THIS WEEK at Word of Life

All events at church building unless noted otherwise.

Sunday, December 18 **Traditional Worship** 8:30 am

Bible Study

9:45 am 40 Messianic Prophecies

Contemporary Worship with Sunday School 9:45 am Livestream available @ www.wordoflife4u.com/watch

Contemporary Worship with Sunday School 11:00 am

Congregational Meeting Following the 11:00 am service

Sunday School Christmas Program 3:00 pm

Confirmation 4:00 pm

NO Youth Group

Thursday, December 22 **Couples Bible Study** 6:00 pm

Music TEAM 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 25 **ONE Combined Christmas Day Service** 9:45 am Livestream available @ www.wordoflife4u.com/watch

NO Confirmation

NO Youth Group



TODAY'S LifeLesson **Burden to Blessing**

Barrenness and scandal meet. In the midst of real-life hurry and suffering, God comes to two women in miraculous ways, sharing hope and joy. Be filled with hope and joy, despite your struggles!

Family Cross

New Word of Life families are invited to donate a cross for the wall. The cross should be no larger than 18 inches. Be sure



to write your family's name and the year you started attending Word of Life on the back of the cross. The crosses will be added to the wall on Jan. 7, when we have the BIG ladder out to assist with taking down the Christmas decorations. Questions? Patti@Wordoflife4u.com.



Epiphany House Blessing

Epiphany is Friday, January 6. The ancient tradition of a house blessing at Epiphany is a good way to start the New Year. The season of the Epiphany is particularly timely due to the connection of the visitation of the Magi to the home of the infant Christ. House Blessing kits will be available next Sunday. Be sure to pick one up for your family. Consider inviting friends and neighbors to participate with you, or take an extra kit and give it to a neighbor or friend.

NEW YouTube Link

You may now reach our YouTube channel by using the new compact internet address:



youtube.com/@wordoflife4u



Snacks & Coffee We'd love to get to know you better or catch up on what's happening in your life. Join us for coffee and snacks after each of the morning services.

Word of Life **Fellowship**

December 18, 2022 8:30 Traditional 9:45 Contemporary

Building a bigger heaven & better lives!

11:00 Contemporary 213 Cov Lane Cibolo, Texas 78108 210-566-2237 www.Wordofl ife4u.com BetterLife@WordofLife4u.com

Welcome!

We respect and welcome people of every race, culture, status and religious background. We're first and foremost Christian and Christcentered. Secondly, we are part of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, an international church body

which stands on the authoritative Word of God, upholds God's law and proclaims the Gospel which offers God's free gifts of forgiveness, a better life now and heaven forever. All this and more are received by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone.

For Children

We are so happy you have brought your children to worship today. After the Children's Message in both contemporary services, children. Infants-6th grade, are invited to attend age appropriate Sunday school classes:



Movers & Shakers-Infant thru 3 yr old, JAM (Jesus & Me) - 4 yr old thru 3rd grade, 'Tweens-4th thru 6th grade.

Children may be picked up from their classroom at the end of the worship service.



A Nursery room is available in the yellow classroom through the door under the left screen. Children's Activity Bags are available in the lobby. They include activity books, coloring sheets, cravons and more. Please return these bags to the "tree" after the service.

Building a Bigger Heaven in Texas This week we're praying for missionary pastor Phil Doublestein and the people of Brooks Church as they reach out to people in San Antonio and beyond. We support this ministry by giving a portion of our offerings to Texas Partners in Mission. For more information, visit txlcms.org/tpim.

Donate your Eyeglasses

Millions living in low and middle income countries lack access to basic eye care services. Help them by donating your used glasses. Please place them in the box provided in the entryway. Questions? Contact Peggy Myers, pmmq40@att.net

RACAP Needs

The Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP) provides emergency assistance to people in need. They currently need:

- Cereal
- 1 or 2 lb. Bags of Dry Beans
- Canned Fruit
- 1-2 lb. Bags of Rice
- Canned Soup
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Tomato Products

Please leave donated items in the blue RACAP bin in the lobby. Monetary donations are also needed. Write a check to Word of Life Fellowship and put RACAP in the memo line or place cash in a RACAP envelope and place in the offering box near the glass doors.



Care Contacts

Prayer Chain: Jayme Edwards, 210-382-5711 Meals for III or Grieving: Hillary Rubel, 210-787-8972 Hospitalization, Surgery, Major Illness, Pastoral Care: Pastor Ken, 210-862-7629

Important Events This Week!

TODAY after 11 am service Congregational Assembly

Please attend the annual congregational assembly today at noon. The agenda items are:

1. Approval of the 2023 Ministry Financial Plan



 Approval of the 2023 Leadership Team slate which includes: David Christiansen, Tara Hatfield, Ed Herrera, Tom Malone, Dustin Nichols, Jan Pawelek, Greg Peterson, and Jim Weissmann.



TODAY at 3:00 pm Children's Christmas Program

Our children's ministry volunteers and our children have been learning songs, trying on costumes and rehearsing to prepare a wonderful re-telling of the Christmas story. Join them for "The Best Christmas Gift Ever" at 3:00 pm. Cast members should arrive by 2:30 pm to put on costumes.

Saturday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Christmas is a time when many are receptive to an invitation to worship. We will have a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm. Invitations are available in the lobby. Please pick up several to share with family, friends, fellow students, co-workers and neighbors.



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This is the Sunday, Dec. 25 **Cason** ONE Service, 9:45 am

Celebrate the coming of the Christ child on Christmas morning in one combined service at 9:45 am. We'll sing favorite Christmas carols, hear the familiar story and rejoice that the Savior of the World has come for us.



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are trained in topics including listening, feelings, assertiveness, and confidentiality. They minister to people in transitional situations such as divorce, terminal illness, grief and childbirth. Stephen Ministers are also trained to recognize when a

care receiver's needs go beyond the care a Stephen Minister can provide and know where the care receiver may seek additional care. Confidentiality is a cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers don't reveal what their care receivers have told them: not to the pastor, not to Stephen Leaders, not to spouses or friends and not to other Stephen Ministers. Want to know more? Please call Tammy Weissmann, 210-314-3754 or Becky Peterson, 210-240-7776.

Ways to give to the Lord at Word of Life:

• Electronic Check—Write the fund or funds you want to give to on the memo field in your bank or credit union's bill pay feature.



- Check—Write the fund or funds you want to give to on the memo line of your check. Place in the offering box near the door or mail to: Word of Life Fellowship, 213 Coy Ln, Cibolo, TX 78108.
- **Cash**—Write the fund or funds you want to give to on an envelope. Place in the offering box near the glass doors.



 Online—Use this QR code or go to WordofLife4u.com/give. The online service will retain a transaction fee of \$.49 plus 1.9% of the total amount of your donation. These are the lowest transaction fees we could find.

On Shopping for Good



Shopping on line? Check out smile.amazon.com. If you designate Word of Life Fellowship as the organization you support, the church will

receive a donation of 0.5% of whatever you spend.

