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A HESITANT LEADER

In Exodus 3, Moses receives a message from God. God has heard the cries of His people in slavery, and it is time for action. It is time for deliverance. It is time for freedom. Moses probably thought all of this sounded amazing, until he received the last part of God's message: he would be God's representative to lead.

What follows in chapters three and four are not what we would expect from someone who is thought of as a great leader. He feels hesitant, ill-equipped, possibly scared and then just refuses outright. God patiently guides him through his doubts. The excuses that Moses gives might sound like some of the things we say or feel.

- **Who Am I? (Ex. 3:11)** - Moses wonders why anyone would listen to him. After all, the chapter begins with him out keeping the flock. He can lead animals, but people are an entirely different thing. God assures him that it's not about Moses. It's about the God who will be with him.
- **Who are you? (Ex. 3:13)** - Moses knows people will question his authority. Some of those people might even question God's concern or power after generations in slavery. God tells Moses, "I am." There is so much power in those two words. Then he reminds Moses of what He has already done.
- **They will not believe me. (Ex. 4:1)** - Moses thought he would need some sort of tangible proof beyond a story about a burning bush and a God with an unusual name. God provides him with wonders to perform .
- **I am not good with words. (Ex. 4:10)** - Moses, like many in our world today, feared public speaking. God reminds Moses that the One who created him with those abilities is the same One asking him to use them..
- **Please pick someone else. (Ex. 4:13)** - Even after all of God's reassurance, Moses does not want the job. Although angry, God assures him that Aaron will go along with him, and they can do this together.

Like Moses, we can set aside our excuses and take courage to do the things God has in store for us. He created us with a mission, too. - Brian

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

January 26, 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

Glenda Cross will be having neck surgery at the Spine Hospital in Oklahoma City on Wednesday, January 29th. Please keep her in your prayers.

Susan Pickle will be having heart surgery sometime in February. Please keep her in your prayers.

Jerry Miller made it through his colon surgery fine. He was released from the hospital on Wednesday and is at home recovering. Please keep him in your prayers.

Our sympathy goes out to Glenn and Sue Ogle & their family on the passing of Glenn's brother, Arles Wells, who passed away Sunday afternoon. His graveside service was held Friday in Allen. Please keep Glenn and his family in your prayers.

Leon Dennis has moved into his own room in a memory care unit in Tulsa. He would enjoy having cards. Please send his cards to: Marvin Leon Dennis, Montereau, The Abby Room, #125, 6800 S. Granite Ave, Tulsa, OK 74136.

For anyone that would like to send Ken and Wanda Roper a card, please mail it to Ken's new address at: Ken Roper, Teal Ridge, 2100 N.E. 140th, Apt. 303E, Edmond, OK 73013.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for...

Susan Pickle, Dona Phippen, Glenda King, Lea Crain, Pat Morgan, Jana & Stacey Stewart, Barbara Cannon, Ken & Wanda Roper, Myrtie Clarke, Nash Gilliam, Betty Gerth, Barbara Hataway, Sherry Price, 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.

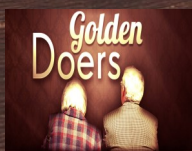
Happenings

Church Events & Announcements

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



The Golden Doers lunch will be Sunday, **February 9th**, in the fellowship building following our morning services. If you are 60 years or older, please come join us!



The Wednesday Night for the Master meal will be **February 12th** in the fellowship building at 5:45pm.

The church office will be closed on Monday, **February 17th**, in observance of President's Day.



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 26th

Youth Group
Meal & Fellowship

January 30th

Youth Group
Home Bible Study



January 30th

College Group Meal & Devo
(Estes)

February 13th

College Group Meal & Devo
at SBC (Tinsley/Barrett)

Birthdays of the Month

- 01/25 Karen Stonecipher
- 01/27 Kellie Hudson, Daniela Iorga,
Jack Long
- 01/28 Jack Cadenhead
- 01/29 Jake Nail
- 01/30 James Bryant
- 02/01 Brad Butler, Casey Farrar,
Beau Griffin

Happy Anniversary

- 01/28 Dub & Loretta Borders
- 01/29 Wade & Ardith Sumpter,
Travis & Jeannie Wingard

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

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



2025 Daily Bible Readings

- 1/26 - Exodus 28-29, Psalm 26
- 1/27 - Exodus 30-31, Psalm 27
- 1/28 - Exodus 32-34, Psalm 28
- 1/29 - Exodus 35-40, Psalm 29
- 1/30 - Leviticus 1-4, Psalm 30
- 1/31 - Leviticus 5-7, Psalm 31
- 2/1 - Leviticus 8-10, Psalm 32
- 2/2 - Leviticus 11-13, Psalm 33

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: 01/19/2025

Bible Study	138
AM Assembly	248
PM Assembly	114
Wednesday PM	143
Contributions	\$11,164
Budget	\$15,738

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Kyle Wilson
Opening Prayer: Trever Manuel
Closing Prayer: Jack Cadenhead
Scripture Reading: Toker Dennis
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Scott Estes
Communion: Alan Simpson, Justin Lane,
Drew Graham, Scott Estes, Trent Barrett,
John Eck, Hunter Nickell, Cody Reynolds
Alternate Communion: Brett Butler & Chuck Love
Balcony Communion: James Bryant & Don Kite
Nursing Home Communion: Richard Howard
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Tanner Weston
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Kevin Graham
Service Coordinator: Todd Martin & Quaid Clark
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Steve Black & KerVon James
Welcome Desk (Jan): Dalee Weston & Kim Simpson
Greeters (Jan): Sue H. / Jan M. & Kerry / Jessica White

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Casey Farrar
Opening Prayer: Joe Dirrim
Closing Prayer: Thorin Turner
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Tanner Weston
Communion: Mark Tinsley & Sam Austin
Service Coordinator: Todd Martin & Quaid Clark

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Nathan Lewis
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Jared Hudson
Closing Prayer: Will Lampkin
8 Minute Devotional: Mark Coleman
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Keith Nail
Safety Team Camera: Josh Nail

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome
Prince of Peace
Scripture Reading: Romans 10:14-15
Prayer
The Glory Land Way
Wonderful, Merciful Savior
The Old Rugged Cross
Thoughts From the Cross: Scott Estes
Tell Me the Story of Jesus
Communion
Give Thanks
Contribution
Pierce My Ear
A.M. Lesson: The Parable of the Sower
Have You Been to Jesus?
Announcements
Shine, Jesus, Shine
Prayer
P.M. Lesson: Commandments

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

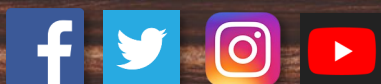
Bible Classes - 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.



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