

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:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup> 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 blessing us with happiness and gracing us with joy, for His presence, Word, and Spirit in us, for working all things for good, even our suffering, for the suffering of Jesus Christ for sinners like us
- for our guests and all who invited and brought them
- for \$521,258 given to our *Therefore Go* building fund
- for healing Monica Mann (*Christiansen*)
- for new employment for Tommy Johnson (*Johnson*)
- 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 put aside worldly weights and ensnaring sin, to run the race before us and endure its struggles, to trust Him fully even in trouble and trial, and to rejoice even when we share in Christ's sufferings
- to bless missionary pastor Steve Morfitt and the people of Trinity and Mt. Calvary as they reach out to people in Brownsville, TX and beyond
- to bless our attenders, community, state, nation and world
- to bless all leaders with godly wisdom and guide them to lead according to His will
- to bless victims of violence, oppression and disaster
- for peace and justice in Israel, the Middle East and the world
- to bring America to repent
- for sobriety for those with addictions
- to restore broken marriages, engage unengaged parents, heal broken families, reconcile estranged family members
- for salvation for Tea and her family (*Mobley*)
- 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*), Brittney and Mike Follette (*Follette*), Trinity and Logan Neahring (*Leal*), Samantha and Jadon Kempers (*Stemmermann*)
- to grant comfort and peace in their last days to Imogene Richards (*Apao*), Audrey Abel (*Mitschke*), John Ulsher (*Beveridge*), Bernard Sowinski (*Valentine*) and grant strength and rest to their families and caregivers
- for the family and friends of Billie Chometa (*Mitschke*), Bob Anaradian (*Vallejo*), Mary Pargmann (*Dominguez*) as they mourn their deaths
- to bless Cecilia Friesenhahn & her family (*Flowers*)
- to heal *Allen Fennigkoh, Aime Medici, Audry-Anna Edwards, Mary Flowers, Suzi Malone, Denise Bruce, Neil & Jean Craigmile, Joyce Givens, Allan Beveridge (Beveridge), Clarice Craigmile (Craigmile), Erica, Marsha Pargmann, Edna Robbins, Amber Lozano (Dominguez), Omi, Bethany (Dunaway), Daniel Muller (Grossart), Tracy Parks (Hatfield), Carolyn Johnson (Johnson), Madison (Leal), Kim Pfaff, Iris Trahan, Alex Murray, Benny & Lillian Mitschke, Pastors Walter Dube, David Goeke (Mitschke), Brendan Murray (Murray), Carson (Nightingale), Clayton (Pawelek), Phil (Peterson), David Rubel (Rubel), Heather Zakarian (Smith), Bud, Riley (Stemmermann), Beth Roberts, Evan Hance (Stevens), Robert Torres (Torres), Jeanie Rosenburg, Tonja Brewer (Vallejo), Rita (Wallrich), Walter, Colleen Weissmann (Weissmann), Eric Hairston (Williams)*
- to heal those battling cancer: Linda Sue Southard (*Apao*), Guy Morgan (*Craigmile*), Betty Ruff (*Dominguez*), Rhonda Reyes, Kris Frett, Margaret Swartz (*Edwards*), Shelby Renton (*Hatfield*), Neva Atkinson (*Johnson*), Pastors Ken Lieber & Wayne Graumann, 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*), Terry Walker (*Wagner*), John Gray (*Weissmann*)
- 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

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 6: God Wants You to Be Happy *Popular Lies*

Common beliefs of American teens in 2001 according to the National Study of Youth and Religion:

- A God exists who created and orders the world and watches over human life on earth.
- God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions.
- The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself.
- God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when God is needed to resolve a problem.
- Good people go to heaven when they die.

Sociologist Christian Smith coined the phrase:

\_\_\_\_\_ to describe their beliefs.

Now those teenagers are \_\_\_\_\_, and their beliefs permeate our society.

**Lie: God wants you to do whatever it takes to be happy.**

When we're speaking of the so-called happiness we claim God wants us to have, could it be we're actually referring to lust, greed and selfishness?

Changing our circumstances may make us feel better or give us pleasure for a moment, but if it is contrary to

God's will, it will cause \_\_\_\_\_ to us and others and our part in His Kingdom.

St. Augustine in *City of God*, “It is a certainty that all people want to be happy.”

**Truth: God wants you to receive and experience His joy and blessedness.**

ἡσυχία = happiness, blessedness, occurs 45x

μακάριος = blessed, happy, occurs 50x

ἡδονή = joy, gladness, occurs 93x

χαρά = joy, delight, occurs 59x, related to χάρις = grace

C.S. Lewis in *Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer*, “Joy is the serious business of Heaven.”

Happiness, blessedness and joy are \_\_\_\_\_ from God, received through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the Word, Jesus Christ.

Psalms 16:11 (ESV) - You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

John 15:11 (ESV) - [Jesus said,] “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

Romans 15:13 (ESV) - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

St. Augustine in *Confessions*, “You are the happiness that everyone desires, the only happiness.”

Elisabeth Elliot, “The secret of joy is Christ in me, not me in different circumstances.”

**Truth: God wants you to receive and experience His joy and blessedness in suffering and trials.**

Romans 8:28 (ESV) - And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Suffering:

assures us of great \_\_\_\_\_ - Luke 6:23

brings out our \_\_\_\_\_ - Romans 5:2-5 & James 1:2-4

\_\_\_\_\_ faith - 1 Peter 1:6-7

\_\_\_\_\_ God’s work - John 9:1-3

makes us more \_\_\_\_\_ - John 15:2

makes us co-\_\_\_\_\_ - Romans 8:18, 35, 37

\_\_\_\_\_ us - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

makes us \_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

\_\_\_\_\_ us to Christ - Philippians 3:10-11

\_\_\_\_\_ us - Hebrews 12:7

provides \_\_\_\_\_ training - 2 Corinthians 1:4

God uses Jesus’ suffering for the greatest \_\_\_\_\_!

Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV) - Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

We are a \_\_\_\_\_.

Tertullian in *Apologeticus*, “We are not a new philosophy but a divine revelation. That’s why you can’t just exterminate us; the more you kill the more we are. The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.”

\_\_\_\_\_ as you share in Christ’s sufferings!

1 Peter 4:12-13 (ESV) - Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

God wants you to be happy, but happiness is NOT found in living for yourself and your sin-corrupted desire.

True happiness, blessedness and joy are \_\_\_\_\_ from God, in Christ Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, even in suffering and trial.

Next Week- *Lie 7: Don’t Judge*

## Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:

Confidential - for pastor only

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These requests/thanksgivings may be removed:

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

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# RSVP

## An Inviting Time

I'll help connect people to Jesus this Good Friday and Resurrection Celebration season by:

- Praying about who I should invite/bring
- Distributing invite gifts
- Inviting/bringing guests
- Warmly welcoming and enjoying people, especially guests

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Name(s)

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Preferred Contact