



Edward Keith Bible

July 2, 1958 - January 19, 2025

At 10 pm January 19th, (Edward) Keith Bible passed through the narrow gate into the other side of eternity and met Christ Jesus face to face. He was done with medical tubing, practices, appointments, human pain and is now in the place of peace and good.

Keith began his earthly journey on July 2, 1958, in Austin Texas. His parents were Jack Allen and Johanna (Williamson) Bible. He had two brothers Thomas Allen and Gary Wayne Bible. Precious memories remain between these three as the older brothers became “built in babysitters” of a dude 11 years younger. Uh, good times were had.

Keith is survived by wife Beth (Rees) Bible, his mother Johanna (Williamson) Bible, sister-in-law Cathy (Graves) Bible, brother Gary and sister-in-law Linda (West) Bible, many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and a humongous group of church sisters and brothers.

Keith journeyed through elementary and high school and graduated in June of 1976. He then attended and graduated in 1982 from SWT (now Texas State University) with a degree in Animal Science. He earned his way through college by working at a local grocery store in Crestview named MiniMax. He worked there 7 years! Keith’s first job from college was in Abilene as a County Extension Agent. From there, he started working for the City of Austin as a

Code Compliance Officer and finished his tenure as a Waste Diversion Specialist developing recycling programs throughout Austin until he retired in 2016.

More importantly, he grew up in “the church”. He became a Christian and represented Christ all his life. Somewhere on that journey he became one heck of a great tenor. He could have sung professionally; he was that good. But he chose the better road and started to sing for Christ. All his life he has been a member of the United Methodist Church (Crestview, Covenant in Austin and St. John’s in Rockdale).

Along the way, (you guessed it) in church he met Beth (Rees) Bible. They married on December 31, 2002. Beth worked for the state at the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and retired in 2017. Along the way, they bought an RV and traveled many miles around Texas. Christ blessed their marriage of 22 years.

Keith self-taught himself acoustic guitar, bass guitar, and mandolin. He joined many church Praise and Worship bands over the years. He picked and sang probably a week before he died.

He was a husband, a dog-dad, a son, a brother, a great uncle, a danged-good golfer, a superb singer and most-of-all, a servant of our Lord Most High.

If you are familiar with The Walk to Emmaus (a powerful religious retreat), he has probably “participated” in about one hundred of them over the years. He was the Lay Director of one of these “Walks” in 2010.

He was a kind and gentle person, respectful to all, loving to all. He represented Christ as he was commanded. We miss him, yet we know where he is...in The Perfect Place.

1958 to 2025. He filled this short time following Christ. Amen.

1 Thessalonians says “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope”.

If you want to honor the Lord and Keith’s life, his memorial service will be on Saturday, February 8th, 11 am at St. John’s United Methodist Church, 1700 Hillcrest Drive, Rockdale, Texas 76567.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's United Methodist Church
1700 Hillcrest Dr
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Scott, Jodie and to all the Family
Sending condolences and lifting you up in prayers at the loss of
your beloved Uncle and Loved One that was so dear to your hearts.
He is now in the loving arms of our Savior Jesus and will suffer no
more. His amazing legacy he has left and the cherished memories
you have of him will live in your hearts forever.*

Mike and Cindy Baker

Cindy Baker - February 07, 2025 at 12:32 PM

DS

“ *My condolences to Beth and all who knew and loved Keith. But
there should be a certain joy in knowing that Keith was a Christian
and loved our Lord and Saviour. He showed his faith in the way he
treated others through caring and compassion. My fondest
memories of Keith are the times we were in a couple of bands
together some years ago, what a great musician and vocalist. He
will be missed, but I take comfort in knowing that Keith's belief in
Christ has guided him to his eternal home.*

David Sandling - February 05, 2025 at 11:49 AM

DS

“ My condolences to Beth and all who knew and loved Keith. At the same time, there should be a certain joy in knowing that Keith will be with his Lord and Maker. He showed his belief and love for our Lord in the way that he cared for and treated those around him. My fondest memories of Keith comes from the times we spent playing music together in a couple of bands years ago, what a great musician and vocalist. He'll be missed but I have real comfort in knowing that his belief has brought Keith home.

David Sandling

David Sandling - February 04, 2025 at 05:47 PM

RN

“ I've never met a more genuinely happy (or musical) soul ❤️🎵 From the moment we met, serving on our first Walk to Emmaus Music Team together in 1993, to the 5 years we were fortunate to have him play in the "Oasis of Praise" Band at Covenant UMC, I've never played music with anyone who had more fun, or shone with the Light of Christ more. Keith was always a Joy and an inspiration to be around...I'll miss him now more than I did already 😭 Have fun rockin' for Jesus, my friend...I'm sure you are leading them all in the dance, wherever you may be! 🙏🎸📖✝️

Randy Nettles - February 01, 2025 at 05:59 PM

AC

“ Aiden Cohen lit a candle in memory of Edward Bible



Aiden Cohen - January 27, 2025 at 11:57 AM

AC

“ Keith Bible was a good man. He lived his convictions and did God's work on earth. I appreciate Keith for being a friend to everyone -- I honestly can't remember him ever saying a mean thing about another person in 4 years working together. Keith was a kind, caring, generous family-man that gave his everything for the community he lived in. Keith had a wonderful talent for music and shared that with his church, coworkers, and neighbors to create wonderful memories that will live many lifetimes. We appreciate Keith Bible and know that if everyone lived as Keith did, the world would be peaceful, more sustainable planet with music everywhere.

Aiden Cohen - January 27, 2025 at 11:56 AM

SH

“ I so loved Keith and his amazing ability to lighten the mood and put things in perspective. Everyone enjoyed his company and felt privileged to be able to learn from his experience. His jokes were legendary and I will never forget that sly grin. Keith will forever be in my heart and will bring a smiles with every memory.

Susanne Harm - January 26, 2025 at 06:26 PM

LE

“ I enjoyed playing at Emmaus gatherings with Keith. So much fun! Always chipper and upbeat, with a big grin!

Linda Elliott - January 26, 2025 at 09:18 AM

JS

“ Oh yes, I remember Keith Bible. We weren't close. But I will forever see him with mandolin in hand, playing and singing the Lord's sweet, powerful messages. Flowing with love and gratitude. What a blessing, he'll now never ever have to stop.
john swint, pilgrim, Walk to Emmaus # 968, Covenant UMC.

john swint - January 25, 2025 at 09:33 PM

JL

“ I was fortunate to know Keith through his marriage to Beth, my friend and co-worker. Their match was perfect and made in Heaven. I so enjoyed witnessing their life journey and the joy they shared. With all my love, Jenny

Jenny Lace - January 25, 2025 at 06:33 PM

ML

“ My condolences to Keith's family. He remains much loved and remembered by those of us in Environmental Health. The picture here captures his ever-present smile and twinkle in the eye. A man who lived his faith to the fullest.

Mary Bell Lockhart - January 25, 2025 at 12:53 PM

VM

“ Keith was always such a sweet and kind person. We always enjoyed it when he sang either in church or with a band. The world will miss him. We send our sincere sympathy to Beth, Jo and the rest of the family.

Vernell Moncure - January 25, 2025 at 12:09 PM

KA

“ I loved Keith. I met him through Beth and I believe they brought the best in each other. Keith was kind, smart, funny and just plain nice. It's hard to find people like that. I'm lucky to have known him. Good-bye, my friend. Vaya con Dios.



Kathi - January 24, 2025 at 09:49 PM

BL

“ I worked with Keith at Crestview Minimax. Keith’s gentleness and listening ear helped me in the dark hours after my father’s sudden death. If Keith was in the room, the room had positive energy. Keith was a good man, but more importantly a good friend.
Vaya con Dios, my friend. You will be missed!

Bryan Lane - January 24, 2025 at 08:02 PM

BB

“ I have known Keith since 10th grade. Through a scary movie and an old cemetery, we discovered that my Dad, Otho Kenneth Davis, grew up with his parents in Leander. We also went to SWTSU together and shared many a salted french fry at lunch. Keith was just the nicest person. And he did have a sense of humor. I recall some animal poo on his boots one day on the bus. Good memories of a valued and beloved friend.

Becky (Davis) Brent - January 24, 2025 at 08:01 PM

MJ

“ Keith was an invaluable member of Crestview’s choir! A beautiful voice and lovely musicianship! I was proud to have him in the choir while I was Director. He will be sorely missed but I am happy that he’s singing in God’s choir and is pain free.
My deepest condolences to his family and friends. Rest in peace, Keith.
Monica johnson

monica johnson - January 24, 2025 at 07:35 PM

LE

“ I do not even know where to start. Keith and Beth have been apart of my life for 21 years. We have shared so much and will miss Keith so much.

LeeLeen - January 24, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Keith Bible.*



January 24, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ *Keith was our brother in law. He was one of the sweetest, kindest man we ever met. He will be missed is an understatement. We love you Keith & Beth.*
Sally & Dick

SALLY REES - January 24, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ *My husband, Gordon, and I got to know Keith through Emmaus, especially Praise Bands. He was a great musician and singer for God. We then got to know Beth. We all shared a love of baseball. We will miss him A LOT. Diane Leeks*

Diane Leeks - January 23, 2025 at 05:52 PM