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THANKSGIVING

November 24, 2024

In our nation, we set aside time this week to consider the things we are thankful for. I hope we spend a lot more than these few days each year doing that. God has done so much in our lives that we should be thankful for Him daily.

In his letter to the Colossian church, Paul spends a lot of time emphasizing thankfulness. Each chapter of the book contains each one statement of thanks written by Paul while he was imprisoned. That should serve as a reminder to each of us that we have plenty to be thankful for even when it seems things are not going well for us. What did Paul say about being thankful?

- He is thankful because the church was doing what it should be doing: showing faith and love. "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people." (Colossians 1:3-4)
- He wants them to be thankful too, and his thankfulness is contagious. "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." (Colossians 2:6-7)
- Being thankful helps to make peace, and peace is something to be thankful for. It's a wonderful cycle. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." (Colossians 3:15)
- If we are not thankful by nature, it is something we can improve through action and habit. "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." (Colossians 4:2)

Let's remember to be more thankful this week and all year long.

- Brian

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! – Psalm 100:4



SOUTHWEST
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Carolyn Purvis had a heart attack Wednesday and had to have two stints placed. She is in Mercy Hospital Ada. Please keep her in your prayers.

Melissa Eck had surgery on her parathyroid on Friday in Norman. Please keep her in your prayers.

Susan Pickle will be having surgery in Ada on December 9th and December 19th. Please keep her in your prayers.

Dear Church Family, Thank you for your calls, cards and texts during this time I have missed services. I am scheduled for surgery for January 2, 2025 for the kidney stone. Mary Shirey

Dear church family, We are overwhelmed and humbled by the outpouring of love, texts, cards, food, calls, and most importantly, prayers that we received from you all during our time of sorrow. We honestly don't know how folks without a church family cope and make it through times like these. We are truly blessed to call you family. Thank you for being there so we can lean on you all very much! Sincerely, The Hudson Family

Dear Church Family, Thank You! Thank you so much for the prayers and words of comfort for my family and me during the loss of my Dad. We could feel your care and concern through your acts of love and kindness, including the texts, calls, flowers, cards, meals and your presence. I thank our Lord for my family at Southwest. In Christian Love, Kelley Hughey and Family

Thank you to all of you that donated for our Thanksgiving boxes this year. The total amount donated was \$2,163.00. Your love and support are greatly appreciated!

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for...

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

Happenings

Church Events & Announcements

The Ladies Prayer Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. They will meet next on **November 24th**.

There will be a Safety Team meeting on Sunday, **November 24th**, at 4pm in room 100. See James Bryant for questions.



We will have a singing night on Wednesday, **November 27th**, at 6:30pm in the church auditorium. There will not be any classes.

The church office will be closed on **November 28th & 29th** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The breakfast for the widowers and single men will be on Tuesday, **December 3rd**, in the fellowship building. Coffee is ready at 7:30am and breakfast is at 8:00am.



The Wednesday Night for the Master meal will be **December 4th** in the fellowship building at 5:45pm.

You are invited to a Christmas Paint Party on **December 6th** from 6pm - 10pm in the fellowship building. Please bring a finger food. Please see Carli Turner for questions.

Kids come for a fun morning with Santa on Saturday, **December 7th**, from 9am - 11am in the fellowship building. Enjoy pancakes, cocoa, crafts, and more. We encourage parents to stay and help out their kids. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk. For questions, please see Joni Vass or Stacey Lewis.



The Yellow House will pass out food on Monday, **November 25th**, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are Butch Platt, James Bryant, Chuck Love, Mark Coleman, Glenda Lillard, Carolyn Pults, Kim Simpson, & Donna Duncan.

Thanksgiving Boxes

We will be handing out Thanksgiving boxes again this year on Monday, **November 25th**, from 3pm - 7pm at the Yellow House. This is for families with children in school that may be in need of one.

Please see Chuck Love for questions.

18 UPCOMING EVENTS

November at a Glance

- 03 EEM Hope Project Contribution, Elders, Deacons, Ministers Meet, AWTG at Choctaw
- 05 Widower's Breakfast
- 06 WNFM Meal
- 07 College Meal/Devo (Hatton)
- 09 Jr. God's Girls
- 10 Ladies Pr. Grp, Youth Meal/Fel.
- 11-15 Meals on Wheels Week
- 14 College Meal/Devo (Graham)
- 17 H.O.P. Banquet, Youth Meal/Fel.
- 21 Col. Meal/Devo at SBC (Lewis)
- 24 Safety Tm. Meet, Ladies Pr. Grp.
- 25 Yellow House, Thanksgiv Boxes
- 27 Singing Night (No Classes)
- 28-29 Office Closed (Thanksgiving)

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TEENS AND YOUTH

November 24th

Youth Group
Meal & Fellowship

December 1st

Youth Group
Meal & Fellowship

December 5th

Youth Group
Home Bible Study

Birthdays of the Month

- 11/24 Shirley Perry,
Emma Vanlandingham
- 11/26 Jerry Miller
- 11/27 Lathan Ballard
- 11/28 D'Esta Hoover
- 11/29 Greg Hatton, Rayah Tinsley
- 11/30 Dewey Dirrim,
Shelley Meaders

Happy Anniversary

- 11/24 Glenn & Sue Ogle
- 11/26 Clint & Paula Sturdevant



December 5th

College Meal & Devo
(Hatton)

December 12th

College Meal & Devo
(Qualls)

The college group will also begin raising funds for their spring break mission trip to Nicaragua.

who's your ONE?

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

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

Bible Classes

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Adults

David Hendricks

Auditorium

Jeff Butler

Titus

Room 100

David Dirrim

Adult Bible Class

Fellowship Building

Brad Trezell

Sermon on the Mount

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, 2's & 3's: Room 114

Babies: Room 113

For the Record: 11/17/2024

Bible Study	219
AM Assembly	347
PM Assembly	134
Wednesday PM	168
Contributions	\$12,396
Budget	\$13,777

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Scott Estes
Opening Prayer: Justin Lane
Closing Prayer: John Eck
Scripture Reading: Trenton Hensley
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Thorin Turner
Communion: Steve Black, Brett Butler,
Quaid Clark, Mark Clark, Jared Hudson,
Stefan Iorga, Keith Nail, Mark Tinsley
Alternate Communion: Jag Frye & Cody Frye
Balcony Communion: Jet Frye & Tim Hensley
Nursing Home Communion: Richard Howard
Attendance Counter: Will Lampkin
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: James Bryant
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Hunter Nickell
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Matt Bryant & Todd Martin
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Tuger Dennis & Garrett Hatton
Welcome Desk (Nov.): Brent & Diana Lowe
Greeters (Nov.): Mark & Cindy Coleman; Sue H. & Jan M.

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Casey Farrar
Opening Prayer: Tyler Jones
Closing Prayer: Brad Trekell
Attendance Counter: Chuck Love
Communion: Joe Dirrim & Drew Graham

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Singing Night (No Classes)
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Dusty Dennis
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Osborn
8 Minute Devotional: Singing Night (No Classes)
Attendance Counting: Tuger Dennis
Safety Team Walk: Keith Nail
Safety Team Camera: Tanner Weston

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome
Song
Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:1
Prayer
Song
Song
Song
Thoughts From the Cross: Thorin Turner
Song
Communion
Song
Contribution
Song
A.M. Lesson: By Faith
Song
Announcements
Song
Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Just Love

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

Shepherd for November: Butch Platt

Supporting Shepherd & Wife: Jeff & Pam Butler

November 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.



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