

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:**

☐ 1<sup>st</sup> ☐ 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:**

- ☐ 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 asking us questions, for listening to us, for blessing us, for becoming like us to rescue us and give us better and eternal life
- for our guests and all who invited and brought them
- for \$512,068 given to our *Therefore Go* building fund
- for the leaders and participants in our BLESS LifeGroups
- for successful surgery for Lilly (**Stark**), for the remission of Bob Baker's cancer, for healing Pastor Ken (**Mitschke**)
- for current job placement and opportunity to serve for Becky Peterson
- for the birth of a son, Jack, to Kristin and Nico Fares (**Murray**)
- 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 begin with prayer and listen, to stop, make eye contact with the people around us, to ask questions, listen to them, find common ground, discover their needs and bless them
- to bless missionary pastor Aaron Lytle and the people of Oikos Montrose as they reach out to people in Houston 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 make us a blessing
- to bless Frances Johnson's move to Arizona (**Christiansen**)
- to bless and protect our deployed troops and their families, especially **Matthew Brooks**
- for a safe pregnancy and delivery for Trinity and Logan Neahring (**Leal**)
- to grant comfort and peace in their last days to Charlene Simms (**Stevens**), Bernard Sowinski (**Valentine**) and grant strength and rest to their families and caregivers
- to comfort the family and friends of Shirley Baumgartner (**Edwards**), Carolyn Skov, Milton Friesenhahn (**Mitschke**), Bill Grom, Irma Johnson, Zelpha Franzmann (**Stark**) as they mourn their deaths
- to bless Cecilia Friesenhahn & her family (**Flowers**)
- to heal **Comonek James, Dave Christiansen, Suzi Malone, Peggy Myers, Denise Bruce, Neil & Jean Craigmile, Joyce Givens, Patty Stevens, Paul Krish (Akridge), Janice Tolin (Bruce), Erica, Levon, Patty Coffey, Reno Engel, Amber Lozano, Annaliese Schultz (Dominguez), Omi, Bethany (Dunaway), Daniel Muller (Grossart), Cheryl Fields, Tracy Parks (Hatfield), Leonard Mitschke, Mike Baksic, Iris Trahan, Alex Murray, Benny & Lillian Mitschke, Pastors Don Black, Walter Dube, David Goeke (Mitschke), Baby Zayn (Molina), Clayton (Pawelek), Phil (Peterson), David Rubel (Rubel), Heather Zakarian (Smith), Lori Sticka (Stafford), Bud, Riley (Stemmermann), Kay Jay, Evan Hance (Stevens), Jeanie Rosenburg, Tonja Brewer (Vallejo), Rita (Wallrich), Walter, Colleen Weissmann (Weissmann), Rhonda (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**), James Maina, Shelby Renton (**Hatfield**), Pastors Ken Lieber & Wayne Graumann, Vincent Sorrentino Jr., Laurine Watson, Kathy Jennings (**Mitschke**), Phyllis Thompson, Maria Molina (**Molina**), Meredith Powell (**Nightingale**), Dave Peterson (**Peterson**), James Corbin (**Stevens**), Adrian Russell (**Vallejo**), Terry Walker (**Wagner**)
- to help those we now name in our hearts and minds
- to open the hearts of people to the Gospel and to open our ears, hands and mouths to bless them and share Jesus with them.

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

October 1, 2023

Traditional 8:30 am

Contemporary 9:45 am

Contemporary 11:00 am

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**Building a bigger heaven & better lives!**

*How to BLESS Your Neighbor*

## Listen

*Pastor Ken Mitschke*

Our mission is to join Jesus in building a bigger heaven and better lives.

\_\_\_\_\_ Practices

B \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

L \_\_\_\_\_

“Being heard is so close to being \_\_\_\_\_ that for the average person, they are almost indistinguishable.”  
 - David W. Augsburger

**Am I really listening?**

“The opposite of listening is not speaking, it's waiting to speak.” - Unknown

When I'm thinking about what I'm going to say next or about how to fix their problem, people feel:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jesus is the ultimate listener.**

Luke 18:35-40a (GW) - As Jesus came near Jericho, a blind man was sitting and begging by the road. When he heard the crowd going by, he tried to find out what was happening. The people told him that Jesus from Nazareth was passing by. Then the blind man shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” The people at the front of the crowd told the blind man to be quiet. But he shouted

even louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stopped and ordered them to bring the man to him.

In the commotion of the Passover pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ a single voice.

Luke 18:40b-43 (GW) - When the man came near, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said, “Lord, I want to see again.” Jesus told him, “Receive your sight! Your faith has made you well.” He followed Jesus and praised God. All the people saw this, and they, too, praised God.

Jesus:  
1) \_\_\_\_\_,  
2) \_\_\_\_\_, then  
3) \_\_\_\_\_.  
(see also John 4, John 5:1-9, Mark 6:30)

When I ask questions, listen, then bless, people feel:  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

I tend to remember the exceptional and extraordinary moments in Jesus’ life, but when I look at how He modeled the BLESS Practices, I see the many times He \_\_\_\_\_, looks someone in the \_\_\_\_\_ and really \_\_\_\_\_.

Listen to the heart.

In 1816 Rene’ Laennec invented the stethoscope. He told doctors and nurses, “If you use this tool, don’t stop listening to your patients – they will still tell you how to heal them.”

Listen to coworkers, classmates, friends, acquaintances.

Ask about:  
their \_\_\_\_\_,  
their \_\_\_\_\_,  
their \_\_\_\_\_.

Listen and look for common ground.

Acts 17:21-23 (GW) - Everyone who lived in Athens looked for opportunities to tell or hear something new and unusual. Paul stood in the middle of the court and said, “Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious. As I was going through your city and looking closely at the objects you worship, I noticed an altar with this written on it: ‘To an unknown god.’ I’m telling you about the unknown god you worship.

1 Corinthians 9:22 (NIV) - I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

“The first act of love is always the giving of \_\_\_\_\_.” - Dallas Willard

Lord, help me listen today!

BLESS Card

“Lord, help me \_\_\_\_\_!”

Listen for a:  
\_\_\_\_\_ need  
\_\_\_\_\_ need  
\_\_\_\_\_ need

May we be the people who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus through whom God will change lives and change the world.

Martin P. Copenhaver in his book, *Jesus Is the Question*, says Jesus asked \_\_\_\_\_ questions and answered only three of them. The rest of the time He just listened.



Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:

☐ Confidential - for pastor only

Please **PRINT CLEARLY**

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These requests/thanksgivings may be removed:

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I want to invite the following people to Word of Life. Please pray for them and me.

\_\_\_\_\_

## RSVP

### GriefShare Options

Yes! I'd like to participate in GriefShare.

Please **rank** your choice of meeting times (1st, 2nd and 3rd):

☐ Sunday afternoon or evening

☐ Tuesday evening

☐ Saturday afternoon or evening

### Nomination Recommendations

I recommend \_\_\_\_\_  
for nomination to the Leadership TEAM.

Name(s)

Email