



# The *Southwesterner*

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## HIGHER THINGS

As Colossians 3 begins Paul writes, “If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.” We have our hearts set on many things throughout life. As kids, our hearts were set on toys or places we would like to go. As we grew, our hearts may have been set on someone we loved or the job we desired. As we get older, our hearts may be set on the welfare of our families and friends. Some of those things seem trivial and others seem important. God wants us to have something above all of them: things above.

Sometimes we go to extremes and forget that there are things here that should be on our hearts. Later in the same chapter he talks about the importance of selfless interpersonal relationships. But “things above” should be a greater focus. He wants us to concentrate on the example of Christ and on following him. He wants our perspective to be one that places Him above everything else. When we do that, we will find ourselves having the right priorities when it comes to things on Earth, because Jesus had the right priorities here.

We know that what we read in Colossians is right, but we can still quickly lose focus and misalign our priorities. God knows that too. Through Paul He reminds us of a great tool to set us back in the right direction. In verse 16, Paul continues, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” We see three important things about scripture in that verse.

1. **Scripture should dwell in us.** The Greek word *oikos* (house) is the root of dwell. We are literally to be a place where scripture is at home in us.
2. **Scripture should dwell richly in us.** The Greek word *plousios* (richly) is often translated abundantly. We should have a wealth of scripture that we are ready to share.
3. **Scripture leads to action in us.** As the word dwells, it leads us to teaching, admonishing, singing and thankfulness to God. Higher things.

Are you seeking higher things? Let His word dwell in you richly and spur action, then you will be sure to find things above.

- Brian

July 14, 2024



### Elders

Jeff Butler

Greg Hatton

David Hendricks

Richard Howard

Brent Lowe

Butch Platt

### Ministers

Brian Lewis

David Dirrim

Thorin Turner

Kyle Wilson

### Secretary

Dana Chilcoat

# Family Matters

Please keep these people in your prayers:

**Lea Crain** is in the hospital and is unable to have visitors at this time.

**Jeff Morris** had surgery Thursday at OU Medical in Oklahoma City.

**Corey Pickle** will be having some heart tests run soon.

**Jeannie Wingard** has some family in Houston that is being affected by the hurricane.

**Carla Hasley** went forward last Sunday asking for prayers for her and her mother. Her mother is having some difficulties at this time.

**Southwest's annual "Backpack Drive"** will be from 5pm - 7pm on Saturday, **August 3rd**, in the fellowship building. There is a list of items needed at the welcome desk. See Thorin Turner, Hunter Nickell, or Mark Clark for questions.

**Dear Southwest Family,**  
Thank you so much for the cards, texts, meals and prayers surrounding my recent surgery. We have felt so very loved by all of you. I miss you with all my heart and hope I can be back with you someday soon. Thank you for the love and support you continue to show my family. Love, Briana, Justin, Aaron, Lizzy and Eva

The **Ladies Prayer Group** meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. They will meet next on **July 14th**.

**1 Thessalonians 5:17**

*"Pray without ceasing."*

Please continue to pray for...

Lea Crain, Arles Wells, Mary Barrett, Jana & Stacey Stewart, Barbara Cannon, Paula Hatton, Ken & Wanda Roper, Leon Hughey, Myrtie Clarke, Nash Gilliam, Betty Gerth, Barbara Hataway, Sherry Price, Dona Phippen, Barbara Lewis, Randy Hall, Ronald Trent, Sue Silkey, Shirley Love, Gerald Joliff, Katie Meaders, Johnnie Sing, Cherry Bennett, Shirley Perry, Pattie Mitchell, Debbie Harber, Warner Fleck, Randy Wilson and Thayne Consequellos.

## Happenings

### Church Events & Announcements

**There will be** a Safety Team meeting on Sunday, **July 14th**, at 4pm in room 100.

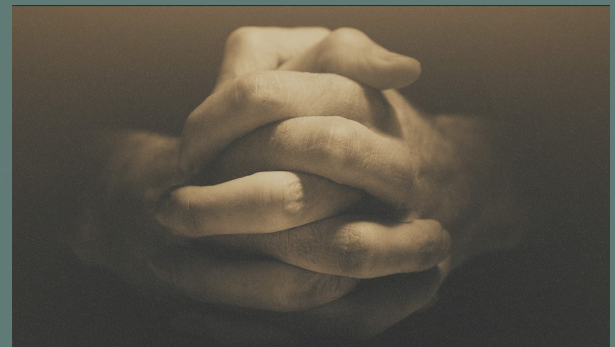
**There will be** a Safety Team shooting practice on Saturday, **July 20th**, at 6pm at the Ada Police Shooting Range.



**The Yellow House** will hand out food on Monday, **July 22nd**, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are: Tommy Myers, Glenda Lillard, Jan Manuel, Butch Platt, Debra Provence, James Bryant, Mary Conley, Carolyn Preble, & Don Kite. **The food for the Yellow House will be picked up and sacked on Wednesday morning, July 17th.** If you are unable to help with either date, please let **Chuck Love** know.



**God's Girls "Sweet as Honey"** will be **July 27th** from 10:00am - 4:30pm at Southwest. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk for those that would like to help. See Carli Turner for questions.



WHEN JESUS  
PRAYS

2024 SOUTHWEST SUMMER SERIES



JULY 17

NATHAN MELLOR

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

MATTHEW 14:23

**18 UPCOMING EVENTS**

*July at a Glance*

- 01 AWTG (Moore)
- 02 Widower's Breakfast
- 03 Singing Night
- 04 Office Closed
- 07 Youth Meal/Fellowship
- 08 Meals on Wheels Week, AWTG (Britton Road)
- 12 College Group Broom Ball
- 13 College Group Surfing Trip
- 14 PTC, Ladies Prayer Group, Safety Team Meeting
- 20 Safety Team Practice
- 21 Youth Meal/Fellowship
- 22 Yellow House, AWTG (Shawnee)
- 27 God's Girls
- 28 Yth. Meal/Fell, Ladies Pr. Grp.
- 29 AWTG (South Walker)
- 30-02 Eagles Camp (Blanchard)



**TEENS AND YOUTH**

Youth Meal & Fellowship (Most Sundays)

**July 14th - 19th**

Preacher's Training Camp  
Lewisville, TX

**July 22nd**

AWTG at  
Northridge (Shawnee)

**July 27th**

God's Girls (Southwest)

**July 29th**

AWTG at  
South Walker (OKC)

**July 30th - August 2nd**

Eagles Camp  
(Blanchard)

**August 5th**

AWTG at  
Eastside (Midwest City)

**Birthdays of the Month**

- 07/17 Jet McCoy
- 07/18 Malory Cheek
- 07/20 Jezula Jonka, Jenni Trekell

**Happy Anniversary**

- 07/14 Greg & Dana Chilcoat
- 07/15 James & Lynnette Bryant

**who's your ONE?**

**PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN**

Heaven Allen Hunter Wilson  
 Michale Perry Clay Wilson Jr.  
 Josh Higginbottom  
 Frank Holsapple Jr.



**Adults**

David McMillin  
Auditorium

Jeff Butler

1 Thessalonians  
Room 100

David Dirrim

Dealing With Dragons  
Fellowship Building

Drew Adams & Brad Trekell

God Didn't Say That  
Room 111

**College Group**

Kyle Wilson  
Room 107

**Youth Group**

Thorin Turner  
Room 101

**Elementary**

5th - 6th grades: Room 104

2nd - 4th Grades: Room 102

K - 1st Grade: Room 105

**Preschool**

3's & 4's: Room 112

Toddlers: Room 114

Babies: Room 113

*For the Record: 07/07/2024*

Bible Study	161
AM Assembly	243
PM Assembly	112
Wednesday PM	160
Contributions	\$18,021
Budget	\$13,777

# SERVING THIS WEEK

## Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: TBA  
Opening Prayer: Drew Adams  
Closing Prayer: David Lewis  
Scripture Reading: Nathan Lewis  
Lord's Supper Thoughts: David Dirrim  
Communion: James Bryant, Toker Dennis,  
David Dirrim, Jag Frye, Tim Hensley,  
Chuck Love, Keith Nail, Hunter Nickell  
Alternate Communion: Joe Dirrim & Drew Graham  
Balcony Communion: Mark Clark & Tommy Myers  
Nursing Home Communion: Garrett Hatton  
Attendance Counter: Trever Manuel  
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Josh Nail  
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Kevin Graham  
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Quaid Clark & Cody Frye  
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Casey Farrar & Bruce Huddleston  
Welcome Desk (July): Glinda Byers & Clarie Dennis  
Greeters (July): Alan & Kim Simpson & J. Manuel & S. Hamilton

## Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Kerry White  
Opening Prayer: Mark Coleman  
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Osborn  
Attendance Counter: Brad Butler  
Communion: Steve Black & John Eck

## Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Brian Lewis  
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Brian Lewis  
Closing Prayer: Justin Lane  
Summer Series Speaker: Nathan Mellor  
Attendance Counting: Matt Bryant  
Safety Team Walk: Kevin Graham  
Safety Team Camera: John Eck

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome  
Song  
Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:16-17  
Prayer  
Song  
Song  
Song  
Thoughts From the Cross: David Dirrim  
Song  
Lord's Supper  
Song  
Contribution  
Song  
A.M. Lesson: Bible Study  
Song  
Announcements  
Song  
Prayer  
  
P.M. Lesson: Apathy

An elder and his wife are available in the classroom of the middle hallway of the building during each invitation.

**Shepherd for July:** Greg Hatton

**Supporting Shepherd & Wife:** Butch & Denise Platt

## **July Contribution Counters:**

Drew Adams, Kevin Graham, Drew Graham

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ONLINE GIVING



## Sunday

Bible Classes - 9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.

## Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.

## Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

## Worship & Classes Online

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