

Reasons for Faith in Christ
Colossians 1:3-23

1) Have faith in Christ because it

(1:3-13)

2) Have faith in Christ because of

(1:14-18)

3) Have faith in Christ because He offers

(1:19-23)

July 23, 2023

Song Leader-Mike Tinius

Welcome

957-This World Is Not My Home
539-Higher Ground
549-There Is Sunshine in My
Soul

Prayer
Jim Tyler

Scripture Reading
Colossians 1:3-4
Hayden Cassady

15-Step by Step
NIB-You Are Holy
337-Hallelujah! What a
Savior

Lord's Supper and
Contribution
Roger Shiflet

NIB-Father God

Coins for Christ/Bible Times

Take My Life, and Let It Be
691-Make Me New

Lesson- DJ Stucky
"Reasons For Faith in Christ"

NIB-When Jesus Comes

Announcements
Shepherd's Prayer
Victor Jones

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
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Associate Minister

DJ Stucky
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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: John Robertson



The Beauty of Unity

We live in a divided society. People vilify those they don't agree with, and rather than seek common ground with people on the other side of the aisle, most look for an excuse to go on the attack. Outrage and discord rule the day. But amid the turmoil and division of the world, God desires unity for His people (Jn. 17:20-22). Where can this unity be found? I believe Psalm 133 provides an answer.

This psalm describes the beauty of unity using two illustrations:

- 1 Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is*
For brethren to dwell together in unity!
- 2 *It is* like the precious oil upon the head,
Running down on the beard,
The beard of Aaron,
Running down on the edge of his garments.
- 3 *It is* like the dew of Hermon,
Descending upon the mountains of Zion;
For there the LORD commanded the blessing—
Life forevermore.

Our unity must first be rooted in God. The oil in v2 is a reference to the anointing of Aaron and his sons to the priesthood (Lev. 8:10-12). This anointing set aside the priests as representatives of the people to God. As the oil ran down onto Aaron's garments, it would have flown over the ceremonial breastplate that he wore. That breastplate, called an *ephod*, contained twelve gemstones that symbolized the tribes of Israel (Ex. 39:2-15). The oil flowing from the head of Aaron and covering his garment paints a picture of unity that begins with God and is maintained through the priesthood. While we do not have Levitical priests, God established a new High Priest for us in Jesus Christ (Heb. 4:15 – 5:4). It is in the one body of Jesus that the church finds unity today (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4-7)

Unity can also be found in the hope of everlasting life. This is illustrated using two mountains. The first, Mount Hermon, was a large mountain that was largely responsible for the weather patterns in Judea. The headwaters of Hermon supplied the Jordan River. In many ways, the Jews were dependent on this mountain for the lifegiving water that it provided. The second, Mount Zion, is the physical location of the temple and is used symbolically as the place from which God provides salvation (Isa. 2:3 cf. Acts 1:8). The writer of Hebrews uses Zion to signify the church (Heb. 12:22-23). All who obey the Lord can be united in the common hope of everlasting life.

There are many things in this world that can divide us. By focusing on the blessings we have in the Lord, Christians can stand united.

DJ Stucky



July 25
Summer youth Series at Mesquite Church of Christ. The van will leave at 6:00 pm.

July 27
Summer family Series at Colleyville Church of Christ. The van will leave at 6:15 pm.

August 1
Summer youth Series at Lewisville Church of Christ

August 8
Summer youth Series at Brown Street Church of Christ

August 13
Back to school ice cream supper! Bring your favorite homemade, or store-bought ice cream to share with everyone.

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

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 (7/16/23)
Bible Class: 70
AM Worship: 124
PM: 39
Wednesday: N/C
Contribution: \$11,985.51
Weekly Budget: \$8,145.00
Difference: \$ + 3,840.51
Average: \$7,830.91

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Praying without ceasing...

Love and sympathy to **Monica Hargrove** and family on the loss of her grandmother, **Kitty Grope**.

Ollie Cassady will be having surgery to remove a bone spur on the 24th.

Glenda Graham will be having surgery on her wrist on August 4th.

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

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

Family Members:

Izzy Garcia, relative of **James Herring**, was seriously injured in a wreck Sunday evening. 16-year-old Izzy is in the hospital with several broken bones, recovering from surgery.

Debbie Robertson, John Robertson's sister-in-law, had a cancerous tumor removed from her throat.

Please keep **Paula Teel** and her aunt, **Sybil Beal**, (one of our shut-ins) in your prayers. They brought Sybil's son, **Johnny Boyes**, home from the hospital with hospice care. He found out one week ago that he has pancreatic cancer and it has spread to his liver.

Former member, **Ron Gardener**, has been placed on Hospice as he enters the end stage with his battle with cancer.

New address for Rickey and Lisa Wilson, 3201 Westland, Fort Worth, TX 76108



We are in need of pop tarts, small individual containers of peanut butter, vienna sausages, spam, canned chicken, tuna, spaghetti-o's and raviolis, or any canned meals or meat that does not require cooking or refrigeration.

We have several dishes in the back kitchen. If you are missing a dish, please check to see if one of them is yours.

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