**NFO** 1-21-2024

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:

 $\square$  1<sup>st</sup>  $\square$  2<sup>nd</sup>  $\square$  3<sup>rd</sup>time Guests  $\square$  Regular attenders

I/We heard about Word of Life

from:		

#### I/We would like:

- the pastor to call me
- □ to request a Stephen Minister

<ul><li>to be baptized into Jesus</li><li>to attend the next membership course</li></ul>		
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	Provider	

Needs, Questions or Comments

Over for Requests/Thanksgivings & RSVP

## Word of Life Family Prayer List

#### We Thank the Lord

- for making us with His own hand and making us alive through His lifegiving breath, for making us His masterpiece with great love and effort, for creating us in Christ Jesus to live lives filled with good works
- · for our guests and all who invited and brought them
- for \$518,015 given to our Therefore Go building fund
- for Allan Beveridge's successful heart surgery (Beveridge)
- 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 value all human life and His purpose for our lives, to do the good works He has planned for us, to help our neighbor, to speak out against injustice and help those who are treated unjustly
- to bless missionary pastor Will Kemp and the people of Tangible Grace as they reach out to people in Allen, TX 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
- for wisdom for the Call Committee
- for employment opportunities for Jerry Johnson, Jayme 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 Mary Pargmann (Dominguez), Audrey Abel (Mitschke), Phyllis Thompson Molina (Molina), Bernard Sowinski (Valentine) and grant strength and rest to their families and caregivers
- for the family and friends of Jeff Rayburn (Weissmann), Jim Eiland, Ted Zoch (Mitschke) as they mourn their deaths
- to bless Cecilia Friesenhahn & her family (Flowers)
- to heal Audry-Anna Edwards, Mary Flowers, Suzi Malone, Denise & Lois Bruce, Neil & Jean Craigmile, Joyce Givens, Allan Beveridge (Beveridge), Clarice Craigmile (Craigmile), Erica, Marsha Pargmann, Edna Robbins, Amber Lozano (Dominguez), Omi, Bethany (Dunaway), Daniel Muller (Grossart), Tracy Parks (Hatfield), Carolyn Johnson (Johnson), Madison (Leal), Becky Mitschke, Leonard Mitschke, Iris Trahan, Alex Murray, Benny & Lillian Mitschke, Pastors Walter Dube, David Goeke (Mitschke), Baby Zayn (Molina), Carson (Nightingale), 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), Walter, Colleen Weissmann (Weissmann), Eric Hairston (Williams)
- to heal those battling cancer: Linda Sue Southard (Apao), 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 (Stevens), Adrian Russell (Vallejo), Terry Walker (Wagner), John Gray (Weissmann)
- to help those we now name in our hearts and minds
- · to connect people to Jesus and His kingdom.

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.



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LifeLesson Notes for:

**Building** a

The

# **Created for Purpose**

Life Sunday

January 21, 2024

Traditional 8:30 am

Contemporary 9:45 am

Contemporary 11:00 am

\_\_\_\_% of middle and high school students say their life is not useful – a huge increase from the 25% recorded in 2000 and up nearly 10% from the beginning of the pandemic (Monitoring the Future study).

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of	has led to
increases in self-har and addictions.	has led to m and other destructive behaviors
1. God made us.	
Ephesians 2:10a (G	W) - God has made us what we are.
	B) - Know that the LORD Himself is as made us, and not we ourselves.
We have forgotten to	hat we are
therefore I	am.
Our age has myth of mutation an	, first for the d now for the myth of mutilation.
a product of chance	stake or a mutation. We are chemical interactions made complex freproduction and natural selection.

We are formed by God's own hand and made alive by God's own life-giving breath. We are His *poeima*, His

\_\_\_\_.

No mentally sound person thinks they can improve upon the luminous brush strokes of DaVinci's Mona Lisa. No sane person takes a hammer to Michelangelo's Pieta. Yet many look in the mirror at God's
and fail to see the
and He has put into every visible and invisible feature.
discard God and devalue His work with every covetous act:
Calculating the cost of a child.
Looking at evil images.
Worrying about tomorrow.
Putting off praying.
When we consent to greed, gossip, revenge or lust, with every lie, we believe the lie that we can be as God.  - Christopher S. Esget
We have forgotten that we are by God, created for a purpose.
2. God created us for a purpose.
created things have a purpose.
Ephesians 2:10 (GW) - God has made us what we are. He has created us in Christ Jesus to live lives filled with good works that he has prepared for us to do.
Our purpose is to live lives filled with the
that God has already planned for us to do.
Ephesians 2:8-9 (GW) God saved you through faith as an act of kindness. You had nothing to do with it. Being saved is a gift from God. It's not the result of anything you've done, so no one can brag about it.
Our good works don't earn salvation. Good works are a
fruit of the .

Jesus became an embryo in Mary's womb. He became a crying infant, cold and hungry. He became a wilderness wanderer, starving, thirsty and tormented by demons. He became a subject of slander and spitting, whipping and piercing. He laid down His life, and He was laid in a tomb. This is where life is found, in the crucified . Out of the resurrected Christ our purpose, our lives filled with good works. God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does. - Martin Luther We are not to simply bandage the wounds of victims beneath the wheels of injustice, we are to drive a spoke into the wheel itself. – Dietrich Bonhoeffer We demand an \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of abortion, assisted suicide, embryocide and discrimination. We demand an end to the injustice of human trafficking, pornography, slavery, and the separation of children from their parents. We confess we are \_\_\_\_\_\_, great sinners with the culture of death corrupting our brains. And we profess the life we need is found only in \_\_\_\_\_.



### **Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:**

☐ Confidential - for pastor only

Please PRINT CLEARLY		
These requests/thanksgivings may be removed:		
I want to invite the following people to Word of Life. Please pray for them and me.		
RSVP		
<b>Community Invited</b>		
Yes! I'm interested in:		
☐ Financial Peace University (improve finances)		
☐ Prepare/Enrich (marriage preparation/enrichment)		
<ul><li>☐ GriefShare (grief group)</li><li>☐ Parenting Course (behavior management)</li></ul>		
☐ Celebrate Recovery (overcome hurts and habits)		
☐ Stephen Ministry (Christian care)		
☐ Fresh Start with God (discovery/membership course)		
Name(s)		
Preferred Contact		