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## FINDING CONTENTMENT

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The article below is a great reminder from Jim Martin's Encouragement Note about how important it is to remember that we can be content, because we trust in God. - Brian

Maybe you have caught yourself thinking: "It must be nice to have as much money as the Smiths. I wish we could go on a fancy vacation like them." Maybe you have looked at someone else's life (as I have) and silently wondered, "Why can't this be me?"

Whether it is television commercials or conversations at work, there seem to be constant challenges to compare and complain. We are told again and again that we need to upgrade. And so, we are dissatisfied with what we have. We may be talking about our vacation and a few minutes later a guy at work says, "Hey that's nothing! You should have seen where we went on vacation!" Contentment may seem to be impossible. As a result, some of us tend to gripe and complain - a lot.

### **Contentment is Not Dependent on Your Problems Going Away**

Paul writes from prison (Philippians 1:7-8; 12-14) that he has found the secret to contentment.

Paul's secret was not dependent on changing his external circumstances. Rather, it was about learning to "stand firm in the Lord" (4:1).

### **The Path to Real Contentment**

Yes, contentment can seem elusive. Yet, the following steps can keep us moving in the right direction:

- Rejoice in the nearness of the Lord (4:5-6). God is with you. There is never a moment in which you will have to live without his presence.
- Pray with thankfulness in every situation (4:6). God leans in to hear our gratitude.
- Deliberately think about what is noble, right, etc. (4:8). This is not easy, but we can learn to focus on what is good in our lives.
- Depend on Him to provide strength (4:10-13). "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (4:13)

Each day I want to rest in him, the only one who can give true contentment.



### **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

**Sheila Dorn** went forward last Sunday morning asking for prayers with some struggles that she is having at this time. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Our sympathy** goes out to Connie McKinney on the passing of her two cousins, Paula Ennis and Frank Forneris. Please keep Connie in your prayers.

**Marilyn Bartlow** has the shingles and is staying with her daughter until she is feeling better. She would enjoy some encouragement. For those of you that would like to send her a card, the address where she is staying is on this week's "Because We Care" list in the racks by the double entry doors. Please keep Marilyn in your prayers.

**Some of the ladies** are starting a new "Digging Deep" Bible study one time a month in the fellowship building. The first class was Friday. If you have any questions, please see Kellie Hudson.

**For those that** would like one, the new **Power For Today** study booklets for October, November, and December are in the clear racks by the north and south double entry doors and there are a few at the Welcome Desk.

**1 Thessalonians 5:17**

*"Pray without ceasing."*

Please continue to pray for...

Paula Hatton, Lea Crain, Arles Wells, Jana & Stacey Stewart, Barbara Cannon, 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 is a sign up** sheet at the Welcome Desk for those that would like to sign up for a t-shirt with the Southwest logo on it.

**There will be** a breakfast for the widowers and single men on Tuesday, **October 1st**, in the fellowship building. Coffee is ready at 7:30am and breakfast is served at 8:00am.

**The Wednesday Night for the Master** meal will be **October 2nd** in the fellowship building at 5:45pm.

**Men's Wednesday** night Bible class will begin on **October 2nd** in room 111 (s.w. corner classroom).

**Golden Doers** lunch will be Sunday, **October 13th**, in the fellowship building after our morning services. If you are 60 years or older, please come join us!

**The Ladies Prayer Group** meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. They will meet next on **October 13th**.

# HOPE 2024

**GOAL: 970,000 BIBLES**

The Hope campaign funds the publishing, printing, and distribution of Bibles and Bible-based materials in Eastern Europe and beyond. From September 1 to December 31, we invite you to donate to our God-led vision of providing 970,000 Bibles for 970,000 people in 2024.

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## EEM Hope Project

(formerly Million Dollar Sunday)

October 27

Lanny Tucker from EEM will speak in the evening service. We will be inviting several congregations to join us. Following the worship service, we will share a meal together.

November 3

We will have our annual contribution to support EEM's work during our Sunday morning service.

# 18 UPCOMING EVENTS

- September at a Glance*
- 01 Promotion Sunday
  - 02 Office Closed (Labor Day)
  - 03 Widower's Breakfast,  
Tuesday Ladies Class Starts
  - 06-08 Move Youth Conference
  - 08 Golder Doers, Ladies Pr. Group
  - 09-13 Meals on Wheels Week
  - 12 Col. Meal/Devo (Jan M/Sue H)
  - 15 Youth Boys Preach-AM (Farris),  
AWTG (Blanchard)
  - 18 Pick Up/Sack Food (Yel. House)  
WNFM Meal, First Aid Training
  - 19 College Meal/Devo (Provence)
  - 22 Ladies Prayer Group,  
Safety Team Meeting
  - 23 Yellow House
  - 26 College Meal/Devo (Lowe)



## TEENS AND YOUTH

### September 29th

Youth Group Meal and Fellowship

### October 3rd

Youth Group Home Bible Study



### October 3rd

College Meal & Devo (Hatton)

### October 10th

College Meal & Devo (Nickell)

# Birthdays of the Month

- 09/30 Geneva Denson
- 10/01 Reid Estes, Caleb Estes
- 10/02 Avery Dirrim
- 10/03 Myrtie Clarke, Sue Lackey,  
Dale Welch
- 10/04 Jane Johnson,  
Kim Simpson

# Happy Anniversary

- 09/29 Tanner & Dalee Weston
- 09/30 Kevin & Amy Graham

# who's your ONE?

**PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN**

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



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| <b>Adults</b>                     |                    |
| David Hendricks                   |                    |
| Auditorium                        |                    |
| Jeff Butler                       |                    |
| 1 Timothy                         |                    |
| Room 100                          |                    |
| David Dirrim                      |                    |
| Adult Bible Class                 |                    |
| Fellowship Building               |                    |
| Brad Trekell                      |                    |
| Sermon on the Mount               |                    |
| Room 111                          |                    |
| <b>College Group</b>              | <b>Youth Group</b> |
| Kyle Wilson                       | Thorin Turner      |
| Room 107                          | Room 101           |
| <b>Elementary</b>                 |                    |
| 5th - 6th grades: Room 104        |                    |
| 2nd - 4th Grades: Room 102        |                    |
| K - 1st Grade: Room 105           |                    |
| <b>Preschool</b>                  |                    |
| 3's & 4's: Room 112               |                    |
| Toddlers, 2's & 3's: Room 114     |                    |
| Babies: Room 113                  |                    |
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| <i>For the Record: 09/22/2024</i> |                    |
| Bible Study                       | 185                |
| AM Assembly                       | 267                |
| PM Assembly                       | 142                |
| Wednesday PM                      | 174                |
| Contributions                     | \$11,681           |
| Budget                            | \$13,777           |

# SERVING THIS WEEK

## Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Richard Howard  
Opening Prayer: David Lewis  
Closing Prayer: Raymond Johnson  
Scripture Reading: Jet Frye  
Lord's Supper Thoughts: David Hendricks  
Communion: Joe Dirrim, Beau Griffin,  
Jared Griffin, David Hendricks, Todd Martin,  
Hunter Nickell, Alan Simpson, Mark Tinsley  
Alternate Communion: James Bryant & Brad Butler  
Balcony Communion: Jag Frye & Tommy Myers  
Nursing Home Communion: Quaid Clark  
Attendance Counter: Cody Frye  
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Mark Clark  
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Nathan Lewis  
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Matt Bryant & Caleb Estes  
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Steve Black & KerVon James  
Welcome Desk (September): Tanner & Dalee Weston  
Greeters (September): K. Hughey & C. Love & Tommy & Joni V.

## Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Ronnie Osborn  
Opening Prayer: John Eck  
Closing Prayer: Jack Cadenhead  
Attendance Counter: Keith Nail  
Communion: Ried Duncan & Drew Graham

## Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Brad Trezell  
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Jared Hudson  
Closing Prayer: Justin Lane  
8 Minute Devotional: Kyle Wilson  
Attendance Counting: Jag Frye  
Safety Team Walk: Cody Frye  
Safety Team Camera: Kevin Graham

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome  
Living Hope  
Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:28-29  
Prayer  
Crown Him with Many Crowns  
Jesus, Flow Like a River  
Home of the Soul  
Thoughts From the Cross: David Hendricks  
Come Share the Lord  
Communion  
I Need Thee Every Hour  
Contribution  
Behold Our God  
A.M. Lesson: A Place of Rest  
I Am Thine O Lord  
Announcements  
Living Hope  
Prayer  
  
P.M. Lesson: Building Blocks

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

**Shepherd for September:** Richard Howard

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

## **September Contribution Counters:**

Bill Young, Chuck Love, Mark Clark

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## 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.

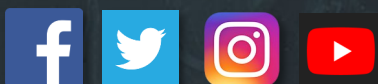
## Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

## Worship & Classes Online

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