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A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God has given us so many reasons to be thankful. Sometimes it can be difficult to know where to begin when giving Him thanks. This prayer of thanksgiving below comes from the Didache, a collection of teachings familiar to the first century church. The followers of Jesus who would have shared this prayer continued the work of the “great cloud of witnesses” we will talk about this Sunday morning. Nearly 2,000 years later, their reasons for thankfulness echo in our lives.

“Holy Father, we thank you for your holy name, which you have caused to dwell in our hearts. And we thank you for the knowledge and faith and immortality that you have made known to us through Jesus, your servant. To you be glory forever. You, the Almighty Lord of all, created everything for the sake of your name.

You have given food and drink to humanity for their enjoyment so that they would give you thanks. But to us, you have given spiritual food and drink and eternal life through your servant. Above all, we give thanks to you because you are all powerful. To you be glory forever.

Remember, oh Lord, your church, to deliver her from all evil and to perfect her in your love. Gather her from the four winds once she has been sanctified for the kingdom you have prepared for her, for yours is the power and glory forever.

May grace arrive and let this world pass away. Hosanna to the God of David. If anyone is holy, let him come. If he is not, let him repent. Maranatha. Amen.”

As we give thanks this week, remember the One who gave so much for us and be thankful.

- Brian

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

December 1, 2024



Elders

Jeff Butler

Greg Hatton

David Hendricks

Richard Howard

Brent Lowe

Butch Platt

Ministers

Brian Lewis

David Dirrim

Thorin Turner

Kyle Wilson

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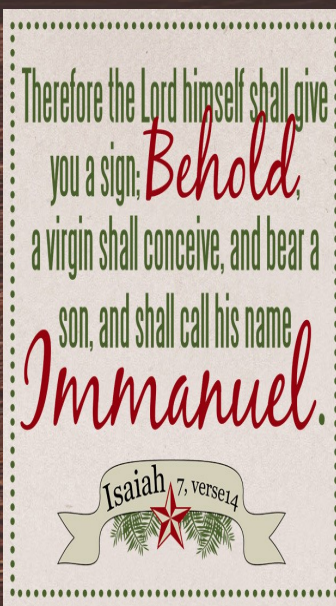
Dana Chilcoat

Family Matters

Glenda Cross will be having surgery on her neck on December 18th at the Spine Hospital in Oklahoma City. Please keep her in your prayers.

Our sympathy goes out to Jet and Ashlee McCoy and their family on the passing of Jet's father, Denny McCoy, who passed away Tuesday. His services were held Saturday. Please keep Jet and his family in your prayers.

Congratulations to Seth Windsor for him choosing to be baptized into Christ on Sunday morning. We rejoice in his decision and welcome him to our family here at Southwest!



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 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.

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 Ladies Prayer Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. They will meet next on **December 8th**.

The last class for the Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class will be on **December 17th**. They will start the class back up on **January 7th**.

The Yellow House will hand out food this month on Friday, **December 20th**, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are: Scott Estes, Bill Young, Chuck Love, Tommy Myers, Donna Duncan, James Bryant, Janna Byrd, and Don Kite. **The food will be picked up and sacked on the morning of Wednesday, December 18th. See Chuck Love if you are unable to help.**



The Wednesday Night for the Master meal will be **December 4th** in the fellowship building at 5:45pm. We will be having pizza, salad, and cookies.



The Golden Doers lunch will be Sunday, **December 15th**, in the fellowship building following our morning services. If you want to participate in the "Dirty Santa" gift exchange; men bring a man's \$10 gift and women bring a woman's \$10 gift. If you are 60 years or older, please come join us!

18 UPCOMING EVENTS

December at a Glance

- 01 Youth Meal/Fellowship
- 03 Widower's Breakfast
- 04 WNFM Meal
- 05 College Meal/Devo (Hatton),
Youth Meal/Fellowship
- 06 Christmas Paint Party
- 07 Pancakes with Santa
- 08 AWTG at Chickasha,
Ladies Prayer Group
- 12 College Meal/Devo (Qualls),
- 15 Golden Doers, Youth Meal/Fell.
- 17 Last Tues. Ladies Class for 2024
- 20 Yellow House
- 22 Ladies Pr. Grp, Youth Meal/Fell.
- 24-25 Office Closed (Christmas)
- 29 Youth Meal/Fellowship



TEENS AND YOUTH

December 1st

Youth Group
Meal & Fellowship

December 5th

Youth Group
Home Bible Study

December 8th

AWTG
at Chickasha

Birthdays of the Month

- 12/01 Laura Gould, Butch Platt,
Emily Robinson
- 12/04 Glenda Lillard,
Paula Sturdevant,
Saylor Sullivan,
Taran Williams
- 12/05 Dee Hensley
- 12/06 Tiffany Frye, Elizabeth Lane
- 12/07 Linda Medlock, Sierra Trekell

Happy Anniversary

- 12/03 Allen & Karen Stonecipher
- 12/04 Mark & Sonya Clark
- 12/05 David & Glenda Cross



December 5th

College Christmas Party
at the Hatton's

December 12th

College Meal & Devo
(Qualls)



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

Drew Adams

TBA

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: 11/24/2024

Bible Study	178
AM Assembly	318
PM Assembly	134
Wednesday PM	—
Contributions	\$14,095
Budget	\$13,777

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Drew Adams
Opening Prayer: Justin Lane
Closing Prayer: Tyler Jones
Scripture Reading: Cale Hudson
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Kyle Wilson
Communion: James Bryant, Matt Bryant,
Joe Dirrim, Casey Farrar, Jag Frye,
Jared Hudson, Tommy Vass, Kyle Wilson
Alternate Communion: Beau Griffin & Trever Manuel
Balcony Communion: Steve Black & Don Kite
Nursing Home Communion: Mark Coleman
Attendance Counter: Cody Frye
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Brad Butler
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Jared Griffin
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Caleb Estes & Todd Martin
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Ried Duncan & John Eck
Welcome Desk (Dec): Alan & Kim Simpson
Greeters (Dec): Hunter & Jena Nickell; Glinda B & Amy W

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: David Lewis
Opening Prayer: Quaid Clark
Closing Prayer: Raymond Johnson
Attendance Counter: Toker Dennis
Communion: Mark Clark & Dusty Dennis

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Mark Tinsley
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Jared Hudson
Closing Prayer: Brad Trekell
8 Minute Devotional: Dusty Dennis
Attendance Counting: Chuck Love
Safety Team Walk: Scott Estes
Safety Team Camera: Keith Nail

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome
Song
Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2
Prayer
Song
Song
Song
Thoughts From the Cross: Kyle Wilson
Song
Communion
Song
Contribution
Song
A.M. Lesson: Running with Endurance
Song
Announcements
Song
Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Thanksgiving

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

Shepherd for December: Greg Hatton

Supporting Shepherd & Wife: Richard & Camille Howard

December Contribution Counters:
Tommy Vass, Caleb Estes, Brad Butler

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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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