

Pastoral REFLECTIONS

March 6, 2026

First Things First

Giving to God is rarely a popular topic, and I've often wondered why. How can those who depend entirely on God for life, provision, and protection hesitate to say thanks? J. Oswald Sanders put it clearly: "The basic question is not how much of our money we should give to God, but how much of God's money we should keep for ourselves."

This raises another question: "What does man actually give to God?" The truth is, we cannot give God anything. Everything belongs to Him. As James reminds us, "Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow" (James 1:17). Our offerings are an expression of gratitude—thanks for what we have and for the grace that allows us to steward the rest (2 Corinthians 9:10-15). As one anonymous person said, "We need to get God off the charity list and put Him on the payroll."

R. T. Kendall, longtime minister at Westminster Chapel in London, shared that shortly after he and his wife married, they found themselves hopelessly in debt. Tithing felt impossible. Some bills were unavoidable; others were the result of imprudence. At the time, Kendall was working in a secular job and came home one day deeply discouraged. In desperation, he knelt, hoping God would give him a ray of light.

On the dining table lay the large, white Bible his grandmother had given him. He picked it up and opened it at random. His eyes fell on the words: "Will a man rob God?" He didn't like what he read and closed the Bible, turning instead to the television for distraction—even though he still owed for it. He knew God wanted him to begin tithing, but he postponed it. Meanwhile, paying bills felt like dipping a cup into the ocean of debt, no matter how hard they worked.

Finally, they decided to make a change. They took ten percent of their income first, making tithing the top priority, and paid their bills with the remaining ninety percent. "We were not out of debt in weeks, but within less than two years, we were completely free of debt—and those became the happiest days we have ever known."

This story reminds us that honoring God with our resources is not just an act of obedience—it is a step of faith that can bring unexpected blessing, provision, and peace.

Proverbs 3:9-10 reminds us: "Honor the Lord with your wealth, and from the first of all your produce; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine." Giving to God is not merely obedience—it is a joyful act of worship, trust, and gratitude for the One who owns everything.



UPCOMING Events



AWAKEN HOUSTON
During the upcoming Lenten season (February 18 – April 5, 2026), we are calling the church across Houston to walk with Jesus. It's not about doing anything spectacular, powerful, or impressive. It's about taking the simple, faithful step of walking with Him. Follow the steps to the left to sign-up and contact Jeffrey Allen for more details



POWER WALK PASTORS & LEADERS CONFERENCE
Tickets for the 2026 National Pastors & Leaders Conference are now available for \$90. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA
Easter is quickly approaching. We need volunteers for this year's Easter Eggstravaganza! Please register to volunteer online and drop off candy-filled eggs to the Children's Wing.



DEACON FAMILY FELLOWSHIP
March 29th join us for one service at 9:30am.



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

"Blessed"

1 Chronicles 29:9
Dr. Paul Cannings

*Sermon notes available online at lwfellowshipchurch.org
Under the "Resources" tab 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
2:30 4:00 & TUESDAY NIGHTS
SUNDAY
e 7:30 PM

Blessed

1 Chronicles 29:9

Dr. Paul Cannings

A. Blessed to Bless (v. 9a)

B. Wholehearted (v. 9b)

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EASTER WEEKEND

GOOD FRIDAY THE RECKONING <small>Musical by LWFC Drama Ministry 6PM Main Sanctuary</small>	SATURDAY EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA <small>Easter Egg Hunt & Family Fun 11am-1pm</small>	SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES <small>Join Us For Church 8am 11am</small>
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SUNDAY MARCH 29TH

DEACON

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

JOIN US FOR ONE SERVICE AT 9:30 AM

CONTACT YOUR DEACON FAMILY DIRECTLY FOR INFORMATION ON FOOD & HOW YOU CAN SERVE
CONTACT KERON BROWN AT KERON.BROWN@LWFELLOWSHIPCHURCH.ORG FOR GENERAL DETAILS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Grieving: The family of Rabia Jordan, Tomitra Wiley & family, and Syble Ned & 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, Beverly Austin, Joshua Williams, Ruby Hunter, Patsy Gatterson, Arleatha Housley, Patrina Johnson, Ruth Cranford, Walter Banks, 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.

BLESSED

1 Chronicles 29:9