

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 to know more about:

- believing in Jesus
- being baptized into Jesus
- following Jesus
- helping at Word of Life
- serving in the community

Adult Name(s) *Please Print* _____

Youth/Children (grade) _____

Please complete unless our information is current:

Address _____

City, ST Zip _____

Her Email _____

Her Phone _____

His Email _____

His Phone _____

Needs, Questions or Comments

Over for Requests/Thanksgivings & RSVP

Word of Life Family Prayer List

We Thank the Lord...

- for His fearsome judgments which crush evil leaders and nations who threaten God’s people, for His perfect justice and His relentless mercy
- for our guests and all who invited and brought them
- for \$509,131 given to our *Therefore Go* building fund
- for Baby Brooklyn going home with her family (**Williams**)
- for Sharmaine and family moving back to Texas (**Valentine**)
- for the blessings and 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 act, speak and think according to His Word, to trust in His grace, rescue and blessings, to find joy in Him no matter how bad things get for me and my loved ones
- to bless missionary pastor Ed Weber and the people of Misson Emanuel as they reach out to people in Mercedes, 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 our students and educators
- to bless victims of violence, oppression and disaster
- to end child sex trafficking in America and the world
- for repentance for America
- for sobriety for those with addictions
- to restore broken marriages, engage unengaged parents, heal broken families, reconcile estranged family members
- for help dealing with discouragement and focusing on accomplishments
- for heat relief and rain
- to bless and protect our deployed troops and their families, especially **Matthew Brooks**
- for a safe pregnancy and delivery for Kristin and Nico Fares (**Murray**)
- to grant comfort and peace in their last days to Bernard Sowinski (**Valentine**), Billy Morrison (**Mitschke**) and grant strength and rest to their families and caregivers
- to comfort the family and friends of Jane Anderson (**Dominguez**), Ruth Huse (**Nightingale**), Corby Brown (**Brown**), Lincoln Nichols (**Nichols**), Janet Young (**Mitschke**) as they mourn their deaths
- to bless Cecilia Friesenhahn & her family (**Flowers**)
- to heal **Pastor Ken, Suzi Malone, Peggy Myers, Denise Bruce, Neil & Jean Craigmile, Joyce Givens, Patty Stevens, Paul Krish (Akridge), Janice Tolin (Bruce), Frances Johnson (Christiansen), Reno Engel, Amber Lozano, Crystal Mahar (Dominguez), Omi, Bethany (Dunaway), Daniel Muller (Grossart), Nianna Schaffer, Cheryl Fields, Tracy Parks (Hatfield), Kristin Becker, Milton Friesenhahn, Alex Murray, Benny & Lillian Mitschke, Pastors Don Black, Walter Dube, David Goeke (Mitschke), Baby Zayn (Molina), Clayton (Pawelek), Phil (Peterson), David Rubel (Rubel), Heather (Smith), Bud, Riley (Stemmermann), Kay Jay, Evan Hance (Stevens), Jeanie Rosenburg, Tonja Brewer (Vallejo), Rita (Wallrich), Walter (Weissmann), Rhonda (Williams)**
- to heal those battling cancer: Linda Sue Southard (**Apao**), Monica Mann, Lauren Bowman (**Christiansen**), Guy Morgan (**Craigmile**), Rhonda Reyes, Kris Frett, Margaret Swartz (**Edwards**), James Maina, Shelby Renton (**Hatfield**), Pastor Wayne Graumann, Bob Baker, Vincent Sorrentino Jr., Laurine Watson, Kathy Jennings (**Mitschke**), Phyllis Thompson, Maria Molina (**Molina**), Meredith Powell (**Nightingale**), Dave Peterson (**Peterson**), Charlene Simms (**Stevens**), Adrian Russell (**Vallejo**), Terry Walker (**Wagner**)
- 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.

Word of Life Fellowship

August 27 2023

Traditional 8:30 am
Contemporary 9:45 am
Contemporary 11:00 am

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Building a bigger heaven & better lives!

Habakkuk—Unlikely Embrace

Embracing the Unshakable Truth

Guest Pastor Rev. Mark Harris

Remember God’s Past

Habakkuk 3:1-15 (GW) - A prayer of the prophet Habakkuk; according to [shigionoth]. LORD, I have heard the report about you. LORD, I fear your work. In the course of the years, renew it. In the course of the years, reveal it. In all this chaos, remember to be merciful.

God comes from Teman. The Holy One comes from Mount Paran. [Selah] His splendor covers the heavens. His praise fills the earth. His brightness is like the sunlight. Rays of light [stream] from his hand. That is where his power is hidden. Diseases go ahead of him. Plagues follow after him.

He stands and shakes the earth. He casts a glance and startles the nations. The oldest mountains break apart. The ancient hills sink. The ancient paths belong to him. I see trouble in the tents of Cushan. I see trembling in the tents of Midian.

The LORD is not angry with the rivers, is he? If you are angry with the rivers, if you are furious with the sea, [why] do you ride your horses, your chariots of salvation? You get your bow ready for action, for the arrows [you] promised. [Selah] You split the land with rivers.

The mountains look at you. They writhe in pain. Floodwaters pass by. The deep ocean roars. Its waves rise up high. The sun and the moon stand still. They scatter at the light of your arrows, at the bright lightning of your spear.

You march through the earth with fury. You trample the nations in anger. You go out to save your people, to save your anointed. You crush the leader of the wicked household, stripping him bare from head to toe. [Selah]

You pierce the leader of his gang with his own arrows. His soldiers come like a violent storm to scatter me. They are arrogant like those who secretly eat up the poor. You march with your horses into the sea, into the mighty raging waters.

Notice the problem

Pray about the problem

Embrace the Present

Habakkuk 3:16 (GW) - I have heard, so there's trembling within me. At the report my lips quivered. A rotten feeling has entered me. I tremble where I stand. I wait for the day of trouble to come to the people who will attack us.

Even when it's terrifying

Even when it's incomplete

Cling to Hope for the Future

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (GW) - Even if the fig tree does not bloom and the vines have no grapes, even if the olive tree fails to produce and the fields yield no food, even if the sheep pen is empty and the stalls have no cattle - even then, I will be happy with the LORD. I will truly find joy in God, who saves me. The LORD Almighty is my strength. He makes my feet like those of a deer. He makes me walk on the mountains.

Recognize the need for improvement

Rejoice already!

How We'll Get to Where God Wants Us to Be
Four-step Strategy

How do we do what God wants us to do and become what He wants us to become? Our four-step strategy (missional map) functions as a guide for building a bigger heaven and better lives:

1. Go

Matthew 28:19 - So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. (NCV)

Mission: to go to those who are not pursuing a relationship with Jesus Christ, demonstrate Christ's love with our lives and tell them about Him, our faith and our congregation.

If the finish line is heaven then the starting line is going to people.

2. Worship

Colossians 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. (NIV)

Mission: to help others receive God's Word, His sacraments, His forgiveness and respond with their sacrifices of praise, tithes, offerings and prayers.

Worship is receiving and responding.

3. Learn

Acts 5:42 - Every day in the Temple and in people's homes they continued teaching the people and telling the Good News—that Jesus is the Christ. (NCV)

Mission: to help people learn and apply God's Word through home-sized groups or classes.

Being in worship is like being a brick. If you're in the building, you're not really part of the building until you're connected. All the connected parts support each other.

4. Serve

Romans 12:4-5 - Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of his one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others. (NLT)

Mission: to help people experiment with different ministries until they find the ones that fit their unique, God given gifts.

The most fulfilling thing we'll ever do with our lives is serve God in ministry.

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
Confirmation Instruction

Yes, I have a student in 7th, 8th or 9th grade. They would be available for instruction on:

Check all which are available.

- Wednesday 7:00-7:45pm
- Wednesday right after school
- Sunday 4:00-4:45pm

Name Email