker</i>
20 <i>Worship</i>  <i>Yth Winter Retreat</i> <i>Ft. Parker</i>	21	22 <i>Benevolence</i> <i>9-10am</i>  <i>Young at Heart</i> <i>10:30am</i>	23 <i>6:30pm Assembly</i>	24	25	26
27 <i>Worship</i>  <i>Potluck Lunch</i>	28	29 <i>Benevolence</i> <i>9-10am</i>  <i>Young at Heart</i> <i>10:30am</i>	30 <i>6:30pm Assembly</i>	31	1	2

## 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 Bible Institute  
Brown Trail Spanish Preaching  
The Truth in Love *ttil.tv*  
WVBS *school.wvbs.org*  
La Poynor Prison Ministry

### Foreign Missions

India Preacher Training Program  
New Zealand Harvest Missions

### Deacons

Scott Barham - 903.641.0133  
David Baumgartner - 903.654.4057  
Zach Drain - 903.521.6055  
Joshua Haden - 903.602.9645  
Casey Hendrix - 817.307.2127  
Michael Jones - 214.803.5984  
David Mahoney - 903.229.2731  
Matt Newman - 972.935.5789  
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  
Jose Sosa - 903.872.0535  
Brent Stewart - 903.641.9052  
Mike Wylie - 254.578.3191  
Justin Williams - 903.875.8288

### Shepherds

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

### 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

**Faith Beamon** needs our continued prayers while she is recovering in the hospital with serious injuries.

**Continue to Remember:** Don Bowen, Aline Barrett, Ruth Ann Watson, Trey Billingsly, Debra Woodcock, Pat Wheat, Aubrey Parrish, Hagan Webster, James Welch, Bobby Compton, Jan Ross, Tereas Jenkins, & Randy Daw

# Announcements

**Today Normal Worship Schedule** for morning and evening services.

**Wed. 1/2 - Singing/Devotional** in the Auditorium.

**Youth Winter Retreat** - turn in **registration by 1/6**

**Lads to Leaders** - turn in **registration by 1/6**

**Couples' Retreat** for married Westhill members.

**When: Fri. 2/1 - Sat. 2/2**

**Where:** Holiday Inn Express in Allen, TX

**Cost:** Hotel room about \$110 and own travel.

**Need:**

\* **Let Brandon know by 1/6** if you plan to attend by texting him at 903.771.6359.

\* You must call 972.272.2000 and reserve your own room at the Holiday Inn Express Suites in Allen, Tx, by **1/7**. Tell them you are reserving with the Westhill church of Christ.

**Benevolence Program** will switch to Tuesdays 9-10am beginning **1/8**.

**North Beaton Gospel Singing - 1/12** at 5pm. Song leaders if you are interested RSVP with Eddie Orbinson at 972.213.8338.

**T-3 Youth Event - 2/15-2/16**

**Westhill-** I would like to thank everyone here at Westhill for the prayers, cards, and well wishes. I am getting better everyday.

- In Christian Love, **Aubrey Parrish Sr.**

**Birthdays This Week**

December 30 - Paul Newman

December 31 - McKenzie Olsen

January 1 - Frizzell Henry

January 2 - Caleb Hendrix

January 4 - Malinda Zalace

**Next Week:**

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

**AM Sermon** *We Need You!*

**PM Sermon** *L2L Exodus Series - I AM*

## Records for December 23, 2018

Bible Class .....	196
AM Worship.....	273
PM Worship.....	
Wednesday.....	
Contribution .....	\$10,829.01

**Military:** Samantha Armstrong, Clay Bayes, Blake Barrett, Alston Compton, David Dilbeck, Robert Johnson, & Ryan Stewart

## Privileged to Serve

<b>Song Leader</b>	Justin Mahoney
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	James Olsen
<b>Communion Leader</b>	Percell Milton
<b>Communion Servers</b>	
Dale Hill	Robby Thomas
Phil Pillans	Jose Sosa Jr.
Josh Newman	Darrell Olsen
Eric Olsen	Casey Hendrix
David Shastid	Percell Milton
Scott Barham	Ken Greem
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	David Baumgartner
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	
<b>Nursery</b>	Lee Owens & Aspyr Newman
<b>PM Song Leader</b>	Joshua Haden
<b>PM Opening Prayer</b>	Nicholas Tooley
<b>PM Closing Prayer</b>	Dale Hill
<b>Wed. Song Leader</b>	Singing/Devo Service
<b>Wed. Invitation</b>	Singing/Devo Service
<b>December Contact Elder</b>	Darwin Thomas