

Southwest church of Christ

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- 8 Golden Doers Fish Frye
- 11 God's Girl Planning Meeting
- 12 Monday Night for the Master
- 17 Appreciation Banquet
- 18 AWTG Tecumseh
- 24 Lads to Leaders
- 25 Hammond's Heights Devo at Butlers
- 26 Yellow House Monday Night for the Master


Remember our Troops: Duffy Keeton, Taylor Lowe, Jeff Keas Sr., Chad Griffenberg, Aaron Medlock, Matthew O'Stafin, Danielle Hamilton Wells, Michael Lawson, Tyler Satler, Thomas & Josh Lovin, Matthew & Jin Choate, Brent & Brandon Warren, Jimmy Triplett, Scott Glenn, Heath Agan, Richie Payne, Rowdy Isbill, and Dale Russell. If you have someone you would like to be included on this list, please contact the office.

For The Record

Bible Study	270	Wednesday PM	218
AM Assembly	302	Contribution	\$8,730
PM Assembly	196	Budget	\$10,291

SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY

Sunday on:
 KTEN Channel 10, 6:30 a.m.
 KSBI, Channel 52
 (Cable One Channel 21)
 Sunday 7:30 a.m.

Gospel of Christ
 KSBI, Channel 52
 (Cable One Channel 21)
 Sunday 8:30 a.m.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 20 Macy Dennis, Lisa Fulton, Bryan Kingery, Nicky Vercelli
- 21 Gracie Nail, Zane Stoncipher, J.T. Underwood, Ruth Tucker
- 22 Camille Howard
- 24 Wade Miller



The Southwesterner

Sunday

Bible Classes: 9 a.m.
Morning Assembly: 10 a.m.
Evening Assembly: 5 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class: 10 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

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Litmus Test of Churches

A litmus test is originally a chemical test to determine the acidity of a substance by exposing it to litmus paper and observing a change of color. For instance, blue litmus paper would turn red under acidic conditions. It is a safe way to test for acid without touching the substance, which is never a good idea in a chemistry lab.

In politics the expression "litmus test" came to mean a single question asked of a candidate running for a high position that would indicate where he/she would fall on the conservative to liberal scale. Where a person stood on the subject of abortion, for instance, is one such question.

Among churches of Christ today—since our identity is constantly being questioned—a good litmus test is the subject of instruments of music in worship. Depending upon how a leadership explains their position (for, against or indifferent) one can then likely know their positions on a number of other issues, such as baptism for the remission of sins and partaking of the Lord's Supper every Sunday.

Here are the reasons why one's position on instruments of music is so critical. It will test one's understanding and commitment to the:

AUTHORITY OF THE SILENCE OF SCRIPTURE. Yes, the New Testament does not condemn instruments in worship. However, it does specifically command us to "sing" (see Rom. 15:9, 1 Cor. 14:15, Heb. 2:12, Jas. 5:13, Acts 16:25, Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16). The principle of Bible interpretation is this: Where there is a specific command to be obeyed there does not have to be a prohibition of all possible alternatives to the command. For example, if a young man is sent to the store for a loaf of bread, but returns with bread and a candy bar; he has not obeyed. To plead that a candy bar was not specifically disallowed would not be a reasonable argument. He was told what to do and should have done only that. If church leadership does not rationally interpret the Bible, then the door is thrown open to countless other unscriptural practices.

RESTORATION OF NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY. The aim of every preacher of God's word, throughout time, Old Testament as well as New, was to bring people back to the law of God that applied to them without compromising the law itself. In other words, every faithful preacher, for all

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Equipping the Saints for the work of service, to the building up of the Body of Christ. Eph. 4:12

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 ages, has sought to “restore” God’s original pattern and to not alter the pattern to please man. The fact is that the church for, at least, the first 600 years of its existence did not use an instrument in worship, at all! If we are serious about restoration what should our position be?

WORD FOR WORD INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE. Is every word in the Bible, including the word “sing,” inspired of God? Yes (see 1 Cor. 2:13)! The New Testament is not just “principle” inspired; God did not just implant a thought in the minds of the inspired writers of the New Testament, but He gave them the very words to write. See for instance in Galatians 3:16 how the apostle Paul uses a single word from the Old Testament to make an argument. He wrote, “Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, ‘And to seeds,’ as referring to many, but rather to one, ‘And to your seed,’ that is, Christ.” His argument hinged upon not just a single word of the Bible but the number the word represented. Therefore handling the word of God is to be done with careful precision. If a church leadership does not interpret it’s plan of salvation, worship, church organization and all other matters of Christian living with a deep respect for every single word of the Bible as being the word of God, then a whole world of abuses is possible. Even the word “sing” came from God.

Is the question of instrumental music valuable as a litmus test of doctrinal soundness? Yes...and a very accurate one.
 --Floyd

B.R.E.A.D. GROUP

April 18th

Group #1

Raymond & Jane Johnson, Alan & Kim Simpson, Elmer & Betty Gerth, David & Sarah Dirrim, Alvin & Hazel Jamar, Scott & Sharon Estes, Richard & Tammie Stone

April 25th

Group #2

Jack & Jill Frye, Jamie & Tamra Bess, Glendel & Paula Hatton, Jimmy & Nancy Davis, Bill & Jan Young, Greg & Diana Hatton, Charles & Barbara Cannon, Cody & Trixy Reynolds

If you are unable to attend your BREAD Group please call the first person on the list.

Announcements

Elder for April

Daryl Pults

2009 Prison Ministry

DCC Holdenville

Medium Unit

Each Sunday Bobby Johns

DCC Holdenville

New Life Behavior

Every Monday

Medium

Bobby Johns

JBCC McAlester

New Life Behavior

2,3,5, Wednesday

B. Johns

MacAlford

New life Behavior

Thursday

Pete Duncan

Alternates:

Jim Begin

Richard Howard

Those Privileged to Serve

Sunday AM	April 18th	April 25th
Opening Prayer	Jeff Butler	Jim Begin
Scripture Reading	Jamie Bess	David Dirrim
Prayer – Bread	Daryl Pults	W.B. Borders
North 2	Don Blankenship	Elmer Gerth
North 3	Clint Bowker	Terry Fulton
North 4	Chase Bowker	Darrell Geiger
Prayer – Fruit	Tommy Paul	Ken Roper
South 2	James Bryant	Kurt Gilliam
South 3	James Byers	Kevin Graham
South 4	Garett Hatton	Jamie Bess
Alternate 1	Steve Carrell	Greg Hatton
Alternate 2	Weldon Cravey	Jared Hudson
Balcony 1	Don Kite	Tommy Myers
Balcony 2	Steve McWilliams	Darrell Nemecek
Closing Prayer	W.B. Borders	Eugene Cannon
Song Leader	Richard Howard	C.J. Vires
Bus Driver	Daniel Jonka	Billy Palmer
Attendance Count	Caleb Estes	Scott Estes
Nursing Home	Roy Long	Josh Nail
Nursing Home	Darrell Nemecek	Justin Nail
Nursery Attend	Mindy Vires	Jeannie Wingard
Sunday Night	April 18th	April 25th
Bread/Contribution	Jimmy Davis	Reese Howard
Fruit	Steve Iorga	Kyle Wilson
Opening Prayer	Daniel Jonka	John Marble
Closing Prayer	Reese Howard	Keith Nail
Song Leader	Joe Dirrim	Caleb Estes
Bus Driver	Greg Chilcoat	Kyle Wilson
Wednesday	April 21st	April 28th
Bus Driver	Eugene Cannon	Eugene Cannon
Announcements	Eugene Cannon	David Dirrim
Song Leader	Jared Hudson	Reese Howard
Invitation	Pete Duncan	David Hendricks
Closing Prayer	Roy Long	Russell Neill

April Contribution Counters:

Richard Howard, Greg Chilcoat, Kyle Wilson, Tommy Paul

Sunday Sermons

Scripture Reading: Psalms 62:1-12

A.M. : Floyd Kaiser

P.M. : Floyd Kaiser

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- **Juanita Coulson** is in Valley View Hospital.
- **Don Simpson** broke his ankle and is home recovering.
- **Gayle Crane** has asked for prayers for her friend, **Anita Ragland**. She is in an Ardmore hospital in critical condition.
- **Randy Wilson** is struggling with his health.
- Ann Wilson asked for prayers for her friend, **Elmer Hopper**. He is in Valley View Hospital.
- **Ann Wilson’s son, Lt. Col. Dale M. Russell**, has been sent to Bagdad. His family is in Germany. Please pray for their safe return to the states.

- **Continue to remember:** Trenna West, Juanita Coulson, Dean Cooper, Virginia Fussell, Debbie Bynum, Don Ellis, Solomon Littleton, Inez Gould, Donnie Trammel, Clyde Casady, Joe Chappell, Patsy Hill, M.R. Tucker, Freda Burns, Nancy Cravey, Leon & Mary Manuel, Norma Moberly, Randy & Ann Wilson, Coni Turner, and Don Simpson as they struggle with their health. Jo Hughey, Conna Nemecek, Suzan Smith, Jackie McRobert, as they undergo cancer treatment.

NEWS & NOTES

Asking for Prayers: Erin Verhamme came forward to ask for prayers for her husband, **James Verhamme**. He has lupus and it is out of remission. He is very ill.

Yellow House will be open Monday, April 26th for our food give away. Workers will be Eugene & Verna Cannon, Roy & Christine Long, Chris Kaiser, Juanita Scroggins, Carolyn Pults, Lynette Bryant, and Julie Wulfert.

Monday Night for the Master will meet Monday night, April 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship building.

Bridal Shower: There will be a bridal shower for Brianna Dirrim on Sunday afternoon, May 2nd from 2-4 p.m. in the old kitchen. Anyone wishing to help as a hostess, please contact Linda Vires. She is registered at Walmart and Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

Youth & College

Tecumseh AWTG Sunday, April 18th. We will leave at 9:15am to go have morning worship with them. Volleyball tournament will follow in the afternoon. Plans are to be home for evening worship.

Senior Night will be May 2nd. Lance needs photo of all seniors by Wednesday, April 21st.

VBS and God's Girls volunteer forms can be picked up on the Teen bulletin board in the north hallway.

Sunday Night College Meals: Sharon Estes, Kim Paul, and Betty Gerth will be in charge of the Sunday evening meals for the college April 25th.

Mark Your Calendar!!!

April 16-17 PSCC 2nd Annual Ladies/Work Retreat

April 16 - 17 Training for Service Series, SW church of Christ Oklahoma City, OK

April 16-18 Creation Evolution Seminar, Lindsay church of Christ

April 17 Ladies Day, 7th & Beech church of Christ, Durant, OK

April 18-20 Gospel Meeting Coalgate church of Christ

April 18-21 Gospel Meeting, McLish church of Christ Ardmore, OK

April 24 Ladies Day Retreat, East Main church of Christ, Ardmore, OK

April 25 Friends & Family Day, Allen church of Christ

The Will of God never takes you to

Where the Grace of God will not protect you.

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Troybelle Farris, Dorothy Patterson, Bernice Hill, Sebens Burris, Betty Sweat, Novella Blake, Jennifer Lillard, Pauline Henderson, Mary Pennington, and Darrell Tarron.