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SMALL MOMENTS HAVE DEEP IMPACT

I want to share another great article from Jim Martin that reminds us to be intentional about our interactions with others. God can use us in big ways. - Brian

In 1994, a bookstore owner from Oxford, Mississippi stood before fifty aspiring booksellers in Seattle. Richard Howorth, the owner of Square Books and then president of the American Booksellers Association was teaching a workshop on the fundamentals of a bookstore. These included such topics as inventory management, marketing, and customer relations.

Among the fifty workshop attendees was Jeff Bezos. While Richard Howorth was sharing his knowledge about brick and mortar bookstores, Bezos was in the group, envisioning something else. He envisioned an “online mall” that would begin with books and eventually become the world’s largest online retailer.

The very next year, Bezos began Amazon.

I learned about this connection in a recent book by Evan Fries, a history professor at James Madison University. The book is *The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore*, (published 2024). What drew me to the book (public library) is my love for physical bookstores, so many of which have faded away in recent years.

This story reminded me of a much deeper truth, that goes way beyond this story of booksellers. You and I have no idea the impact we are having with other people each day. You send an encouraging text to another person. You spend an hour with a person over coffee. You made it a point to talk with a certain person after church one Sunday. These moments may seem small and insignificant. Yet, God uses moments like these in ways that we cannot imagine!

These ordinary moments are used by God for his kingdom purposes. A moment that may seem relatively insignificant may be used by God to inspire, encourage, and correct. Know this about your week. Your simple gesture of interest or kindness may actually be a very significant moment for someone.

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9)

February 2, 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

Jack Cadenhead's close friend and colleague, Charlie Mayhue, is having some very serious health issues. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Susan Pickle was admitted to SSM Health in Shawnee on Tuesday and had surgery to place stints on Wednesday. Everything went well and was able to come home Thursday. Please keep her in your prayers.

Wade Sumpter has been in Mercy Hospital Ada with pneumonia. He was in hopes to go home on Thursday. Also, **Ardith** had surgery for a detached retina on Monday. Please keep both Wade and Ardith in your prayers.

Sue Epperly was discharged from the hospital and is now at home recovering. Please keep her in your prayers.

To Church family, First, we want to thank the Ladies Tuesday morning class for their love and care and cards. Second, we appreciate those who called and came by the hospital to check on Jerry. They are Jeff Butler, Brent and Diana Lowe, Brian Lewis, David Dirrim, Glenn and Sue Ogle, and Glinda Byers. Thank you all for concern and prayers. It means more than you know. Our Love, Jerry and Wilma Miller

Southwest family, Today I am thanking God for all of his blessings and answered prayers. Last Tuesday I completed my final chemotherapy treatment, I am cancer free. I will go back in 7 weeks for a final scan, and then I am free to go back to my normal life. There are not enough words to thank this church family for everything you have done for me during this difficult time. We are so grateful for the prayers, food, and cards that we received, this church family is so special to us. There was not a day that we didn't feel wrapped in loving thoughts and prayers, and it helped us through this journey. We love you all so dearly, and we couldn't have done it without all of you. We ask for your continued prayers for good scans and reports as we carry on with this journey. Raygn Tinsley and family

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

We appreciate the prayers, cards and concern shown to us during my brother's illness and passing. We also thank Glendel Hatton and Dub Borders for being there. In Christian Love, Glenn and Sue Ogle



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!

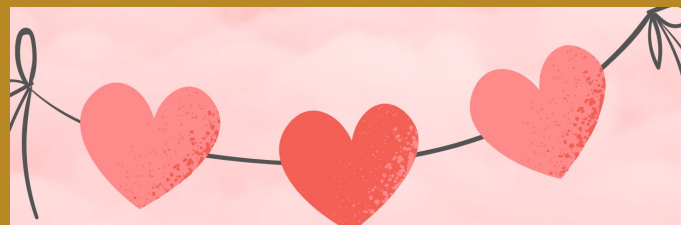
The Ladies Prayer Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. They will meet next on **February 9th**.



The Wednesday Night for the Master meal will be **February 12th** in the fellowship building at 5:45pm. (Menu: Chicken and Rice)

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

The Yellow House will hand out food on Monday, **February 24th**, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are: Glenda Lillard, Carolyn Pults, Kim Simpson, Jan Manuel, Chuck Love, Tommy Myers, Mark Coleman, Janna Byrd, & Donna Duncan. **The food for the Yellow House will be picked-up and sacked on the morning of Wednesday, February 19th.** Please let Chuck Love know if you are unable to help.



Daddy & Daughter

**SWEETHEART
NIGHT**

FEBRUARY 21 AT 6:00PM

IN THE FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

Come casual or dress up for an evening of supper/snacks, activities.

Pictures will be taken.

This is for our Southwest girls, 6th grade and younger. There is a sign-up sheet at the welcome desk in the foyer. Please see Darla Hendricks or Stacey Lewis for questions.

18 UPCOMING EVENTS

February at a Glance

- 02 AWTG (Yukon)
- 04 Widower's Breakfast
- 06 College Meal/Devo (Hatton)
- 09 Golden Doers Lunch, Youth M/F, Ladies Prayer Group
- 12 WNFM
- 13 College Meal/Devo (at the SBC)
- 14-16 T3 Youth Commission
- 17 Office Closed (President's Day)
- 20 Col M/D at SBC (Graham/Byers)
- 21 Sweetheart Night
- 23 Ladies Pr. Grp, Youth Meal/Fel
- 24 Yellow House
- 27 College Meal/Devo (Lowe)



TEENS AND YOUTH

February 2nd

AWTG
at Yukon

February 6th

Youth Group
Home Bible Study



February 6th

College Group Meal & Devo
(Hatton)

February 13th

College Group Meal & Devo
(at the SBC)

Birthdays of the Month

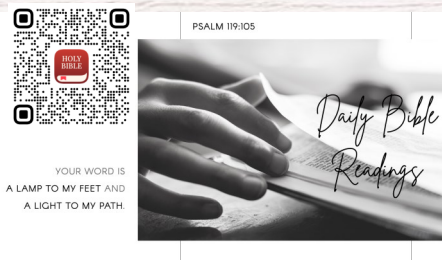
- 02/02 Carolyn Pults,
Talon Vass
- 02/03 June Dixon
- 02/04 James Myers,
Leona Strong
- 02/07 Baker Butler,
Ashley Dansby,
Camden Finley

Happy Anniversary

02/03 David & Page Lewis

A Note About the College Trip:

For those that would like to donate to the College Group Spring Break Trip to Nicaragua, please make your checks out to Southwest church of Christ and in the memo put "College Nicaragua Trip". See Kyle Wilson for questions.



2025 Daily Bible Readings

- 2/2 - Leviticus 11-13, Psalm 33
- 2/3 - Leviticus 14-15, Psalm 34
- 2/4 - Leviticus 16-18, Psalm 35
- 2/5 - Leviticus 19-20, Psalm 36
- 2/6 - Leviticus 21-23, Psalm 37
- 2/7 - Leviticus 24-25, Psalm 38
- 2/8 - Leviticus 26-27, Psalm 39
- 2/9 - Numbers 1-4, Psalm 40



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: 01/26/2025

Bible Study	146
AM Assembly	253
PM Assembly	115
Wednesday PM	---
Contributions	\$16,439
Budget	\$15,738

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Ronnie Osborn
Opening Prayer: Trever Manuel
Closing Prayer: Drew Adams
Scripture Reading: Trenton Hensley
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Cody Frye
Communion: Mark Clark, Quaid Clark,
Cody Reynolds, Sam Austin, Matt Bryant,
Tim Hensley, Cody Frye, Jag Frye
Alternate Communion: Ronnie Osborn & Justin Lane
Balcony Communion: Tommy Myers & Steve Black
Nursing Home Communion: Raymond Johnson
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: John Eck
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Brad Butler
Service Coordinator: Beau Griffin & Jared Griffin
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Toker Dennis & Garrett Hatton
Welcome Desk (Feb): Kenzie Qualls & Amy Graham
Greeters (Feb): Hunter & Jena Nickell / Tommy & Joni Vass

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Casey Farrar
Opening Prayer: Kyle Wilson
Closing Prayer: Brad Trekell
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: John Eck
Communion: Mark Tinsley & Todd Martin
Service Coordinator: Beau Griffin & Jared Griffin

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Casey Farrar
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Dusty Dennis
Closing Prayer: Thorin Turner
8 Minute Devotional: David Lewis
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Keith Nail
Safety Team Camera: Kevin Graham

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome
Instruments of Your Peace - 828
Scripture Reading: Mark 5:19-20
Prayer
Amazing Grace - 129
Fairest Lord Jesus - 288
As the Deer - 71
Thoughts From the Cross: Cody Frye
Lamb of God - 176
Communion
I Am a Sheep - 533
Contribution
It Is Well with My Soul - 490
A.M. Lesson: Go and Tell
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus - 674
Announcements
Anywhere with Jesus - 414
Prayer
P.M. Lesson: Idolatry

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

Shepherd for February: David Hendricks
Supporting Shepherd & Wife: Richard & Camille Howard

February Contribution Counters:
Ronnie Osborn, Will Lampkin, Beau Griffin, Jared Griffin

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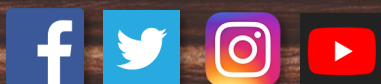
Bible Classes - 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.



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