

Pastoral REFLECTIONS

December 14, 2025

The Indescribable Gift

“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”
(2 Corinthians 9:15, NASU)

It’s that time of year when warm sentiments and goodwill fill the air. It’s also the season when people go to great lengths to express their feelings in tangible ways. Flyers, promotions, and commercials appeal to every shopper for every imaginable item. We have special days like Black Friday, Cyber Monday, and the days in between—all devoted to shopping. And as we all know, for every gift there is both a giver and a recipient.

A gift often says a great deal about the giver and how they feel about the recipient. It’s rare to receive a thoughtful gift from someone who holds unfavorable sentiments toward you—and if you do, it may have come from the Dollar Tree (no offense intended!). Most gifts have a limited life span and become fading memories. A meaningful gift, however, will cost something—time, thought, and money.

But there is one gift that stands above all others, the gift Paul describes as “*undescribable*.” He understood the magnitude.

The gift: Jesus Christ.
The cost: His life.

If we attempted to describe this gift, we would quickly find ourselves overwhelmed. We might begin with words like: **Historical yet Current, Aged yet Relevant, Expensive yet Affordable, Unchangeable yet Dependable**. Try describing this gift aloud for one minute, and you’ll likely reach the same conclusion as Paul—*undescribable*. Unlike ordinary gifts, this one grows more meaningful with time, depending on the recipient.

Every gift, regardless of the cost, invites a response from the recipient—whether a simple “ooooh” or “ahhhh,” cherished devotion, or even disregard. Scripture recalls responses such as gold, frankincense, myrrh, an alabaster jar, and even a heartfelt expression of gratitude from a single healed leper.

As the savor of Thanksgiving meals still lingers in our memories, let us not diminish the real gift by treating it like common gifts, decorations, food, or fun. Unlike any other holiday, this season carries far greater significance. And unlike any other gift, this one is **Undeserved, Unsolicited, Unchangeable, Unspeakable**—yet tragically, it can remain **Unclaimed**. That is why we must seize every opportunity to evangelize. It’s like the unclaimed jackpot in Florida—someone is walking around a millionaire and doesn’t even know it.

The challenge: Make Jesus the reason for the season by doing something that draws attention to Him—or simply by telling someone about Him. Remember, you may be the only Jesus some people will ever encounter. Reflect Him well.

Celebrate Christ!!
From Pastor and Eve Cannings



UPCOMING Events



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Join us on Christmas Eve, Tuesday December 24th at 6:00PM for our annual Christmas Eve Service in Main Sanctuary. Performances by LWFC Kidz and a special presentation by LWFC Drama Ministry titled “Christmas Cookies” a original play written and directed by Melita Washington. For more information, please contact the church admin offices.



DECEMBER CONNECTION SUNDAYS
Fellowship every Sunday in December! Each Sunday participate in a theme and be picture ready at church. All month long we will be accepting decorated Christmas Reefs to display in the main foyer! **Contact Keron Brown at Keron.Brown@lwfellowshipchurch.org for more information.**



SLEIGH THE COURT—SINGLES MINISTRY
Kick off the holiday season with fellowship, fun, and a little friendly competition! Join Devoted Singles Ministry for Sleigh the Court, our holiday dodgeball event designed to bring singles together for laughter, connection, and unforgettable moments. Come for the game. Stay for the vibes. Leave with new connections



FREE COLON CANCER SCREENING
Until December 31st, call and schedule your free colon screening test pick-up with participating neighborhood clinics. For more information please call or email (713)704-2968 or cancerscreeningevent@memorialhermann.org Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.



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
“*Tilling the Soil*”
Mark 4
Pastor Allen Boutte

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

LEGACY
EFFECTING TODAY FOR TOMMORROW
youth ministry of LIVING WORD FELLOWSHIP

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

Tilling the Soil
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- A. Jesus Teaches by the Sea (vs. 1-2)
- B. The Parable of the Sower (vs. 3-9)
- C. Seed on Rocky Ground (v. 5-6, 16-17)
- D. Seed Among Thorns (vs. 7, 18-19)
- E. Seed on Good Soil (vs. 8, 20)
- F. The Purpose of Parables (vs. 10-12)

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CRAZY ABOUT CHRISTMAS
December Connection Sundays

7 TH	14 TH	21 ST	28 TH
CRAZY CHRISTMAS HATS <small>WEAR YOUR ELF EARS, SANTA HATS, REINDEER ANTLERS ETC.</small>	CRAZY CHRISTMAS OUTFIT <small>WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS COLORS & FESTIVE OUTFITS</small>	CRAZY CHRISTMAS SWEATER <small>WEAR YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SWEATER</small>	CRAZY CHRISTMAS REEFS <small>*LAST DAY TO VOTE ON REEFS*</small>

DECORATE AND SUBMIT YOUR CHRISTMAS REEFS ALL THROUGHTOUT DECEMBER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A GIFT CARD. VOTE EACH WEEK ON YOUR FAVORITE REEF IN THE MAIN FOYER!

LIFE APPLICATION & URBAN MISSIONS TEAM

PACKS of LOVE

ACCEPTING DONATIONS STARTING NOW THROUGH
DECEMBER 21ST
UMT AMBASSADORS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR DONATION DROP OFFS AFTER LIFE APPLICATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR DEACON
FAMILY OR NATIVIDAD SMITH FOR MORE DETAILS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Grieving: Pastor Duane & Bobbi Lawrence & family, Arleatha Housely & family, Nathan Harvey & family, Tomitra Wiley & family, the families of Nequita Hicks & Veronica Brown, and Bobbie & Pastor Lawrence & family.

Health and Healing: Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Retha Amos, Margaret Baptiste, Cici Sharpe, 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, Shinell Clark, Eugene Reese, Donna Ross, Sylvia Edwards, and Leo Banks.

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