

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 Joseph, for the Lord's provision for his problems, for Joseph's example of trust and sacrifice, for the Lord's big plans
- for our guests and all who invited and brought them
- for God's provision
- for a wonderful Advent by Candlelight event
- for \$486,282 given to our *Therefore Go* building fund
- for life, family and friends
- for all 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 be righteous, to be ready for the Holy Spirit to intrude upon our plans, to listen to God's direction, to trust Him despite complications and to make sacrifices for the sake of His bigger and better plans for us
- to bless missionary vicar Walker Nery and the people of Bethel Lutheran Church 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 help us see ourselves through His eyes, stand firm in Christ, navigate work/life balance, seek God first before anxiety happens
- to restore unengaged parents, heal broken families, reconcile estranged family members and resolve housing issues
- to provide affordable housing for Jan Harris (*Molina*)
- to bless and protect our deployed troops and their families, especially *Matthew Brooks*, Kenneth Larson (*Hatfield*), Logan Neahrng (*Leal*)
- to grant comfort and peace in their last days to Bernard Sowinski (*Valentine*), Pastor Tom Hadley (*Mitschke*) and grant strength and rest to their families and caregivers
- to comfort the family and friends of Rafael Mendez (*Molina*), Tygre Wynters (*Fennigkoh*), Richard McCarson (*Dominguez*) as they mourn their deaths
- to bless Cecilia Friesenhahn & her family (*Flowers*)
- to heal *Patty Stevens*, *Tom & Denise Bruce*, *Joyce Givens*, *Neil & Jean Craigmile*, Paul Krish (*Akridge*), Janice Tolin (*Bruce*), Omi, Bethany (*Dunaway*), Donna Ahrens (*Flowers*), Cheryl Fields, Ailene Prestage (*Hatfield*), Gerald Johnson (*Johnson*), Michelle Martin, Margery Erp (*Malone*), Kristin Becker, Alex Murray, Benny & Lillian Mitschke, Pastors Don Black, Dan Chambers, David Goeke (*Mitschke*), Janet Harris, Baby Zayn, Ruby Brunelle, Diana Haumeser (*Molina*), Clayton (*Pawelek*), Phil (*Peterson*), David Rubel (*Rubel*), Heather (*Smith*), Bud, Riley (*Stemmermann*), Rita (*Wallrich*), Michelle, Teresa
- to heal those battling cancer: Frances Johnson (*Christiansen*), Guy Morgan (*Craigmile*), Carolyn Dukich, Brenda, Gino (*Dominguez*), Morrison family, James Maina (*Hatfield*), Bob Baker, Vincent Sorrentino Jr., Billy Morrison, Laurine Watson, Kathy Jennings (*Mitschke*), Maria Molina (*Molina*), Dawn Putnam (*Myers*), Meredith Powell (*Nightingale*)
- 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

Building a  
bigger heaven &  
better lives!

December 11, 2022  
 Traditional 8:30 am  
 Contemporary 9:45 am  
 Contemporary 11:00 am  
 213 Coy Lane  
 Cibolo, Texas 78108  
 210-566-2237  
[www.WordofLife4u.com](http://www.WordofLife4u.com)  
[BetterLife@WordofLife4u.com](mailto:BetterLife@WordofLife4u.com)

Advent Antecedents

## Problem to Provision

Pastor Ken Mitschke

Dave Barry's Christmas Memory

There are \_\_\_\_ recorded words of Joseph in the Bible.

### 1. Joseph's Big Problem

Matthew 1:18-20 - This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit." (NIV)

Marriage was a three-step process:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Joseph’s fiancé is pregnant, and he’s not the father.

Joseph's options according to the law:

Public \_\_\_\_\_

Public \_\_\_\_\_

Quiet \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph doubted:

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2. God’s Big Provision

Matthew 1:20-21 - But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” (NIV)

This is an \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ intrusion of the Holy Spirit into his plans.

Joseph’s option according to the Gospel:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mary home as his \_\_\_\_\_

This is an act of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 1:22 - All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet. (NIV)

\_\_\_\_\_, occurring \_\_\_\_\_ times, is a key word in the Gospel of Matthew.

Matthew 1:23-25 - “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” - which means, “God with us.” When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. (NIV)

More \_\_\_\_\_, more \_\_\_\_\_.

God’s plan for Joseph was much bigger than Joseph’s plan for Joseph, so Joseph:

protected Mary from the \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt.1:18-25)

protected Jesus from \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt.2:13-15)

protected Jesus from \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt.2:19-23)

helped fulfill \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt.2:15, Jn.1:46)

Jospeh was fulfilled every time the Son of God called him \_\_\_\_\_.

If you’re doubting you can make it,  
if you’re doubting you can survive it...

...for every \_\_\_\_\_  
there is a \_\_\_\_\_.



Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:

☐ Confidential - for pastor only

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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.

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RSVP

Christmas Eve Celebration

You have a friend, family member, co-worker, fellow student, neighbor or acquaintance who would receive hope, peace, joy and love at our Christmas Eve Celebration if only you would invite them. Who will you invite or bring? We'll pray for you and for them!

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Name

Preferred Contact