

# INFO

Please complete this slip and place it in the oak box to the right of the door as you leave.

This aids pastoral care and communication. Thanks!

I/We are:

1st  2nd  3rd time Guests  Regular attenders

I/We heard about Word of Life

from: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like:

the pastor to call me  
 to request personal, spiritual care  
 to be baptized  
 to receive foundational teaching

Adult Name(s) Please Print

Youth/Children (grade)

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City, ST Zip

Email

Can We Text You?  
Yes  No

Phone

Additional Info

## Building a bigger heaven and better lives!

January 11, 2026

### We Thank You Lord...

- for allowing Yourself to grow as we do, becoming limited in order to fully experience our humanity and living in perfection in order to fully redeem our humanity
- for the joy of family, natural and surrogate
- for the blessings and resources You have entrusted to our care and Your promise to multiply our offerings to build a bigger heaven and better lives.

### We Ask You Lord...

- for wholehearted submission to the promise you gave each of us in our baptism, that we would grow in wisdom and hope by the indwelling of your Spirit within us
- for renewed love and hope for our neighbors, so we are better conduits of Your love in this world
- to bless Evangelists Kenneth Schkade and Lisa Schur of St. Paul Lutheran Church as they make disciples who make disciples in Wichita Falls and beyond
- to bless all leaders with godly wisdom and move them to lead according to Your will
- to bless victims of violence, oppression and disaster
- to restore broken marriages, engage disengaged parents, reconcile estranged family members, heal and strengthen families, add to our families by giving us love and mercy
- to grant healing and recovery to those battling anxiety and addictions and to give love, peace, and patience to family and friends who support them
- to bless the leaders we appointed and the ministry financial plans we approved at our recent Congregational Assembly
- to bless [Alex Carr-Palmer](#) in Army Basic Training
- to bless [David Collmus](#)'s preparation and performance of his upcoming interview to a pre-med program
- for safe travels for [Carrie Johnson](#) and [Norm Cook](#) returning to Cibolo
- to bless Jerry Johnson's preparation for and performance in his upcoming LCMS Specialized Care Chaplaincy endorsement interview
- to bless Kaleb and Emily ([Hatfield](#)) in their wedding preparations and early days of marriage
- for a healthy pregnancy for the Bristow family ([Doublestein](#))
- for career direction, employment and/or transition for [Mick Molina](#), [Dennis Hatfield](#), [Mickey Molina](#), [Jayme](#) & [Audry](#)-Anna [Edwards](#)
- to grant peace and comfort to Marjorie Schroeder ([Mitschke](#)) in her last earthly days and grant strength and rest to her family and caregivers
- to comfort the family and friends of Linda Almazan ([Scott](#)) and Robert Pargmann ([Dominguez](#)) as they mourn their deaths
- to bless Cecilia Friesenhahn & her family ([Flowers](#))
- for provision, guidance, and healing for the Funke family
- to heal and comfort [Kathy Raymond](#), [Margie Dominguez](#), [Thomas](#) & [Denise Bruce](#), [Joyce Givens](#), [Al Fennigkoh](#), [Baby Koen Slates](#), [Monte Easley](#) ([Beveridge](#)), [Joshua Tolin](#) ([Bruce](#)), [Clarice Craigmire](#) ([Craigmile](#)), [Cheryl Smith](#), [Mary Lu](#), [Robert Ferry](#) ([Dominguez](#)), [Debbie Arriaga](#), [Alma Rosa Timmons](#), [Bubba](#) & [Donna Ahrens](#) ([Flowers](#)), [Alejo Garcia](#) ([Garcia-Treviño](#)), [Tracy Parks](#) ([Hatfield](#)), [Roger Fields](#), [Robbie Smith](#), [Sandy Doering](#), [Iris Trahan](#) ([Mitschke](#)), [Lewis Starkey](#), [Ruby Brunelle](#), [Marianne Powell](#), [Carson](#) ([Nightingale](#)), [Mark McQuaid](#) ([Paxton](#)), [Phil](#) ([Peterson](#)), [Miriam Prieto](#) ([Prieto](#)), [Sef Alvarado](#) ([Stark](#)), [Bud](#), [Riley](#) ([Stemmermann](#)), [Diana Paddison](#), [Andy](#), [Beth Lukasiewicz](#), [Nicole Garcia](#), [Mandee](#), [Nicky Lahren](#), [Beth Roberts](#) ([Stevens](#)), [Robert Maggiano](#), [Naomi Reese](#) ([Valentine](#))

- to heal those battling cancer: [Rick Wimberley](#), [Lyndal Cadel](#), [Guy Morgan](#) ([Craigmile](#)), [Wesley](#), [Pedro](#), [Betty Ruff](#) ([Dominguez](#)), [Rodney Edwards](#), [Margaret Swartz](#) ([Edwards](#)), [Gladys](#) ([Garcia-Treviño](#)), [R.D. Latimer](#) ([Latimer](#)), [Connie Barz](#), [Cathy Brigham](#), [Laurine Watson](#), [Kathy Jennings](#) ([Mitschke](#)), [Maria Molina](#) ([Molina](#)), [Becky Plumley](#) ([Nichols](#)), [Meredith Powell](#) ([Nightingale](#)), [Eddy](#) & [Chad Holloway](#) ([Paxton](#)), [Chuck Warner](#) ([Pointer](#)), [Kenton Stafford](#), [Leena Prindle](#)
- to help those we now name in our hearts and minds
- to connect people to Jesus and His Kingdom

January 11, 2026

# Word of Life Fellowship

Worship • 9:00a & 11:15a

Sunday School & Bible Class • 10:15a

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## Before You Do Anything

### *Baptism of Jesus*

We live in a world that constantly pressures us to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves.

Much of our anxiety today comes not from trauma, but from \_\_\_\_\_ and being constantly \_\_\_\_\_.

Key idea: We are tired of \_\_\_\_\_ for our own lives.

### The Jordan Moment

Before Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ anyone...

Before He \_\_\_\_\_ a sermon...

Before He \_\_\_\_\_ His ministry...

A voice from heaven says:

"This is My \_\_\_\_\_ Son, with whom I am \_\_\_\_\_ pleased."

Not will be pleased.

Not after He proves it.

Identity comes before \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Order Matters

Christianity falls apart if we reverse the order:

- Jesus is named \_\_\_\_\_ before He \_\_\_\_\_.
- He is beloved before He \_\_\_\_\_.

- In baptism, identity is \_\_\_\_\_ over you, not \_\_\_\_\_ inside you.
- You do not \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.
- You are \_\_\_\_\_.

### Why This Is So Hard Today

We live in a \_\_\_\_\_ moral culture where even grace can become \_\_\_\_\_.

We subtly believe:

- God loves me if I am \_\_\_\_\_ enough
- God forgives me if I am \_\_\_\_\_ enough

Faith quietly becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ – and projects are \_\_\_\_\_.

### Baptism Is Something Done To You

"All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His \_\_\_\_\_."

Paul does not say:

- You \_\_\_\_\_ yourself
- You \_\_\_\_\_ your life

Instead, he says something happened \_\_\_\_\_ you.

You were \_\_\_\_\_.

You were \_\_\_\_\_.

These are \_\_\_\_\_ verbs.

### Jesus Goes Where Sinners Go

Jesus insists on being baptized \_\_\_\_\_ sinners.

He does not hover \_\_\_\_\_ it.

He does not \_\_\_\_\_ it.

He \_\_\_\_\_ in.

Christ helps us not from \_\_\_\_\_, but from \_\_\_\_\_.

### Discipleship (Quietly, Honestly)

Discipleship is not about becoming \_\_\_\_\_ else. It is about learning to live as who you \_\_\_\_\_ are.

We repent not to \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness, but because we already \_\_\_\_\_ it.

We serve not to \_\_\_\_\_ faith, but because faith is \_\_\_\_\_.

### A Word for Right Now

People today are desperate not for more \_\_\_\_\_, but for someone to tell them who they \_\_\_\_\_.

Baptism:

Silences the inner \_\_\_\_\_

Interrupts endless self-\_\_\_\_\_

Announces that the \_\_\_\_\_ is already in

### The Ongoing Voice

Martin Luther encouraged Christians to say each day: "I \_\_\_\_\_ baptized."

Not I was baptized – but I \_\_\_\_\_.

### Family Discussion

Before Jesus did anything important, what did God say about Him?

Why do you think God said this first?

What are some ways people today feel pressure to prove themselves?

At school? At work? Online?

What does it mean to say, "I am baptized," even on an ordinary day? Where might God be calling our family to live this week—not to earn love, but because we already have it?

Simple prayer: *Heavenly Father, remind us this week that we belong to You. Help us live as Your beloved children. Amen.*

### Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:

Confidential (for pastors only)  
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Have you or a friend been wanting to take a deep look at what the Bible says about faith, certainty, eternity, Jesus, and other important topics and events?

Do you have a schedule that keeps you from attending Bible studies or groups?

Pastor Phil is offering an individually-scheduled theology course - don't worry, it's super accessible for anyone - for adults via Zoom, in person, or a hybrid.

If you missed youth confirmation, or have never received any instruction as an adult, this is a great opportunity that we encourage you to consider.

Yes, contact me at the number on the reverse form.