

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

We value relationships. This helps us get better acquainted and helps us better serve you. Thanks!

I/We are:

☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd time Guests ☐ Regular attenders

I/We heard about Word of Life

from: _____

I/We would like:

- ☐ the pastor to call me
☐ to request a Stephen Minister
☐ to be baptized into Jesus
☐ to attend the next membership course

Adult Name(s) *Please Print*

Youth/Children (grade)

Please complete unless our information is current:

Address

City, ST Zip

Her Email

Her Phone

Provider

His Email

His Phone

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Needs, Questions or Comments

Over for Requests/Thanksgivings & RSVP

Word of Life Family Prayer List

We Thank the Lord...

- for sending us glad tidings of great joy, for allowing outsiders and sinners to be ancestors of His Son and sisters and brothers of Jesus now, for sending His Son to forgive the debt of our sin, to free us from serving Satan and selves and to give us a foretaste of His promised rest and restoration
- for our guests and all who invited and brought them
- for \$515,443 given to our *Therefore Go* building fund
- for the blessings and resources He 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 receive the Good News and respond joyfully, to value all people and include the least, the last, and the lost, to receive the gift of Your favor and focus on Your victory
- to bless missionary pastor Byron Williams and the people of St. Paul as they reach out to people in Dallas and beyond
- to bless our attenders, community, state, nation and world
- to bless all leaders with godly wisdom and guide them to lead according to His will
- to bless victims of violence, oppression and disaster
- for sobriety for those with addictions
- to restore broken marriages, engage unengaged parents, heal broken families, reconcile estranged family members
- to help the **Monu** family know Jesus and bring them together in San Antonio
- for employment opportunities for **Jayne Edwards, Dennis Hatfield**
- to bless and protect our deployed troops and their families, especially **Matthew Brooks**
- for a safe pregnancy and delivery for Joy and Michael Silva (**Fennigkoh**), Trinity and Logan Neahring (**Leal**), Samantha and Jadon Kempers (**Stemmermann**)
- to grant comfort and peace in their last days to Audrey Able (**Mitschke**), Phyllis Thompson Molina (**Molina**), Bernard Sowinski (**Valentine**) and grant strength and rest to their families and caregivers
- for the family and friends of Charlene Simms (**Stevens**) as they mourn her death
- to bless Cecilia Friesenhahn & her family (**Flowers**)
- to heal **Audry-Anna Edwards, Mary Flowers, Suzi Malone, Peggy Myers, Denise Bruce, Neil & Jean Craigmile, Joyce Givens, Clarice Craigmile (Craigmile), Edna Robbins, Amber Lozano (Dominguez), Omi, Bethany (Dunaway), James Baumgartner (Edwards), Daniel Muller (Grossart), Tracy Parks (Hatfield), David Young, Leonard Mitschke, Iris Trahan, Alex Murray, Benny & Lillian Mitschke, Pastors Walter Dube, David Goeke (Mitschke), Baby Zayn (Molina), Diana Murray (Murray), Dawn Putnam (Myers), Clayton (Pawelek), Phil (Peterson), David Rubel (Rubel), Heather Zakarian (Smith), Bud, Riley (Stemmermann), Beth Roberts, Evan Hance (Stevens), Jeanie Rosenburg, Tonja Brewer (Vallejo), Rita (Wallrich), Jeff Rayburn, Walter, Colleen Weissmann (Weissmann), Eric Hairston (Williams)**
- to heal those battling cancer: Linda Sue Southard (**Apao**), Janice Tolin (**Bruce**), Monica Mann (**Christiansen**), Guy Morgan (**Craigmile**), Betty Ruff (**Dominguez**), Rhonda Reyes, Kris Frett, Margaret Swartz (**Edwards**), Shelby Renton (**Hatfield**), Neva Atkinson (**Johnson**), Pastors Ken Lieber & Wayne Graumann, Laurine Watson, Kathy Jennings (**Mitschke**), Maria Molina (**Molina**), Meredith Powell (**Nightingale**), Sebastian Hernandez (**Paxton**), Dave Peterson (**Peterson**), Robyn Tate, James Corbin (**Stevens**), Adrian Russell (**Vallejo**), Terry Walker (**Wagner**), John Gray (**Weissmann**)
- to help those we now name in our hearts and minds
- to bring eternal and better life to those missing new 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.

Word of Life Fellowship

December 17, 2023

Traditional 8:30 am

Contemporary 9:45 am

Contemporary 11:00 am

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Building a bigger heaven & better lives!

LifeLesson Notes for:

Christmas Is

Advent

1. Christmas is good news NOT good advice.

Matthew's account of Jesus' birth does _____ start with "once upon a time."

Matthew 1:1 (GW) - This is the list of ancestors of Jesus Christ, descendant of David and Abraham.

Good advice is direction about what you must _____.

Good news tells you what has been _____ and elicits a response.

The Christmas angel doesn't say, "Here's what you must do." He says, "I bring you good tidings of great joy!" (Luke 2:10 KJV)

You don't save yourself. _____ has come to save you.

"You could never come up to me, so I had to _____ to you."

We deserve to be _____ in the dark.

Matthew 27:46 (NIV) - "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Christmas shows us Christianity is not good advice. It is good news!

2. Christmas is turning popular values upside down.

Individual-focused culture differs from _____ -
focused culture.

Herod the Great _____ certain names from
his public genealogy.

Matthew's genealogy of Jesus seems to go out of the
way to _____ outsiders.

Five women are included (_____ outsiders).

Most are Gentiles (_____ outsiders).

Tamar and Rahab are Canaanite; Ruth is Moabite
(_____ outsiders).

Judah was unjust to Tamar, so Tamar tricks Judah, her
father-in-law, into sleeping with her (Genesis 38)
(_____ outsiders).

Rahab was not only a Canaanite but also a prostitute.
(_____ outsiders)

Matthew 1:6a – (ESV) “David the king. (_____!)

Matthew 1:6b (ESV) – “And David was the father of
Solomon by the wife of Uriah.” (_____
and _____ outsiders)

_____ and _____ are
publicly recognized as ancestors of Jesus.

People who are excluded by culture, by the self-
righteous, even those excluded by God's law, can be
brought into Jesus' _____.

Isaiah 1:18 (GW) - "Come on now, let's discuss this!"
says the LORD. "Though your sins are bright red, they

will become as white as snow. Though they are dark red,
they will become as white as wool.”

Everyone in Jesus' family is included only by the
_____ of God.

Timothy Keller - *In Jesus Christ, prostitute and king,
male and female, Jew and Gentile, one race and another
race, moral and immoral – all sit down as equals.
Equally sinful and lost, equally accepted and loved.*

Hebrews 2:11 (GW) - Jesus, who makes people holy, and
all those who are made holy have the same Father. That
is why Jesus isn't ashamed to call them brothers and
sisters.

Most _____ look down on some so they can feel
okay with excluding them.

Most people value insiders, people of pedigree, power,
popularity and possessions.

Christmas _____,
including outsiders, the least, the last, and the lost.

3. Christmas is ultimate rest.

Matthew 1:17 (GW) - So there were 14 generations from
Abraham to David, 14 generations from David until the
exile to Babylon, 14 generations from the exile until the
Messiah.

There have been six sevens of generations from Abraham
to Christ. That makes _____ the beginning of the
seventh seven.

In Leviticus 25:8-17 the last year of the seventh seven (a
rest of rests) – was to be a _____: all debts
were to be forgiven, all foreclosed land restored, all
slaves freed.

Christmas begins the _____ of _____ which
comes to us only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ
(Hebrews 4:1-11).

Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:

☐ Confidential - for pastor only

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These requests/thanksgivings may be removed:

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A Most Wonderful Time

The Christmas season is a time when many are
receptive to hearing about Christ and connecting
with His people, the Church. Therefore, Christ
strengthening me, I will attempt to:

- ☐ pray for someone who's not connected to
Christ and/or His church
- ☐ do an act of kindness for them
- ☐ invite them to do an act of kindness with me
for others
- ☐ invite/bring them to Word of Life
- ☐ introduce them to Jesus Christ

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