

# INFO

5-7-17

Please complete this slip and place it in the oak box to the right of the door as you leave.

We value community. This helps us get better acquainted and helps us better serve you.

Thanks!

I/We are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> time guests  2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> time guests
- regular attenders

I/We heard about Word of Life

from: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to know more about:

- What it means to be a follower of Jesus
- WordofLife4u Email Newsletter
  - Groups at Word of Life
  - Helping at Word of Life
  - Membership Class

I/We would like the information by:

- Mail  E-mail  Visit  Phone

Adult Name(s) *Please Print*

Youth/Children (grade)

Please complete unless our information is current:

Address

City, ST Zip+4

E-Mail(s)

Home Phone(s)

Work Phone(s)

Cell Phone(s)

Needs, Questions or Comments

Over for Requests/Thanksgivings & RSVP

# Word of Life Family Prayer List

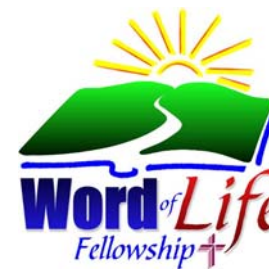
We Thank the Lord...

- for being patient with us even when we make bad decisions that cause us and others pain and for making all things work together for good
- for our guests and those who invited and brought them
- for healing **Anna & Bill Krueger**
- for the birth of Alex Drew Pointer to **Josh & Desiree Pointer**
- for \$52,444 given to our *Therefore Go* building fund
- for all the resources God has entrusted to our care and His promise to multiply them to build a bigger heaven and better lives.

We Ask the Lord...

- to inspire and empower us to see the benefits and blessings in suffering, especially the suffering of Jesus Christ for us and for others
- to bless missionary pastor Will Kemp and the people of the Eternity Matters Most Network as they reach out to people in Carrollton and beyond
- to bless our leaders with godly wisdom and guidance that they would lead according to His will
- to bless our government to provide justice and protection for the good of all its people
- to bless victims of persecution, violence, terrorism and disaster
- to bless and protect our troops and their families, especially Sam Fradsham (**Montgomery**)
- for new or better employment for **Tara Hatfield**, **Annemarie Sibdhannie**, **Meredith Brown (Amendt)**, **Juan Pizarro (Molina)**, **Jordan Smith (Smith)**
- to heal marriages and those broken by separation and divorce
- to bless all who travel
- to bless **Anna & Bill Krueger** as they transition to a new home
- to bless **Johnny & Zerlinda Villegas (Lai)**
- for a healthy pregnancy for **Kyly Stark**, **Clarissa Wright (Herndon)**
- for **Bob & Cheryl Gibson** as they make decisions concerning his care
- to bless the **Herndons**, the Whites, **Pat Quebe (Morris)** and other caregivers and those for whom they care
- to bless **Ruth Doering (Peterson, Mitschke)**, **Les Borst (Boyes)** and others receiving skilled nursing care
- for mercy and certain hope for **Wilhelm Nightingale (Nightingale)**, **Dot Dacier (Christiansen)**, **Betty & Kimberly Conaway**, **Joe Lanier**, **Marion Roberts (Herndon)** and **Norman Wiley** in their last days
- to comfort the family and friends of **Ginny Frederick (Amendt)** and 8 year old **Maddie Shura (Phillips)** as they mourn her death
- to heal **Mike Kroger**, **Annemarie Sibdhannie**, **Cheryl & Bob Gibson**, **Rick Bandas**, **Paul Krish**, **Michael Abilez (Akridge)**, **Molly Peter**, **TK Armstrong (Amendt)**, **Kristi Logan Mahaffey (Cardy)**, **Denise Triplett (Edwards)**, **Cary Friesenhahn (Flowers)**, **Tim, Cheri, Louis, & Dana Gray**, **Sandra & Rodney Hatcher**, **Lee family (Gray)**, **Royce Reynolds (Hatfield)**, **Mackey Vogel**, **Mike Webb**, **Caroline Wright**, **Butch Swinford (Herndon)**, **Linda Henderson**, **Brad Macpherson (Hilman)**, **Elizabeth, Sheli, Nicholas (Kroger)**, **Elaine Bretscher (Krueger)**, **Benny & Joshua Mitschke**, **Danielle Baksic (Mitschke)**, **Mariel Molina**, **Sherry Ramey (Molina)**, **Wanda, Erin (Nightingale)**, **Vince Shahan**, **Martha & Toby Paris**, **Randy, Keith, Chrissy, Mary Lou & Jim Burgess (Shahan)**, **Wanda (Schubert)**, **Janeva & Whiddon Sibdhannie**, **Francis & Cecil Bonar (Sibdhannie)**, **baby Riley (Stemmermann)**, **Guadalupe Rivera**, **Burt & Nancy Noble (Victor)**, **Rose Ramirez**
- to heal those battling cancer: **Barry Malone**, **Nicole Shahan**, **Rita Cremisi (Akridge)**, **Brian Brown (Amendt)**, **Ray Mahaffey**, **Alexis King**, **Peggy Cardy (Cardy)**, **Larry Triplett (Edwards)**, **Ross DeVries**, **Tom Cunningham (Gibson)**, daughter (**Koester**), **Ed Estes (Kroger)**, **Gretchen Jameson**, **Lincoln Mancuso (Mitschke)**, **Yolanda Richards**, **Chuck Lopez (Molina)**, **Elisa Pittman**, **Sarah Emanuel (Montgomery)**, **Kay Nelson**, **Charlie Quist (Myers)**, **Larry, Charlie, Jennifer, Harold (Nightingale)**, **Twyla Nash (Ruebel)**, **Cyril Bonar (Sibdhannie)**, **Kevin Wegner (Wallrich)** and to strengthen their families
- to empower us to bring eternal and better life to those missing life in Christ

Please take this home so you may review and apply this week's LifeLesson and keep your Word of Life family in your prayers throughout the week. Please keep this list current by sharing updates on your Info slip.



Sunday, May 7, 2017

213 Coy Lane

Cibolo, Texas 78108

8:00 am Traditional

9:30 & 11:00 am Contemporary

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*Building a bigger heaven and better lives!*

LifeLesson Notes for:

## Questions on Suffering

*I Have a Friend Who...*

How would you explain suffering to John Templeton?

### 1. People suffer because people make \_\_\_\_\_.

Galatians 6:7—Remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it. You will always reap what you sow! (NLT)

Every action causes a \_\_\_\_\_.

If you were God, what would you do about people's poor choices?

God is more \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ than we.

2 Peter 3:9—The Lord isn't slow to do what he promised, as some people think. Rather, he is patient for your sake. He doesn't want to destroy anyone but wants all people to have an opportunity to turn to him and change the way they think and act. (GW)

### 2. People suffer because \_\_\_\_\_ is infected.

Genesis 3:17-19—The very ground is cursed because of you; getting food from the ground will be as painful as having babies is for your wife; you'll be working in pain all your life long. The ground will sprout thorns and weeds, you'll get your food the hard

way, planting and tilling and harvesting, sweating in the fields from dawn to dusk, until you return to that ground yourself, dead and buried; you started out as dirt, you'll end up dirt. (Msg)

We wanted to do things \_\_\_\_\_, so God lets us!

Romans 8:20—Against its will, everything on earth was subjected to God’s curse. All creation anticipates the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay. (NLT)

### 3. Some suffering is \_\_\_\_\_ for people.

Luke 13:4-5—[Jesus said,] “What about those people who died when the tower at Siloam fell on them?... if you don’t turn to God and change the way you think and act, then you, too, will all die.” (GW)

“We need crises, for we have spiritual sleeping sickness and need frequent alarms.” - Peter Kreeft

“God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” - C.S. Lewis

“Is it credible that such extremities of torture should be necessary for us? Well, take your choice. The tortures occur. If they are unnecessary, then there is no God or a bad one. If there is a good God, then these tortures are necessary. For no even moderately good Being could possibly inflict or permit them if they weren't.” - C.S. Lewis

Romans 8:28—God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God. (NLT)

Suffering:

assures us of great \_\_\_\_\_ - Luke 6:23

brings out our \_\_\_\_\_ - Romans 5:2-5 & James 1:2-4

\_\_\_\_\_ faith - 1 Peter 1:6-7

\_\_\_\_\_ God’s work - John 9:1-3

makes us more \_\_\_\_\_ - John 15:2

makes us co-\_\_\_\_\_ - Romans 8:18, 35, 37

is an opportunity for \_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

makes us \_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

\_\_\_\_\_ us to Christ - Philippians 3:10-11

\_\_\_\_\_ us - Hebrews 12:7

provides \_\_\_\_\_ training - 2 Corinthians 1:4

Hebrews 12:2—We must focus on Jesus, the source and goal of our faith. He saw the joy ahead of him, so he endured death on the cross and ignored the disgrace it brought him. Then he received the highest position in heaven, the one next to the throne of God. (GW)

The best person who ever lived \_\_\_\_\_.

We don’t have to \_\_\_\_\_.

“Now that I come to think of it, there's no practical problem before me at all. I know the two great commandments, and I'd better get on with them.” - C.S. Lewis

#### B.L.E.S.S.

From the beginning, God’s way of reaching the world has been through a blessing strategy:



**B** Begin with prayer, “God, how do you want me to bless the people in the places you send me?”

**L** Listen. Don’t talk too much, instead listen to people, their struggles, their pains.

**E** Eat. Have a meal with people or a cup of coffee. It builds relationships.

**S** Serve. If you listen to people and eat with them, they will tell you how to love them, serve them.

**S** Story. Share your story and how Jesus is in it. Share Jesus’ story when the time is right.

God says, “I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

- Genesis 12:2-3

Adapted from *Five Ways to Bless Your Neighbors* by Dave Ferguson

**Who will you bless this week?**

### Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings: *Please Print*

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Remain Confidential

These requests/thanksgivings may be removed:

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I want to invite the following people to Word of Life Fellowship. Please pray for them and me as I do this for them and for Jesus Christ.

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## RSVP Next Steps

Please complete and place in the oak box beside the doors as you leave.

I want to know more about:

- believing in Jesus.
- being baptized into Jesus.
- following Jesus.
- serving in the community.
- Word of Life Fellowship.

First Name(s)

Last Name