

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:

☐ 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*

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Youth/Children (grade)

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Please complete unless our information is current:

Address

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City, ST Zip

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Her Email

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Needs, Questions or Suggestions

- We Thank You Lord...
- for Your grace to love us, nurture us, condescend to us, and father us despite our natural inclination to think most highly of ourselves and not of you
  - for the gift of Holy Baptism recently received by Alleria Faith Silva
  - 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 her 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...
- gently and thoroughly return us to humility toward you and toward our each and every fellow human being, for Your glory
  - 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
  - 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, Thomas & Denise Bruce, Joyce Givens, Al Fennigkoh, Baby Koen Slates**, 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, Miguel Molina (**Molina**), Marianne Powell, Carson (**Nightingale**), Phil (**Peterson**), Sef Alvarado (**Stark**), Bud, Riley (**Stemmermann**), Diana Paddison, Andy, Beth Lukasiewicz, Nicole Garcia, Mandee, Nicky Lahren, Beth Roberts (**Stevens**), Naomi Reese, Robert Maggiano (**Valentine**), Robert Stephanson (**Watts**), Stephanie Gibson, Cindy (**Williams**)
  - to heal those battling cancer: **Rick Wimberley**, Lyndal Cadell, 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.

The Journey of Faith

The Lowest Seat

- Introduction
- There's something in us, isn't there? An instinct that wants to be \_\_\_\_\_, to be \_\_\_\_\_, to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Pride is the great \_\_\_\_\_, the complete anti-God state of mind.
  - Pride is the root of every \_\_\_\_\_, every \_\_\_\_\_ home, every \_\_\_\_\_ that tears apart siblings or spouses.
  - Jesus... tells a parable about - of all things - where we \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ table.

- Scene Setting
- Luke says they were \_\_\_\_\_ Him closely.
  - These Pharisees believed themselves to be the \_\_\_\_\_ elite, the ones who had earned the best \_\_\_\_\_ in the house of God.
  - Do not sit down in a place of \_\_\_\_\_... but go and sit in the \_\_\_\_\_ place.

- Narrative Development
- Jesus isn't interested in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. He's announcing a \_\_\_\_\_ where the rules of honor and pride are \_\_\_\_\_.

- Pride bends us \_\_\_\_\_, weighing us \_\_\_\_\_ until we can no longer see anyone else.
- Everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ himself will be \_\_\_\_\_, and he who \_\_\_\_\_ himself will be \_\_\_\_\_.

#### The Law Applied

- We don't say it out loud, but inside we're constantly \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, jockeying for position.
- The Law reveals the truth: our \_\_\_\_\_ isolates us. It cuts us off from \_\_\_\_\_ and from each other.
- Pride makes us \_\_\_\_\_. It whispers: 'I don't need \_\_\_\_\_. I just need \_\_\_\_\_.'

#### The Gospel Given

- And yet - here's the shock of the Gospel - Jesus Himself took the \_\_\_\_\_ seat.
- At the \_\_\_\_\_, He descended lower than any guest at the banquet.
- Friend, give up your seat. Come sit with Me at the \_\_\_\_\_.
- We cannot boast of our \_\_\_\_\_, but are justified freely for \_\_\_\_\_ sake through \_\_\_\_\_.

#### The Call to the Church

- Spiritual maturity begins with \_\_\_\_\_.
- We do not come to God with \_\_\_\_\_, but with \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Conclusion

- One day, there will be a final \_\_\_\_\_ - the marriage feast of the \_\_\_\_\_.

## 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.



#### B.L.E.S.S.

From the beginning, God's way of reaching the world has been through a blessing strategy:

- B** Begin with prayer, God, how do you want me to bless the people in the places you send me?
- L** Listen. Don't talk too much, instead listen to people, their struggles, their pains.
- E** Eat. Have a meal with people or a cup of coffee. It builds relationships.
- S** Serve. If you listen to people and eat with them, they will tell you how to love them, serve them.
- S** Story. Share your story and how Jesus is in it. Share Jesus' story when the time is right.

God says, I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. Genesis 12:2-3

Adapted from *Five Ways to Bless Your Neighbors* by Dave Ferguson

**Who will you bless this week?**

#### Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:

☐ Confidential (for pastors 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

### 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