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HONOR SUCH MEN

Last Sunday, I taught Jeff Butler's Bible class and was given the difficult assignment of "a topic I'm interested in." I decided to go with Philippians 2, which is not really possible for a preacher with 40 minutes. I made it through verse 18, but I have found myself thinking on the last part of the chapter this week.

Philippians 2:19-22a & 2:25,29

19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. 20 For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. 21 For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. 22 But you know Timothy's proven worth. 25 I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, 29 So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men.

I am about to complete year seven as the preaching minister here at Southwest, and I have spent all seven of those years working with David Dirrim. Most of you have known him longer than I have, but I have been blessed by having him down the office hall for most of the last seven years. As I read about how Paul describes Timothy and Epaphroditus, I see a lot of David there. He is genuinely concerned for the welfare of the church here at Southwest, in Haiti and in our many other mission points around the world. He seeks the interests of Jesus and the church over his own. David has proven his worth countless times in many ways. He is a good brother and one of the hardest workers I have known. He is a faithful teacher of the message of God and ministers to the needs of many through a gentle spirit.

And as Paul says of Timothy and Epaphroditus, "honor such men." So thank you, David. Thanks for being a faithful servant of this church for many years and for being a great teammate in ministry. Enjoy your retirement from the ministry staff and your new life as a volunteer. A deacon will be reaching out soon!

- Brian

December 15, 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

Don Byrd is still in ICU at Mercy Hospital Ada with pneumonia. He is not doing well at this time. Please keep him in your prayers.

Ann Mayes is in Norman Regional Hospital and is not doing well at this time. The family would appreciate your prayers.

Glendel Hatton went home from the hospital on Wednesday afternoon. He is slowly improving and would appreciate your visits and prayers.

Scott Estes fell off of a ladder and shattered both of his heels. He will not need to have surgery but he will have a long recovery. Please keep him in your prayers.

Shelley Meaders came home Thursday from the hospital after having her knee replacement surgery on Tuesday. Please keep her in your prayers.

Congratulations to Cale Hudson on being baptized Tuesday night! We rejoice in his decision and welcome him to our family here at Southwest.

Congratulations to Roy Duncan on graduating from Harding University with a Master's Degree in Cyber Security! He graduated Saturday.

Congratulations to Dakota Blackwell and the Davis Wolves on winning the State Championship in football last Saturday!

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for...

Glenda King, 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 Phippen, 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 new Power for Today booklets for January, February, and March are in the wall racks by the double entry doors and there are some also on the welcome desk.

The last class for the Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class will be on **December 17th**. This week, the Tuesday Ladies' Bible Class will have a short class followed by a cookie exchange and a lunch at Gigi's in Seminole. 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 Ladies Prayer Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. They will meet next on **December 22nd**.

The church office will be closed on **December 24th - 25th** for Christmas and **January 1st** for New Year's Day. There will not be a bulletin on **Sunday, December 29th**.

We will have our 2025 Budget Presentation at the end of our morning worship service on **Sunday, December 29th**.



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 15th

Youth Group
Meal & Fellowship

December 19th

Youth Group
Home Bible Study

December 22nd

Youth Group
Meal & Fellowship

Birthdays of the Month

- 12/15 Danielle Adams,
Holly Farrar,
Jaxson Hermes
- 12/16 George Patterson
- 12/19 Wesley Lampkin
- 12/21 Kyndal Cheek,
Ember Hubbard

Happy Anniversary

- 12/18 Jack & Laura Long
- 12/21 Jerry & Wilma Miller



January 16th

College Group Meal & Devo
(Hensley)

January 23rd

College Group Meal & Devo
at the SBC (Ryan & Macy Smith)

Bible Classes

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Adults

David Hendricks
Auditorium

Jeff Butler

Philemon

Room 100

David Dirrim

Adult Bible Class

Fellowship Building

Drew Adams

A Christmas Story

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: 12/08/2024

Bible Study	204
AM Assembly	279
PM Assembly	104
Wednesday PM	135
Contributions	\$16,806
Budget	\$13,777



PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

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

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Richard Howard
Opening Prayer: Ried Duncan
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Osborn
Scripture Reading: Cale Hudson
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Jeff Butler
Communion: Brad Butler, Quaid Clark,
Tuker Dennis, Casey Farrar, Drew Graham,
Chuck Love, Keith Nail, Kerry White
Alternate Communion: Tim Hensley & Stefan Iorga
Balcony Communion: Jag Frye & Trenton Hensley
Nursing Home Communion: Steve Black
Attendance Counter: Jared Hudson
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Tanner Weston
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Mark Clark
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Cody Frye & Jared Griffin
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Tyler Jones & Justin Lane
Welcome Desk (Dec): Alan & Kim Simpson
Greeters (Dec): Hunter & Jena Nickell; Glinda B. & Amy W.

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Mark Tinsley
Opening Prayer: Thorin Turner
Closing Prayer: David Dirrim
Attendance Counter: Caleb Estes
Communion: John Eck & Todd Martin

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Beau Griffin
Announcements/Opening Prayer: David Hendricks
Closing Prayer: Joe Dirrim
8 Minute Devotional: David Lewis
Attendance Counting: Matt Bryant
Safety Team Walk: Jared Griffin
Safety Team Camera: Kyle Wilson

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome
Praise Him, Praise Him - 300
Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:6
Prayer
Joy to the World - 1018
All Is Well
Magnificat - The Song of Mary, Mother of Jesus
Thoughts From the Cross: Jeff Butler
Bethlehem - Galilee - Gethsemane - 357
Communion
Low in the Grave He Lay - 344
Contribution
All to Us
A.M. Lesson: Keep the Faith
Lord, Reign in Me
Announcements
Faithful Love
Prayer
P.M. Lesson: Joy

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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