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DANGEROUS UNSELFISHNESS

I shared this with you in 2020, but I believe the thoughts are worth repeating. On Monday our nation sets aside time to recognize the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. While growing up in Alabama, I lived 150 miles from where he marched in Selma. For 17 years living in Arkansas, I lived 100 miles from where he was killed in Memphis. It is undeniable that he played a significant role in a time of turmoil and change. Regardless of what people may think about the man, his methods or his politics, for many he symbolizes the desire for unity, service and concern for our fellow man. You have probably heard his "I Have a Dream" speech repeated around this time of year. Below is a section of another speech he gave the day before his assassination.

"Let us develop a kind of dangerous unselfishness. One day a man came to Jesus, and he wanted to raise some questions about some vital matters of life. At points he wanted to trick Jesus, and show him that he knew a little more than Jesus knew and throw him off base. Now that question could have easily ended up in a philosophical and theological debate. But Jesus immediately pulled that question from mid-air, and placed it on a dangerous curve between Jerusalem and Jericho. And he talked about a certain man, who fell among thieves. You remember that a Levite and a priest passed by on the other side. They didn't stop to help him. And finally a man of another race came by. He got down from his beast, decided not to be compassionate by proxy. But he got down with him, administered first aid, and helped the man in need. Jesus ended up saying, this was the good man, this was the great man, because he had the capacity to project the 'I' into the 'thou,' and to be concerned about his brother."

That kind of concern for brothers is something the young church at the end of Acts 2 places a lot of importance on. They learned together. They prayed together. They shared what they had. They took care of one another's needs. Their number grew as a result.

So many of the things that God tells us to do involve how we treat each other. Honor your father and mother. Turn the other cheek. Forgive. Value others above yourselves. Love your neighbor.

To be followers of Christ we have to see every person we encounter as a valuable creation of the Father. Each person is someone that He wants to bring closer to Him. It is up to us to show them His love. It's not always easy, and it might be a little uncomfortable. Maybe we all should develop that same kind of dangerous unselfishness that Dr. King spoke about.

- Brian

January 19, 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

Glenn Ogle's brother, Arles Wells, is in ICU at Mercy Hospital Ada. He is having very serious health issues at this time. Please keep him in your prayers,

Mark Coleman's hip replacement surgery went well on Wednesday and he is now home recovering. Please keep him in your prayers.

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

Congratulations goes out to Bruce and Sheri Dennis on the birth of their new granddaughter, Margot Lennon Dennis, who was born Monday to Coleman and Jocelyn Dennis. She weighed 7 lbs 6 ozs and was 19 inches long. Proud great-grandparents are Mark and Cindy Coleman and Leon Dennis.

Dear Southwest Family,
Thank you so much for the calls, visits, the delicious food, and especially the prayers during my knee surgery and recovery. All were very much appreciated. It is wonderful to be a part of such a loving congregation.

In Christian love,
Shelley Meaders

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for...

Arles Wells, Glenda King, Lea Crain, 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 **Golden Doers** lunch that was scheduled for **January 19th** has been **CANCELLED** due to the bitter cold weather conditions.



The **Yellow House** will hand out food on Monday, **January 20th**, from 8am - 10am. If you are down to help, but are unable to, please let Chuck Love know.

The **Ladies Prayer Group** meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. They will meet next on **January 26th**.

The **breakfast** for the widowers and single men will be on Tuesday, **February 4th**, in the fellowship building. Coffee is ready at 7:30am and breakfast is served at 8:00am.

Jeff Butler explained Sunday morning what work was being done to the NW parking lot and also to the lot where the house was torn down. If you missed what he said and would like to know what the plans are for those two lots, please see one of the elders.



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.

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 19th

Youth Group
Meal & Fellowship

January 23rd

Youth Group
Home Bible Study



January 23rd

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

January 30th

College Group Meal & Devo
(Estes)

Birthdays of the Month

- 01/18 Misty Gilliam
- 01/19 Cooper Hamilton, Jean Kelley
- 01/20 Braelynn Denson,
Bobby Fennell
- 01/21 Ryder Hermes
- 01/22 Autumn Graham
- 01/23 Gary Strong
- 01/24 Coen Estes, Wendell Voto

Happy Anniversary

01/22 Wendell & Judy Voto

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

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



2025 Daily Bible Readings

- 1/20 - Exodus 10-12, Psalm 20
- 1/21 - Exodus 13-15, Psalm 21
- 1/22 - Exodus 16-18, Psalm 22
- 1/23 - Exodus 19-21, Psalm 23
- 1/24 - Exodus 22-24, Psalm 24
- 1/25 - Exodus 25-27, Psalm 25
- 1/26 - Exodus 28-29, Psalm 26
- 1/27 - Exodus 30-31, Psalm 27

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: 01/12/2025

Bible Study	165
AM Assembly	286
PM Assembly	126
Wednesday PM	—
Contributions	\$16,865
Budget	\$15,738

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Jared Hudson
Opening Prayer: Dusty Dennis
Closing Prayer: John Eck
Scripture Reading: Jag Frye
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Ried Duncan
Communion: Ried Duncan, Jet Frye,
Stefan Iorga, Cody Reynolds, Sam Austin,
Todd Martin, Keith Nail, Chuck Love
Alternate Communion: Toker Dennis & Raymond Johnson
Balcony Communion: Tim Hensley & Trenton Hensley
Nursing Home Communion: Steve Black
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Cody Frye
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Casey Farrar
Service Coordinator: Matt Bryant & Trevin Vass
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Drew Adams & Caleb Estes
Welcome Desk (Jan): Dalee Weston & Kim Simpson
Greeters (Jan): Sue H. / Jan M. & Kerry / Jessica White

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Beau Griffin
Opening Prayer: Quaid Clark
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Osborn
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Cody Frye
Communion: Mark Coleman & Joe Dirrim
Service Coordinator: Matt Bryant & Trevin Vass

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Jared Hudson
Announcements/Opening Prayer: David Hendricks
Closing Prayer: David Lewis
8 Minute Devotional: Butch Platt
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Brad Butler
Safety Team Camera: Nathan Lewis

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome
Father God
Scripture Reading: 1 John 2:4-6
Prayer
Hallelujah! What a Savior - 337
One Day - 353
We Saw Thee Not - 342
Thoughts From the Cross: Ried Duncan
By Christ Redeemed - 366
Communion
In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified - 309
Contribution
The Glory-Land Way - 535
A.M. Lesson: Follow the Leader
There's a Fountain Free - 909
Announcements
Hear, O Israel - 446
Prayer

P.M. Lesson: The Reality of Restoration

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

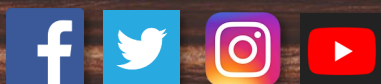
Bible Classes - 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.



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