

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 to 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

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Needs, Questions or Suggestions

Word of Life Family Prayer List

We Thank You Lord...

- that you are strong and disciplining, loving and reliable. You are the perfect Father whose infinite grace is mercy toward us, and whose perfect justice has become our life's calling.
- for healing from cancer for **Chris Stemmermann**
- for the faithful witness of the **Villa** family during their time here, and for their new home in North Carolina as Summer begins their fellowship
- for a smooth start to the school year for many educators and students (**Peterson**)
- 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 the peace to release everything that is not You from being our safety and our ultimate hope—that we rely on your grace for all our strength and certainty.
- to bless Pastor Paul Korabandi and the people of Ignite Church as they reach people in Houston and beyond with the Gospel
- to bless our attenders, community, state, nation and world
- to bless all leaders with godly wisdom and move them to lead according to Your will
- for worldwide peace and justice
- to bless educators, students and their parents
- bless the application process to pre-med for **David Collmus**
- to expand Gospel evangelism in the greater San Antonio area
- to bless victims of violence, oppression and disaster
- to restore broken marriages, engage unengaged parents, reconcile estranged family members, heal and strengthen families
- grant healing and recovery to those battling anxiety and addictions and to give fruits of love, peace, and patience to family and friends who support them
- to bless the relocation and health of the Tolin (**Bruce**) family
- 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 comfort and peace in their last days to Joe Ardy (**Mitschke**), Frances Johnson (**Christiansen**) and to grant strength and rest to their families and caregivers
- to comfort the family and friends of Celeste Lichey (**Molina**), Sherrill Cockrill (**Mitschke**), Mike Woodyard (**Weissmann**) as they mourn their deaths
- to bless Cecilia Friesenhahn & her family (**Flowers**)
- to heal and comfort **Jeanie Apao, Margie Dominguez, Thomas & Denise Bruce, Joyce Givens, Al Fennigkoh, Baby Koen Slates, Joe Watts, Linda Walton Ewing (Apao), Monte Easley (Beveridge), Joshua Tolin (Bruce), Clarice Craigmile (Craigmile), Mary Lu (Dominguez), Bethany (Dunaway), Baby Kennedy Curl, Bubba & Donna Ahrens (Flowers), Alejo Garcia (Garcia-Treviño), Kenneth Larson, Fayden Evans, Tracy Parks (Hatfield), R.D. Latimer, Robert Dale Latimer (Latimer), Roger Fields, Robbie Smith, Sandy Doering, Iris Trahan, Alex Murray (Mitschke), Paula, Kristine (Moble), Lewis Starkey, Ruby Brunelle, Marianne Powell, Carson (Nightingale), Phil (Peterson), Sef Alvarado (Stark), Bud, Riley (Stemmermann), Diana Paddison, Andy, Beth Lukasiewicz, Nicole Garcia, Mande, Nicky Lahren, Beth Roberts (Stevens), Naomi Reese, Robert Maggiano (Valentine), Robert Stephanson (Watts), Stephanie Gibson**
- to heal those battling cancer: **Rick Wimberley, Lyndal Cadel, Ronda Whitaker Martin (Apao), Guy Morgan (Craigmile), Pedro, Betty Ruff (Dominguez), Rodney Edwards, Margaret Swartz (Edwards), Stacey Barbee (Hatfield), Wayne Dreyer (Igo), Connie Barz, Cathy Brigham, Laurine Watson, Kathy Jennings (Mitschke), Maria Molina (Molina), Becky Plumley (Nichols), Meredith Powell (Nightingale), Chuck Warner (Pointer), Andy Ten Braak, Kenton Stafford, Maddie (Stark) Patty Watts (Watts), Eddy & Chad Holloway (Paxton)**
- 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

September 7, 2025

213 Coy Lane

Cibolo, Texas 78108

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9:00 am Service

10:15 Sunday School & Bible Class

11:15 am Service

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& better lives!

The Journey of Faith

The Cost of Following

Introduction

- We love the idea of Jesus, the warmth of _____, the love in the cross, the joy of Easter, the sense of belonging.
- But we cling to the _____ of our own lives: careers, relationships, reputation, and possessions.

Scene Setting

- Jesus does not offer a “light version” of discipleship. He demands a total _____.
- “If anyone comes to me and does not _____ father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters - yes, even their own life - such a person cannot be my disciple.”
- Christ must come _____ all else - before our comfort, before our expectations, before our very selves.
- Our love for Christ must so _____ every other love that all else pales in comparison.

Development

- You cannot be half-in, half-out. You cannot cling to _____ and Christ at the same time.
- The cross demands the _____ self.
- Discipleship is not a _____. It is a calling that overturns worldly logic.

Over for Requests/Thanksgivings & RSVP

The Law Applied

- We say, “I’ll follow You, Lord - but I’ll keep my weekend, my career path, my _____.”
- The Law exposes this illusion. It shows us that any _____ - _____ following is no following at all.
- Our illusions of _____, of bargaining with God, of protecting our comfort - these must be exposed and removed.

The Gospel Given

- But here is the astonishing Gospel: Christ has already _____ the cost.
- When He carried the _____ to Calvary, He bore the full weight of sin, shame, and death.
- We are justified freely and completely by _____ through faith.

The Call to the Church

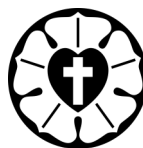
- Individually, Jesus’ words force us to confront the question: Where am I clinging to _____ nets?
- If our ultimate security rests in _____ and not in Christ, then our discipleship is divided.
- Even the deepest human _____ must never outrank Him.
- If following Christ costs us human _____, would we still follow?
- Safety nets feel like life rafts, but if they’re not _____, they will sink.
- Individually, discipleship means daily _____.
- Jesus addresses crowds. He calls disciples into a _____.
- We encourage half-hearted discipleship when we preach _____ without repentance, comfort

without cost, belonging without surrender.

- We are the _____ of Christ, the family of the crucified and risen Lord.
- It would mean measuring success not by how many people fill the pews, but by how deeply _____ fills our hearts.
- Grace is sometimes _____ - it comes to shatter our illusions, to burn away our comfortable self-sufficiency, to leave us entirely in Christ.

Conclusion

- The cost is _____. But the reward - Christ Himself - is infinitely more.



Where We’re Going Vision

God helping us, we will:

- more effectively disciple our families, fellow church attenders, friends at work and school, and people where we live and enjoy life;
- follow the pattern found in Scripture and cultivate a culture of disciple-making relationships as a normal part of our everyday lives;
- help others grow in faith and good works, becoming more like Christ, and;
- make disciples who make disciples.

Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:

☐ Confidential (for pastors 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 I’m Interested!

Yes! I’m interested in:

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

Name(s)

Preferred Contact