

Pastoral REFLECTIONS

September 14, 2025

All His

Giving is often viewed as an obligation—a matter of counting what God tells us to do—rather than as a heartfelt response to His goodness, grace, and kindness toward us and our families. A humorous yet convicting story illustrates this: A new convert once told his pastor, “If I had fifty pigs, I’d give twenty-five to the Lord.” The pastor asked, “If you had thirty, would you give fifteen?” “Of course,” the man replied. “And if you had ten, would you give five?” “Absolutely,” he said. Then the pastor asked, “If you had two, would you give one to the Lord?” The man hesitated and said, “Now Pastor, don’t ask me that. You know I only have two pigs.” (from Illustrations of Bible Truths Copyright 1995 by AMG International, Inc. All rights reserved. Used by permission). This story shows how easy it is to speak of generosity in theory, but how difficult it can be to give sacrificially when it involves what we actually have.

True giving comes from a heart of gratitude. When the Israelites were delivered from Egypt and God instructed them to give, they responded with joy because they genuinely appreciated how powerfully God had rescued them from cruel oppression (Exodus 35:20–36; 36:1-7). Their contributions came from the heart (Exodus 35:21–22, 25, 29). Similarly, in 2 Corinthians 8:1–5, the Macedonian believers—despite their poverty—gave generously and with joy, not out of compulsion, but as a response to the grace of God they had received. They were Gentiles who hadn’t sought the Gospel; rather, Paul came to them because God sent him (Acts 9:15). And why did God send him? Because “God so loved the world” (John 3:16). From the beginning, God had the Gentile nations in mind (Genesis 12:3), and in the fullness of time, He fulfilled that promise (Galatians 4:4). This reveals an important truth: most people don’t give generously to strangers; they give to those they love. That’s the key difference between Cain and Abel. Cain gave because he was told to, but Abel gave because of his reverence and love for God (Genesis 4:1–11; Hebrews 11:4). Jesus taught, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Luke 12:34). Giving is an indicator of where our hearts truly lie, which is why 2 Corinthians 9:10–11 says that giving leads to righteousness. Jesus also said, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments” (John 15:14). Obedience that flows from love is far different from duty performed out of guilt. So, if we claim to love God, why is giving often so difficult—especially when He saved us while we were still lost and not seeking Him (Romans 3:11), and when we were destined for eternal separation from Him?

Ultimately, giving should never be a grudging responsibility. It should be an act of thanksgiving (2 Corinthians 9:7), a joyful expression of love and worship toward a God who gave everything for us. God is not after our money; He is after our hearts. And when our hearts are fully His, generosity flows naturally—because we are simply reflecting the character of the One who gave first.



UPCOMING Events



DATE NIGHT WITH THE MARRIAGE MINISTRY
Join the Marriage Ministry in Kemah for date night on Sat., Sept. 27th. We’ll have dinner at Landry’s Seafood and then take a stroll on the boardwalk. All married or seriously dating couples are welcomed. Wear matching colors for fun! Register online or in-person Sunday 9/14 & 9/21 . Contact Terry or Sherri Randle at lwfcmarriagemin@gmail.com



YOUTH CHOIR
Youth, do you have a passion for singing and music? Rehearsals are every Thursday at 6 PM. Sign up online or contact Chris Kinsey or Melita Washington at melita.washington@lwfellowshipchurch.org.



JOIN THE PRODUCTION TEAM
Lights, camera, action! Are you interested in the Production Team? Now is the time to join because we need you. We encourage anyone who may be interested in the ministry to attend training on Saturday September 20th at 10 AM. For more info contact Melita Washington at melita.washington@lwfellowshipchurch.org



SILVER STARS
55+ seniors, join the Silver Stars for a general meeting on Saturday September 27th at 11 AM in the Fellowship Hall. For more details and information on the Silver Stars Ministry, contact Jacquelyn Jordan at jacqjordan@att.net.



ABC WORD ACADEMY PRESCHOOL FALL SPECIAL
The Texas Rising Star 4-Star Accredited ABC Word Academy is having a Fall Pres-School Special starting now with a \$60 Registration Fee, discounts are available for siblings and LWFC members. For more information, call (281)-445-9673.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Announcements
- Song
- Communion
- Praise & Worship
- Visitor’s Welcome
- Worship In Giving
Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses
- Special Music
- The Word of God
“His Hands”
1 Chronicles 9:14-20
Dr. Paul Cannings, Senior Pastor
- Sermon notes available online at lwfellowshipchurch.org
Click on the “Media” tab and click “Sermon Outline”
- Call to Discipleship
Please remain seated at this time
- Benediction & Closing Song

Children are now required to check-in upon arrival. Please report to the registration desk located in the children’s wing.

Infants—6th grade

LWFC KIDZ

LEGACY
EFFECTING TODAY FOR TOMMORROW
youth ministry of LIVING WORD FELLOWSHIP

MIDDLE SCHOOL - HIGH SCHOOL
2 3 4 &
TUESDAY NIGHTS
SUNDAY
7:30 PM

His Hands

1 Chronicles 9:14-20

- A. It is All His (vs. 14-15)
- B. Be Thankful (vs. 16-17)
- C. Commit to Remain Respectful (vs. 18-19)
- D. All In (v. 20)

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SEPT.
20TH
10AM

WHERE'S ADAM PRESENTS:

COURAGEOUS

MEN'S SUMMIT

RESPONSIBLE & LEADING LEGACY

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PRACTICAL SESSIONS

DYNAMIC SPEAKERS

REAL DISCUSSIONS

Center for Christian Living

Every Tuesday in September | September 2-September 30

Next Upcoming Classes

September 16th

12:00PM Noon Discussion

The True Meaning of Our Salvation
by Dr. Aaron Lavender
Legacy Sanctuary

7:00PM Discussion

Financial Seminar Part II
by Tarea Doty
Legacy Sanctuary

Contact Keron Brown for more details.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Grieving: Donnie Emerson & family, Leatrice Sam & family, the family of Clarence Coleman, Gloria Franklin & family, and Marcia Anderson & family.

Health and Healing: MarKeith Hicks and family, Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Retha Amos, Margaret Baptiste, Cici Sharpe, Jeffrey McQueen, Eric White, Pat Crawford, Tanisha Collins, Jon Heard, Rutha Patrick, Kevin Carey, Sherri Love, Elizabeth Clarke, Clara Williams, Kathryn Ford-Cheatham, Anthony Thomas, Beverly Austin, Joshua Williams, Ruby Hunter, Elizabeth Bean, Patsy Gatterson, Arleatha Housley, Patrina Johnson, Cheryl Walker, Walter Banks, Sheryle Crowe, Arnie Glover, Diana Doyle, Shannon Rice, Freddie Reid, Yolanda Barnes, Rochelle Carter Brown, Terrance Ford, Robert Edwards, Jessie Austin, Evelyn Harvey, Shinell Clark, Elsie Starks, Ruth Cranford, Eugene Reese, Donna Ross, and Sylvia Edwards.

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