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A YEAR IN GOD'S WORD

I hope as you read this that you have already read several chapters of Genesis and a few Psalms. If you have not, it is not too late to catch up! It will be a blessing in your walk with Christ and in our church family as we spend time focusing on God's word this year. In the book, *Formed In His Image*, Coleman Ford explains the importance of scripture in the life of a Christian. "I believe spiritual disciplines boil down to one simple thing: saturating our lives with the Word of God. Specifically, I think we will never go wrong if we emphasize the intake of God's Word and its impact on our prayer lives as the fundamentals of Christian spirituality. If we choose to focus on reading, studying, memorizing, and using Scripture in our everyday lives, we will never go wrong in the spiritual life."

Let's begin by reading together this year. Daily Bible reading schedules are available at the Welcome Desk, or you can join us on the You Version Bible App by using the QR code below. Each week's readings will also be on the back page of the bulletin - Brian



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PSALM 119:105



January 5, 2025



Elders

Jeff Butler

Greg Hatton

David Hendricks

Richard Howard

Brent Lowe

Butch Platt

Ministers

Brian Lewis

Thorin Turner

Kyle Wilson

Secretary

Dana Chilcoat

Family Matters

Leon Dennis was moved Monday to a skilled nursing unit in Tulsa after a hospitalization for aspiration pneumonia and complications of worsening dementia. Please no calls at this time. Cards may be sent through the Dennis family. The address to send cards to Leon is on this week's "Because We Care" list or you can call the office for the address.

Charles Canida had a full knee replacement surgery done recently. He is doing well at home recovering but is dealing with a considerable amount of pain. Please remember him in your prayers.

Glenn and Sue Ogle have been struggling with seasonal colds. Please keep them in your prayers.

Please keep the Robinson Family in your prayers. They are friends of Alan Simpson. This family is going through a very difficult situation at this time.

Happenings

Church Events & Announcements

Meals on Wheels week will be January 6th - 10th. Helpers this time are: Tommy Myers, Bill Young, Don Kite, Dub Borders, and Chuck Love.

The breakfast for our Southwest widowers and single men will be Tuesday, January 7th, in the fellowship building. Coffee is ready at 7:30am and breakfast is served at 8:00am.

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class will start back up on January 7th.

The Ladies Prayer Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. They will meet next on January 12th.



The Wednesday Night for the Master meal will be on January 15th at 5:45pm in the fellowship building. We will be having chili.

The **Golden Doers** lunch has been moved to Sunday, January 19th, in the fellowship building after morning services. If you are 60 years or older, please come join us!

All ladies are invited to a wedding shower for Nathan Lewis and Macie Etheridge on Sunday, January 26th, at 3pm in the fellowship building. They are registered at Walmart and Amazon.

Ann Mayes is home from the hospital now and is doing well. She requests your continued prayers.

Our sympathy goes out to Janna Byrd and all of her family on the passing of her husband, Don Byrd, who passed away on December 23rd. Don's funeral was held Monday at Southwest. Please keep this family in your prayers.

The **Yellow House** will hand out food on Monday, January 20th, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are: Cindy Geiger, Sharon Estes, Debra Provence, Don & Pam Kite, Diana Hatton, Wade Sumpter, Butch Platt, & Bill Young.

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.



Sunday, January 5th - There will be a congregational fellowship meal following morning worship services. Meat will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts. We will be honoring David Dirrim for his years of service as a missionary and minister at Southwest. Our afternoon worship service will follow the lunch. There will not be a service at 5pm.

Sunday, January 5th - Highland Church of Christ in Tecumseh is hosting the annual "Praise Him" Area Wide New Year service at 5pm. Dr. Ken Jones, President of Oklahoma Christian University, will be guest speaker.

18 UPCOMING EVENTS

January at a Glance

- 01 Office Closed (New Year's Day)
- 05 Congregational Fellowship Meal
- 06 Meals on Wheels
- 07 Widower's Breakfast,
Ladies Bible Class Resumes
- 12 Ladies Pr. Grp, AWTG (Norman)
- 15 WNFM
- 16 College Meal/Devo (Hensley)
- 19 Golden Doers, Youth Meal/Fell.
- 20 Yellow House
- 23 Col. Meal/Devo at SBC (Smith)
- 26 Lewis/Etheridge Wed. Shower,
Ladies Pr. Grp, Youth Meal/Fell.
- 30 College Meal/Devo (Estes)



TEENS AND YOUTH

January 12th

AWTG
Westside (Norman)

January 19th

Youth Group
Meal & Fellowship



January 16th

College Group Meal & Devo
(Hensley)

January 23rd

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

Birthdays of the Month

- 01/07 Steve Black
- 01/08 Leon Dennis
- 01/10 Chevy Riley
- 01/11 Jana Stewart

Happy Anniversary

- 01/05 Brad & Chelsea Butler
- 01/10 Darrell & Cindy Geiger

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

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

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2025 Daily Bible Readings

- 1/5 - Genesis 16-18, Psalm 5
- 1/6 - Genesis 19-21, Psalm 6
- 1/7 - Genesis 22-24, Psalm 7
- 1/8 - Genesis 25-28, Psalm 8
- 1/9 - Genesis 29-31, Psalm 9
- 1/10 - Genesis 32-34, Psalm 10
- 1/11 - Genesis 35-37, Psalm 11
- 1/12 - Genesis 38-40, Psalm 12



Bible Classes

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Adults

David McMillin

Auditorium

Jeff Butler

Colossians

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: 12/29/2024

Bible Study	191
AM Assembly	243
PM Assembly	102
Wednesday PM	102
Contributions	\$46,916
Budget	\$15,738

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Tyler Jones
Opening Prayer: David Lewis
Closing Prayer: Jared Griffin
Scripture Reading: Cale Hudson
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Dusty Dennis
Communion: Cody Reynolds, Sam Austin,
Dusty Dennis, Toker Dennis, Beau Griffin,
Jag Frye, Matt Bryant, Trever Manuel
Alternate Communion: Keith Nail & Chuck Love
Balcony Communion: Ried Duncan & Don Kite
Nursing Home Communion: Mark Coleman
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Jared Hudson
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: John Eck
Service Coordinator: Cody Frye & Todd Martin
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Casey Farrar & Mark Tinsley
Welcome Desk (Jan): Dalee Weston & Kim Simpson
Greeters (Jan): Sue H. / Jan M. & Kerry / Jessica White

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Scott Estes
Opening Prayer: Drew Adams
Closing Prayer: Joe Dirrim
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Jared Hudson
Communion: Steve Black & Drew Graham
Service Coordinator: Cody Frye & Todd Martin

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Trenton Hensley
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Ried Duncan
Closing Prayer: Kyle Wilson
8 Minute Devotional: Raymond Johnson
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Keith Nail
Safety Team Camera: Brad Butler

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome
Hosanna
Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17
Prayer
Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
The Glory Land Way
The Lily of the Valley
Thoughts From the Cross: Dusty Dennis
Tell Me the Story of Jesus
Communion
God Is Love
Contribution
Who Will Follow Jesus
A.M. Lesson: Whatever It Takes
Jesus Paid It All
Announcements
Redeemed
Prayer
P.M. Lesson: Covenants

An elder and his wife are available in room 107 during each invitation.

Shepherd for January: Jeff Butler
Supporting Shepherd & Wife: Brent & Diana Lowe

January Contribution Counters:
Bill Young, Chuck Love, Mark Clark

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Sunday

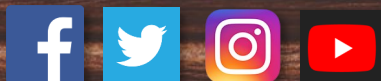
Bible Classes - 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.



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