



Today

4:00-6:00 p.m.
Graham's open House! You all suffered with us during our fire renovation, please come and share in our finished home!!

February 27
Families and youth will be having a game day and pizza at the building from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

March 3
Silver Saints will meet at 11:00. Bring a sack lunch and your games!

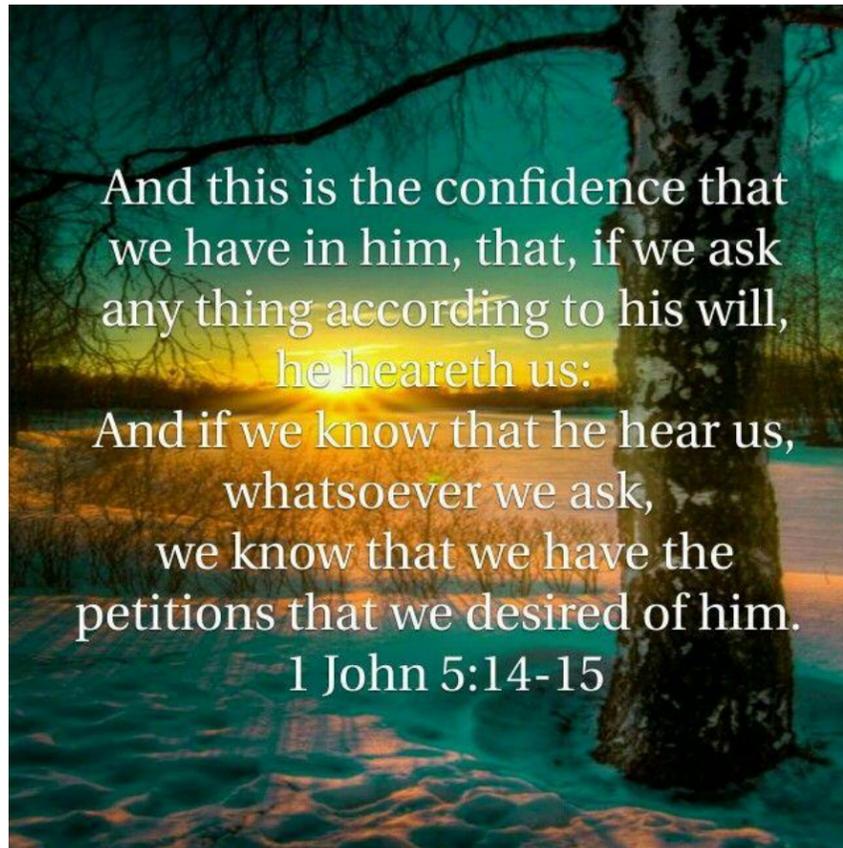
March 5
Save the date to help celebrate the joining in marriage of **James Herring and Susie Frederick** at 3:00 p.m. here at the building.

March 11-14
Family camping trip at Lloyd Park. Sign-up sheet is on the welcome table.

Men
Men's Bible Study, Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Men's breakfast held each Tuesday morning at 7:00 at Westside Café. Come join in the Fellowship.

Ladies' Bible Class
Tuesdays in the fellowship area 9:30 a.m.

Mission Work Session
Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship area. If you have any questions, please see Ollie Taylor-Brewer.



And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.
1 John 5:14-15

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Our heartbeat (2/13/22)
Bible Class: 57
AM Worship: 114
PM: 38
Wednesday: 51
Contribution: \$8,454.06
Weekly Budget: \$8,660.00
Difference: -\$205.94
Average: \$8,719.64

QR Code for online giving



Praying without ceasing...

Lisa Hoover is having some health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.

Patsy Riddle has been moved to a skilled care facility. Russ said we can send cards to his and Tesa's house, 517 Angle Ridge Dr, Murphy TX 75094. She doesn't open mail herself, and wants them to read everything to her. She lights up with a smile when they do.

Carmiel Aldred is home and doing well. She would like to say thank you for all the prayers, flowers and food!

Alicia Lockhart had a mammogram that showed a spot. She will be having a biopsy done on February 28th.

Other Members in need of Prayer:
James Blakley, Tom Cain, Bob Durko, CR and Margaret Hamilton, Katie Hargrove, Jeannie Jennings, Joy Jones, Dwain Kasterke, Frank Piksie, Diana Richardson, Patsy Riddle, Dolores Thatch.

Family Members:

Bill Robertson, John Robertson's brother, had a defibrillator put in on Monday. Continued prayers for recovery and comfort.

Please keep **Randy McClendon's** dad in your prayers. He has been put on Hospice for the last stages of dementia.

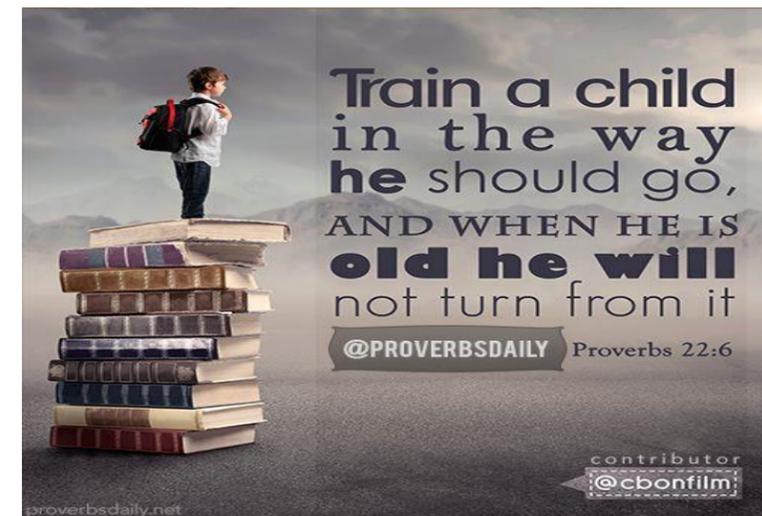


WEST FREEWAY
School of Evangelism
a ministry of HOME MISSION

The school website is up and running!

Anyone wanting to attend the first classes should go to wfoe.school and fill out the application.

As a reminder, there is no fee to attend.



Our Children's Education is in need of a teacher for Wednesday Night for the 3rd-5th Grade class for our Spring Quarter that starts March 2nd.

Bethesda

John 5:1-15

Learn:

1. Sin:

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2. Salvation:

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February 20, 2022

Welcome

Song Leader-Brandon Kaag

NIB-Come Let Us Sing
 NIB-Mansion, Robe and Crown
 118-God Has Smiled on Me

Coins for Christ/Children's Time

NIB-Amazing Grace (My
 Chains Are Gone)

Prayer
 Victor Jones

Scripture Reading
 Psalm 19:1-6
 Steve Williams

587-Sing and Be Happy
 902-Nothing But the Blood

Lord's Supper and
 Contribution
 Alfred Meeks

NIB-Mighty to Save

Lesson- Chris Graham
 "Bethesda"

381-Years I Spent in Vanity

Shepherd's Prayer
 Ronnie Moore

Welcome Guests! We are honored that you have joined us today and hope that you will be blessed by your time with us in worship. The following are some helpful tips on making the most of your visit with us this morning.

Register- Our guests, as well as members, are asked to register their attendance as the pads are passed down each pew.

Attended Nursery is available for children up to three years of age in the west wing.

Quiet Bags for children are available at the table by the children's wing.

The **Welcome Center** has details about ministries, classes and more. It is in the main entrance outside the auditorium.

To access internet, connect to West Freeway Guest. No password needed.

Phone:817-246-8000
 Website: www.wfcoc.org

February 20, 2022

Assemblies:

Sunday

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| Bible Class | 9:30 a.m. |
| Worship | 10:30 a.m. |
| Evening/Singing | 2:00 p.m. |

Communion will be offered at each Sunday meeting.

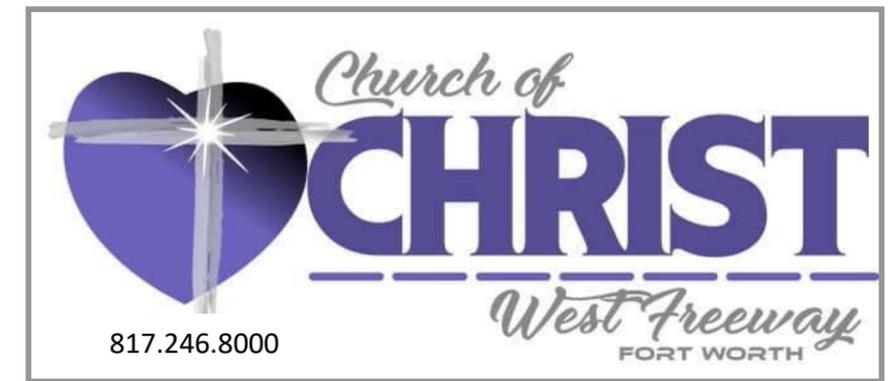
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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| <u>Minister</u> | <u>Family Minister</u> |
| Chris Graham 817.797.6325 | Brandon Kaag 469.658.6229 |

Elders

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|----------------|--------------|
| James Herring | 817.401.1047 |
| Victor Jones | 817.584.1300 |
| Ronnie Moore | 817.821.4991 |
| John Robertson | 817.343.7586 |
| Mike Tinius | 817.657.1431 |

Elder of the month: James Herring



Gambling

Gambling has become respectable. Lotteries are conducted by forty-five of the fifty United States plus the territories of Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia. Nevada is no longer the only place to gamble. Native American tribes operate casinos, and several states have legalized riverboat gambling. Horse racing has always been associated with wagering and a few dog tracks may remain open. Even though less than half of the states in the US have legalized sports gambling, the NFL seems to have embraced it in its advertising.

Many Christians have been opposed to gambling traditionally. A long list of reasons why might be considered, but perhaps these two will suffice:

First, gambling is addictive. While many purchase an occasional lottery ticket or bet on their favorite team once-in-a-while, gambling is an addiction for at least two million Americans. 80% of all Americans are estimated to gamble at least once every year. Gambling addiction is the loss of impulse control over gambling. Paul condemned sexual immorality, in part, because of its addictive nature. With Paul the Christian needs to be able to say, "I will not be brought under the power of any" (1 Corinthians 6:12).

Second, gambling is, essentially, theft by permission. Christians are not to steal but must work so that they have something to give to those in need (Ephesians 4:28). A legitimate purchase takes place when goods or services are exchanged for money or a roughly equivalent value of some sort. If I take and give nothing in return I am, in effect, stealing. The fact that I have your permission due to an outcome beyond our control does not make it any more legitimate than taking candy from a baby. If I gamble, I will either win or lose. If I lose, I waste the resources God has given me and am a poor steward. If I win, I receive something for nothing and effectively steal from the loser, albeit with his or her permission.

The only time I see lots cast legitimately in the Bible is when God's input was being sought (Lev. 16:8; Prov. 16:33; Acts 1:26). Our gambling falls more into the category of the soldiers who gambled for Jesus' tunic (John 19:23-24). I'm afraid the only message to be found in casting lots in a casino is, "you will probably lose your money."

Chris Graham