

WESTERN STAR COWBOY CHURCH – A PLACE TO CALL HOME

“BE RENEWED DAY BY DAY” – 2 Cor 4:16



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CROSS CHAT & Songs of Praise



IS JESUS SLOW IN COMING BACK?

My mother had a saying when I was young, “Grandma was slow, but she was old!” Typically, this happened when I didn’t move fast enough to complete a chore. Now that I’m a Grandma (for several years now), I do find that saying is true; I’m definitely not as fast nor agile as I used to be. But, let me make it very clear that you don’t have to be a Grandma or a Grandpa to slow down; age catches up to everyone. We like to say that age is a state of mind, but the body does wear out in this earthly life & makes us slow down even if we don’t want to.

Slowness is a human process that happens as we all get older. I suppose if we all felt great & spry all the time, we probably not look as forward to going to our eternal home & being physically healed. Instead, we would be raring to go about our daily lives here on earth. And of course, more than likely the “powers that be” on earth, would set the retirement age at 100 to get the most tax money out of each of us. Did I say that?

Now, on to the more basic question that is often proposed to believers is about Jesus return to get His church as well as His 1000-year rule on this earth. People deny that He will ever come back, because He has not done so even though He said He would. Let’s see what God has told us about this. **2 Peter 3:9-** “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” God is so loving & we need to understand He is patience with us in spite of those who deny Him. **Psalms 86:15-** “But You, O Lord, are a God merciful & gracious, slow to anger & abundant in lovingkindness and truth.” God wants to give everyone a chance to repent and come to Him.

We can look at history in Biblical times & see a parallel today that reflect some people’s attitudes. Many don’t acknowledge God & many deny God. They have either forgotten or weren’t trained up in the ways of the Lord. But He is patient waiting for them & they don’t even realize the blessings that He gives to them. **Nehemiah 9:16-17-** “But they, our fathers, acted arrogantly; they became stubborn & would not listen to Your commandments. “They refused to listen, & did not remember Your wondrous deeds which You had performed among them; so they became stubborn & appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But You are a God of forgiveness, gracious & compassionate, slow to anger & abounding in lovingkindness; & You did not forsake them.” God in His righteous anger, had punished the Israelites by having them wander in the wilderness for 40 years when they disobeyed Him on their trek out of Egypt to the promised land by building a golden calf while Moses was on the mountain receiving His 10 Commandments, & also complaining that they should return to their slavery in Egypt because they had all they wanted to eat there. But God, in His mercy & forgiveness still provided for the people all during the 40 years. In Exodus 16 we see what God provided, but they forgot the water coming out of the rock when there was none, they forgot the manna from heaven everyday that came down with the dew, they forgot the quail for meat that sustained them, they forgot that their clothes never wore out. **Deu 29:5-** (Moses reminded the people) –“ And I have led you in the wilderness for forty years; your clothes have not worn out on you, & your sandal has not worn out on your foot.” These were gifts from God because He loved this people who He had chosen for His own through His covenant with Abraham.

Can we say that we are as patient with God as He is with us? How long would we wait hoping that people make the right choice & repent so they may live eternally with God? Are we as impatient as the Israelites were? God is not slow! Patience is a virtue of love. **(1 Cor.13:4)**

Be blessed brethren, Mary Bowden

PSALM 19 – King David proclaims God’s glory

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of His hands.
² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.
⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.
⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.
⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.
The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.
¹⁰ They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.
¹¹ By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.
¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.
¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of
my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

MORNING PRAYER FOR A POSITIVE MINDSET

(AUTHOR UNKNOWN)

Dear Heavenly Father, You are my Rock & my Shield, my Fortress & my strong Tower. I lift You up and thank You for being this for me, not just physically but also mentally. I pray over my mindset this morning & over my thought life. Your word says a person thinks in his heart, so is he.

Lord, bless the condition of my heart. Heal my heart daily & let me carry Your joy in my heart. I thank You that as I do, my thoughts will also be healed & joyful.

As I see good, let me support it verbally. Help me to notice even the little things & affirm those as well. I thank You that people & situations improve when I am around. I carry Your joy in my heart & in my mind today, in Jesus name I pray, Amen.

Excerpt from Jesus Calling:

“I GIVE YOU ENCOURAGEMENT”

You receive encouragement as a free gift from Me when you make the effort to hold on to your hope—focusing on what I’ve already done (died for your sins), what I am doing (living in you), & what I will do (take you home to Heaven). I love to give good gifts in generous proportions. So, cling to hope, beloved & you will be greatly encouraged

Hebrews 6:18 – *By 2 unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged.*

Philippians 3:14-16 – *I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me Heavenward in Christ Jesus. All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained.*

Galatians 2:20 – *I have been crucified with Christ & I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me & gave Himself for me.*

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Wranglers ages 4/11 Sundays **during sermon** (Raina Cook) - **Champions of Faith** ages 12 & up, Sundays **9:20 am** (Bill & Jamie Warman)

- NURSERY inside Church - parents can see & hear service

-Sign up for Pony Express Prayer (PEP) line on WSSC web site

Watch utube services via website: westernstarcowboychurch.com – also has the current newsletter for each week on the site

WED BIBLE STUDY - FELLOWSHIP HALL – 6:30 pm light meal- 7:00 pm – Will start again on May 1, 2024

Apr 14th: **Elder Wes to give message**

Announ: Dustin

Apr 20th: **CANCELLED: Saturday: Security class WILL RESCHEDULE IN MAY**

Apr 21st: **Lay Pastor Lonnie to give message**

Announ: Garry

Apr 21st **GRUB SUNDAY - BRUNCH - ----- Church supplies meat... please bring sides like egg dishes, gravey, biscuits, fried potatoes, etc... please sign up in the lobby what you will bring. Thank you!**

Apr 27th: **MEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING AT NAOMI'S CAFÉ AT 9 AM**

Apr 27th: **WOLF PACK BIBLE STUDY MEETING AT CHARLOTTE'S HOME AT 9 AM**

288 CR 3298, Decatur Tx. (Bible Study first, then lite snack & fellowship)

Apr 28th: **Guest speaker Buddy Godfrey** Announ: Mark

May 5th: **Elder Garry to give message** Announ: Lonnie



Sunday, 4/7/24 Attendance: 71 Donations \$ 2413.00 : \$2270.00 Tithes, \$23 Coffee, \$20 Café, \$100 Bldg Fund, \$0 Youth group, \$0 Arena, \$0 Playground, \$0 Beef

We do not pass an offering plate. You can put your offering in the "feed bucket" on the table in the back. What you give is between you & God to support His ministry for annual expenses & missions at WSSC. Be blessed!

ARENA



SUGGESTION BOX is in the back lobby. They will be reviewed & discussed in the Elder's monthly meetings.



PRAYER BOX is in the Lobby for confidential prayers. They are prayed over.

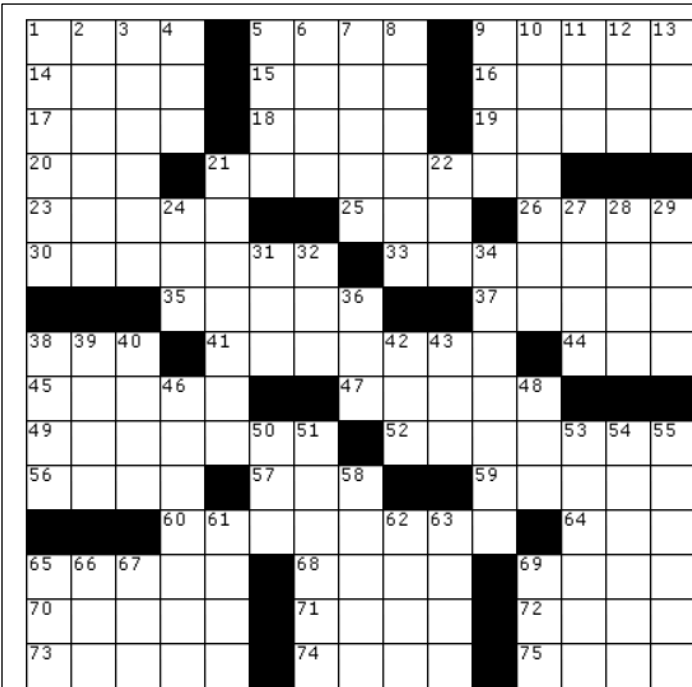
PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH/FINANCES/SITUATIONS – GOD KNOWS THEIR NEEDS WHEN WE PRAY FOR THEM

* Israel!!!, Pastor Bobby, Peter, Bill, Richard Sr., Sharla, Lonnie & Chris, Brenda & Wes, David Clark, Johnny, Sharon, Ruby's sister Clara Faye, Colinda & her family.

PRAYERS FOR: WSSC family, *military, all first responders & truckers & their families. stop slaughter of innocents! *Christians in nations who are suffering for their belief * US to be healed & God to change the hearts of those in & out of our nation who are trying to destroy America & our freedom! The devil is using his evil to influence government officials to tear away our religious freedom to worship God. When beliefs & actions of the government go against God's word, they are evil. Evil has permeated our country; **2 Tim 3:1-5** has now become reality in the world. Let the Holy Spirit direct our thoughts & actions to do Jesus' great commission "*preach the gospel!*"

Matt 28: 16-20. Jesus is coming soon! **2 Chr 7:14.** - *When God's righteous people sincerely seek & pray to Him, He will answer.*

Josh 24:15. "*But as for me & my house, we will serve the Lord.*"



ACROSS

- 1 Uncommon
- 5 Snow gliders
- 9 Last letter of Greek alphabet
- 14 Seaweed substance
- 15 Pig's remark
- 16 Flourishing
- 17 Eve's first
- 18 Just
- 19 Elect
- 20 ___ A Small World...
- 21 _____ Houston, actress
- 23 Parable of the ___ and Goats
- 25 Sticky black substance
- 26 In style
- 30 Bone behind ear
- 33 Village near Jerusalem
- 35 Of the East
- 37 Clues
- 38 Expression of surprise

- 41 Paul's friend
- 44 Obtained
- 45 Cycle
- 47 Scenes
- 49 Thai
- 52 One who speaks for God
- 56 Writer Bombeck
- 57 Shade tree
- 59 Elevate
- 60 Shaded
- 64 School group
- 65 Elite intellectuals' society
- 68 Epochs
- 69 Unwanted e-mail
- 70 Cavalry sword
- 71 Invitation abbreviation
- 72 Morsel
- 73 Fathom
- 74 Was looked at
- 75 Unwanted plant

DOWN

- 1 Prejudice
- 2 Modern female mystery writer

- Christie
- 3 Lifts
- 4 White-tailed sea eagle
- 5 Anon
- 6 ___ James Version
- 7 Bay
- 8 Space station
- 9 Oil cartel
- 10 Short OT book of prophecy
- 11 Samuel's mentor
- 12 Time zone
- 13 Sailor's yes
- 21 One of Jesus' 12
- 22 Anger
- 24 Airport abbr.
- 27 Drape
- 28 Within
- 29 Saclike structures filled with fluid or diseased matter
- 31 Roman three
- 32 Levee
- 34 ___ is a lamp unto my feet,

- 36 Fall mo.
- 38 Church part
- 39 Inheritor
- 40 First man
- 42 Tilt
- 43 That woman
- 46 Hoards
- 48 Resort hotel
- 50 Body of water
- 51 NT church leaders
- 53 1960's nonconformist
- 54 One's possessions
- 55 Formed a group, with "up"
- 58 ___ code
- 61 David's musical instrument
- 62 Beckon
- 63 Sports channel
- 65 Monosodium glutamate
- 66 Hearing organ
- 67 BB association
- 69 South by west

POWER IN YOUR WORDS:

Be silent, Bible, Blessing, Colossians, Conqueror, Declare, Favor, Glory, Gods will, Grateful, Happiness, Holy Spirit, Honor, Hope, Humility, Inspiring, Jesus, Joy, Love, Matthew, Mercy, Mouth, Nurturing, Promises, Proverbs, Respectful, Romans, Speak life, Strength, Success, Testimony, Thankful, Truth, Uplifting, Yes and amen

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, & I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen

PICTURES FOR PHONE BOOK

I am trying to get pictures for the phone book. Please send me a picture of yourselves that you would like in it to: dreamweaverranch@aol.com Some people have already sent pictures so I do not need them to resend those. Thank you, Mary Bowden

SECURITY TRAINING HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR THIS MONTH

MORE INFORMATION WILL COME OUT ON THE TRAINING WITH THE NEW DATE & TIME. THIS WILL BE AN EXCELLENT TRAINING ON PEOPLE'S AWARENESS FOR SAFETY AS WELL AS POSSIBLE POTENTIAL SITUATIONS WITHIN THE CHURCH .

MILITARY MATTERS

1. Where was Paul when a Roman soldier stopped him from being murdered by a mob? (Acts 21:30-33)
2. What cousin of Saul was commander of the king's troops? (1 Sam 14:50)
3. What Canaanite commander was murdered by Jaell? (Judges 4:2)
4. Who was commander of the Israelites under Moses? (Ex 17:10)
5. Who met the commander of the Lord's army? (Joshua 5:14)
6. What Philistine soldier was slain by a boy carrying a bag of stones? (1 Sam 17:48-54)
7. Who was commander of Solomon's army? (1 Kings 4:4)
8. Who was commander of David's army? (2 Samuel 8:16)
9. What Babylonian soldier was ordered to execute Daniel & his friends? (Daniel 2:14)
10. What brother of Joab was famous for having killed 300 enemy soldiers in battle? (1 Chron 11:20)

VICTORY IN JESUS Pastor Bobby sings

I heard an old, old story how a Savior came from glory. How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me. I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins & won the victory.

O Victory in Jesus, my Savior forever. He sought me & bought me with His redeeming blood. He loved me 'ere I knew Him & all my love is due Him. He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory, & I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea. About the angels singing & the old redemption story, & some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. **C**

PRECIOUS MEMORIES Brenda sings

Precious memories, unseen angels sent from somewhere to my soul. How they linger ever near me & the sacred past unfold. **Precious memories how they linger, how they ever flood my soul. In the stillness of the midnight precious sacred scenes unfold.** Precious father, loving mother, fly across the lonely years. To old home scenes of my childhood with fond memories appear. As I travel on life's pathway know not what the years may hold. As I ponder hope grows fonder. Precious memories flood my soul. **C.**

LORD, LORD, LORD Renee sings

Lord, Lord, Lord is there a place for me in the scheme of things in the service of the King. Lord, Lord, Lord there is no job too great as I grow in faith there's no job too great.

Lord, Lord, Lord there is no road too long 'cause You made me strong, there's no road too long. Lord, Lord, Lord there's no stream too wide with you by my side, there's no stream too wide.

Let me help someone thru the darkest hour, let me shine, shine, shine like the beacon's tower. Let my light be strong & myself be small let me know the truth that I'm one with all.

Lord, Lord, Lord there's no job too small 'cause, I'm one with all, there's no job too small. **C**

PEACE IN THE VALLEY Mary sings

Well, I'm tired & so weary, but I must go along till the Lord comes & calls me away, away. Where the morning's so bright & the Lamb is the light & the night is as clear as the day.

Well, the bear will be gentle & the wolf will be tame & the lion shall lay down by the lamb. Oh, Lord. And the beasts from the wild shall be led by a child & I will be changed from the creature that I am.

There will be peace in the valley for me someday, there will be peace, oh peace in the valley, for me, oh Lord I pray. There'll be no sadness, no sorrow, no trouble I see....there will be peace, yes peace in the valley for me.

The flowers will be blooming & the grass will be green & the skies will be clear & serene. Where the sun ever beams in this valley of dreams & no cloud, yes, no cloud will be seen. **C**

I'M COMING HOME Brenda sings

Woke up this morning with You on my mind. I'm coming to see You, it's just a matter of time. And my hearts been longing to see Your sweet face. Oh, I'm getting ready, to feel Your embrace.

I'm coming home Lord, it won't be too long. It's almost over, time for traveling on. Open the gates wide & let me step on inside. 'Cause that's where I belong, I'm coming home.

You took care of me thru all of my days. You've been a good Friend, I'm still counting the ways. Oh, so if it's today Lord, that You call me home. I'm saying Good byes now, I'll be moving along. **C**

I'M JUST CHANGING MOUNTAINS Mary sings

Have you ever seen days like these at all? Would you be surprised if we heard the trumpet call? satan won't stop fighting us no matter what we do; when you're in the valley trying hard to make it through.

Don't give in to fussin', fightin', worryin' and doubtin', you're not in the valley, you're just changing mountains.

Don't go thinking God can't do something about it. He's a mountain mover, don't you ever doubt it. Trials and troubles seem to never end, God has something better waiting just around the bend. I can claim the victory, I've been to that Fountain. I'm not in the valley, I'm just changing mountains.

Listen to me brothers, sisters, listen young and old. We know in the final days that satan will be bold. God has said the devil's like a lion on the prowl, if you're in a battle well you're seeing that right now. Greater is the One Who's living there inside of you, and you've never met a mountain that the Savior couldn't move.

CC