

Esther Lesson 3 – Faithful Beauty in an Ungodly Empire

A Strange _____.

A Winning _____.

A Plot _____.

Travails of the Ark of the Covenant

1 Samuel 4-6

Learn:
God will not _____ in your _____.
No One _____ God.
_____ is more important than _____.

June 25, 2023

Song Leader-Ronnie Moore

528-I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Welcome

549-There Is Sunshine In My Soul Today
552-Have Thine Own Way

**Prayer
John Cassady**

**Scripture Reading
Psalm 56:1-4
Ronnie Hoover**

569-Sweeter Than All
147-I Stand Amazed

**Lord’s Supper and
Contribution
Jim Tyler**

288-Fairest Lord Jesus

Coins for Christ/Bible Times

108-The Lord is in His Holy Temple

Lesson- Chris Graham
“Faithful Beauty in an Ungodly World - Esther Chapter 2”

544-Without Him

Announcements

**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. (Kid Zone)

Bible Times is for older twos through fourth grade. Two’s-K are in the children’s wing, room 4, and 1st-4th are in room 6.

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

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Assemblies:

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening 4:00 p.m.
Communion will be offered at each Sunday meeting.

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

Minister

Chris Graham
817.797.6325
Associate Minister
DJ Stucky

Elders

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: Ronnie Moore



I shared this modern parable as the conclusion of a sermon about two years ago. I think it is worth repeating.

Chris

The Lifesaving Station

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur, there was once a little life-saving station. The building was primitive, and there was just one boat, but the members of the lifesaving station were committed and kept a constant watch over the sea. When a ship went down, they unselfishly went out day or night to save the lost. Because so many lives were saved by that station, it became famous.

Consequently, many people wanted to be associated with the station to give their time, talent, and money to support its important work. New boats were bought, new crews were recruited, a formal training session was offered. As the membership in the life-saving station grew, some of the members became unhappy that the building was so primitive, and that the equipment was so outdated. They wanted a better place to welcome the survivors pulled from the sea. So, they replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in the enlarged and newly decorated building.

Now the life-saving station had become a popular gathering place for its members. They met regularly and when they did, it was apparent how they loved one another. They greeted each other, hugged each other, and shared with one another the events that had been going on in their lives. But fewer members were now interested in going to sea on lifesaving missions; so, they hired lifeboat crews to do this for them.

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July 2
VBS MEETING IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING MORNING SERVICE IN
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

June 27
 Summer **Family** Series at Keller CoC.
 The van will leave at 6:15 p.m.

July 5
 First Responders Lunch

July 9-12
 VBS!! 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 You can pre-register at
<https://vbspro.events/p/cc9fe4>

July 13
 Silver Saints game day

Men
Men's Bible Study, Tuesdays 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.

My Favorite Gospel Song

2023 Summer Series

West Freeway Church of Christ

June 28-**D.J. Stucky**, West Freeway
 "On Zion's Glorious Summit"

July 5-**Jimmy Hargrove**, West Freeway
 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

July 19-**Gary Hampton**, Mississippi
 "Power in the Blood"

July 26-**Gary Williams**, Western Hills
 "There's A Stirring"

August 2-**Ronnie Hoover**, West Freeway
 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

August 9-**Bruce Martin**, Whitney
 "I Am a Sheep"

August 16-**Les Keele**, Western Hills
 "It Is Well with My Soul"

August 23-**Robert Moss**, Highland
 "Because He Lives"

August 30-**Tommy Haynes**, Moore, OK
 "I'll Fly Away"

Each Wednesday night at 7 p.m. Children's Bible classes provided.

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Our heartbeat (6/18/23)

Bible Class: 66
AM Worship: 118
PM: 30
Wednesday: 49
Contribution: \$6,825.00
Weekly Budget: \$8,145.00
Difference: \$ -1,320.00
Average: \$7,700.38

QR Code for online giving



Praying without ceasing...

Dolores Thatch had to spend several days in the hospital to adjust some of her medication.

Melinda Hay will be having surgery to remove a tumor on the left side of her head on July 31st.

Ed Matlock had lower lumbar surgery. Surgery went well and he is at home recovering.

Ron Palmer will be having knee replacement surgery on June 26th.

Other Members in need of Prayer: James Blakley, Marie Clark, Margaret Hamilton, John Johnson, , Reba Myers, Frank Piksie, Diana Richardson, Donna Williams.

Ben Mereness, former preacher for West Freeway, will celebrate his 70th birthday in July.

If you would like to help surprise him with a birthday card, please send to: **Mrs. Mandy Mereness, 5711 Nicholas Dr., Amarillo, TX 79109.**

His family would like to keep this a surprise, so please do not say anything to him.

New address'

Billie Holloway
 Bethesda Gardens
 5417 Altamesa Blvd. Apt. 107
 Fort Worth, TX 76123

DJ and Dana Stucky
 9964 Pack Saddle Trl.
 Fort Worth, TX 76108

About this time, a large ship was wrecked off the coast, and the hired crews brought into the lifesaving station boatloads of cold, wet, dirty, sick, and half-drowned people. Some of them had black skin, and some had brown skin. Some could speak English well, and some could hardly speak it at all. Some were first-class cabin passengers of the ship, and some were the deck hands.

The beautiful meeting place became a place of chaos. The plush carpets got dirty. Some of the exquisite furniture got scratched. So, the property committee immediately had a shower built outside the house where the victims of shipwreck could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting there was a rift in the membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's lifesaving activities, for they were unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal fellowship of the members. Other members insisted that lifesaving was their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a lifesaving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save the lives of all those various kinds of people who would be shipwrecked, they could begin their own lifesaving station down the coast. They did.

As the years passed, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old. It evolved into a place to meet regularly for fellowship, for committee meetings, and for special training sessions about their mission, but few went out to the drowning people. The drowning people were no longer welcomed in that new lifesaving station. So, another lifesaving station was founded further down the coast. History continued to repeat itself. And if you were to visit that seacoast today, you would find many adequate meeting places with ample parking and plush carpeting. Shipwrecks are still frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown.

Thomas Wedel, via <https://bible.org/illustration/life-saving-station>