

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:

- 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 a Stephen Minister
- to be baptized into Jesus
- to attend the next membership course

Adult Name(s) *Please Print* _____

Youth/Children (grade) _____

Please complete unless our information is current:

Address _____

City, ST Zip _____

Her Email _____

Her Phone _____ Provider _____

His Email _____

His Phone _____ Provider _____

Needs, Questions or Comments _____

Over for Requests/Thanksgivings & RSVP

Word of Life Family Prayer List

We Thank the Lord...

- for loving us the way we are but loving us too much to let us stay that way, for His law and Gospel, for being against toleration of sin, for showing His love by sending His Son to die on the cross as an atoning sacrifice for our sins, for giving us the power to love like Him
- for \$524,170 given to our *Therefore Go* building fund
- for the blessings and resources He 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 practice and teach His commands, to speak the truth in love, to reject wrongdoing, to love family, friends and those around us with God's love
- to bless missionary vicar Oscar Gamez and the people of Water of Life as they reach out to people in Forney, TX and beyond
- to bless our attenders, community, state, nation and world
- to bless all leaders with godly wisdom and move them to lead according to His will
- to bless victims of violence, oppression and disaster
- for repentance in America
- for sobriety for those with addictions
- to restore broken marriages, engage unengaged parents, heal broken families, reconcile estranged family members
- for strengthened faith and courage, for family members to be saved (**Harter**)
- for employment guidance and opportunities for **Nancy Murray, Jayme Edwards, Dennis Hatfield**
- to bless and protect our deployed troops and their families, especially **Matthew Brooks**
- for a safe pregnancy and delivery for Joy and Michael Silva (**Fennigkoh**), Samantha and Jadon Kempers (**Stemmermann**)
- to grant comfort and peace in their last days to Frances Johnson (**Christiansen**), Audrey Abel (**Mitschke**), Bernard Sowinski (**Valentine**) and to grant strength and rest to their families and caregivers
- to bless Cecilia Friesenhahn & her family (**Flowers**)
- to heal **Jean & Neil Craigmile, Suzi Malone, Robert Torres, Carolyn Johnson, Allen Fennigkoh, Audry-Anna Edwards, Denise Bruce, Joyce Givens, Clarice Craigmile (Craigmile), Erica, Edna Robbins, Amber Lozano (Dominguez), Omi, Bethany (Dunaway), Daniel Muller (Grossart), Fayden McDermott, Tracy Parks (Hatfield), Baby Hendricks, Madison (Leal), Lee Medicus (Medici), Sandy Doering, Ruthann Stroud, Kim Pfaff, Iris Trahan, Alex Murray, Benny & Lillian Mitschke (Mitschke), Diana Haumesser (Molina), Marianne Powell, Carson (Nightingale), Clayton (Pawelek), Phil (Peterson), Heather Zakarian (Smith), Bud, Riley (Stemmermann), Buster Roque, Beth Roberts, Evan Hance (Stevens), Jeanie Rosenburg, Tonja Brewer (Vallejo), Rita (Wallrich), Walter, Colleen Weissmann (Weissmann), Cindy, Mario (Williams), Bob Deemer**
- to heal those battling cancer: Ronda Whitaker (**Apao**), Mark Armstrong (**Christiansen**), Guy Morgan (**Craigmile**), Gino Leija, Denise Gonzalez, Betty Ruff (**Dominguez**), Rhonda Reyes, Kris Frett, Margaret Swartz (**Edwards**), Shelby Renton (**Hatfield**), Neva Atkinson (**Johnson**), Jessie Anderson (**Malone**), Devin Jackson, Pastor Ken Lieber, Laurine Watson, Kathy Jennings (**Mitschke**), Maria Molina (**Molina**), Meredith Powell (**Nightingale**), Sebastian Hernandez (**Paxton**), Dave Peterson (**Peterson**), Chuck Warner II (**Pointer**), Robyn Tate (**Stevens**), Adrian Russell (**Vallejo**), John Gray (**Weissmann**), Jon Deemer
- to help those we now name in our hearts and minds
- to connect people to Jesus and His kingdom.

Please take this home to review and apply this week's LifeLesson and to 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

April 14, 2024
 Traditional 8:30 am
 Contemporary 9:45 am
 Contemporary 11:00 am
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Building a bigger heaven & better lives!

LifeLesson Notes for:

Lie 9 - It's All about Love

Popular Lies

According to a 2024 poll from the American Psychiatric Association:

_____% of adults have experienced feelings of loneliness at least once a week over the past year.

_____% of adults are lonely every day. Younger people are more likely to experience loneliness.

_____% of Americans aged 18-34 are lonely every day or several times a week.

Our culture has redefined love, and now we're more alone and miserable than ever. The world _____, and we need it now.

Lie: "It's all about love."

It's all about love, you judgmental son of a b----.

Glennon Doyle: "Love has no buts. If you want to change me, you do not love me. If you feel warm toward me but also believe I'm going to burn in hell, you do not love me. If you wish me well but vote against my family being protected by the law, you do not love me."

With this definition, a so-called loving person would never want to change someone else's behavior, opinions, beliefs or feelings.

Loving relationships would be limited to those who are almost exactly the same, while they are the same.

Truth: "It's all about God's love."

Jesus _____, blesses, and _____ little children in His Kingdom (Mark 10:13-16).

Jesus _____ the young rich ruler but asks him to _____ (Mark 10:17-22).

Jesus says it's impossible for people to _____ themselves, but not for God (Mark 10: 23-27).

God doesn't love me because I'm athletic, cute, outgoing or smart. God doesn't love me because I avoid sin, do good and love God. God loves me because " _____ " (1 John 4:8b).

Jesus encourages us to practice and teach _____.

Matthew 5:17-19 (NIV) - [Jesus said,] "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

_____ is _____ teaching sin within His Church.

Revelation 2:18-23 (GW) - "To the messenger of the church in Thyatira, write: The Son of God, whose eyes are like flames of fire and whose feet are like glowing bronze, says:

"I know what you do. I know your love, faith, service, and endurance. I also know that what you are doing now is greater than what you did at first. But I have something against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. She teaches and misleads my servants to sin sexually and to eat food sacrificed to idols. I gave her time to turn to me and change the way she thinks and acts, but she refuses to turn away from her sexual sins. Watch me! I'm going to throw her into a sickbed. Those who commit sexual sins with her will also suffer a lot, unless they turn away from what she is doing. I will kill her children. Then all the churches will know that I am the one who searches hearts and minds. I will reward each of you for what you have done."

We are to _____ the truth of the _____ and the love of the _____.

Ephesians 4:15 (ESV) - Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

_____ .
1 Corinthians 13:4-6 (ESV) - Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

Love, ἀγαπᾶ, and its various forms occur _____ times and are found in _____ book of the New Testament. It is most often found in the present active imperative form with the sense: _____ to _____, keep on loving.

_____ and the _____.

John 15:13 (NIV) - [Jesus said,] "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

1 John 4:9-10 (NIV) - This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Romans 5:8 (GW) - Christ died for us while we were still sinners. This demonstrates God's love for us.

Peter Kreeft in *Making Sense Out of Suffering*: "Love is why he came. It's all love. The buzzing flies around the cross, the stroke of the Roman hammer as the nails tear into his screamingly soft flesh, the infinitely harder stroke of His own people's hammering hatred, hammering at His heart—why? For love. God is love, as the sun is fire and light and He can no more stop loving than the sun can stop shining... True love, unlike popular substitutes is willing to suffer... Love is the cross."

_____ flows from the Father through His Son through the cross through the Holy Spirit working through Word and Sacraments through *us* to family, friends and those around us.

1 John 4:19 (GW) - We love because God loved us first.

Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:

Confidential - for pastor only

Please **PRINT CLEARLY**

These requests/thanksgivings may be removed:

I want to invite the following people to Word of Life. Please pray for them and me.

RSVP

An Inviting Time

Yes! I'm interested in:

- Finances (improve finances)
- Prepare/Enrich (marriage preparation/enrichment)
- GriefShare (grief group)
- Parenting Course (behavior management)
- Celebrate Recovery (overcome hurts and habits)
- Stephen Ministry (Christian care)
- Fresh Start with God (discovery/membership course)

Name(s)

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