

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ACTION PLAN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the coronavirus affects our nation, the elders at Southwest want to take prudent measures to ensure that potential exposure to each member is limited as much as possible. We have determined that the following temporary steps are necessary through April 15:

- Sunday morning worship services, Bible Classes, Sunday evening services and Wednesday evening services at the church building are cancelled.
- Youth activities and fellowship groups are suspended during this time. We will resume each of these after it is determined that it is safe to do so.
- You are not “forsaking the assembling of the saints” because of the reason you are staying home; however, you are protecting yourself and possibly others from contracting an illness.
- If you do not receive the bulletin by email and would like to, please notify the office with your email address.

As the body of Christ the Lord’s Supper is an essential part of our worship. Pre-packaged emblems will be available to pick up at the church office on Fridays between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.. Please call before coming by the office to make sure someone is there to help, and communion supplies are available. If you need to make different arrangements, contact the office. Additionally, there are two unleavened bread recipes included in the bulletin for those who would like to make their own.

Contributions can be dropped off or mailed to the church office. Contributions can also be made online at www.swcocada.com/giving or by using our smartphone app.

Worship service video will be available online, so you can participate in worship using that technology. You can access the video at the church Facebook page using this link: www.facebook.com/swcocada. Scroll down the page until you see the Sunday morning worship video. You do not have to join Facebook to watch the video. It will be available by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, but the video will also remain on the page after the service ends. If you have trouble with the video, audio recordings of most sermons are available at www.swcocada.com/sermons. Another sermon source for those without access to the Internet is In Search of the Lord’s Way on FXII DT 12.3 at 7:00 am, KXII DT 12 at 7:30 am and KTEN 10.3 at 9:00 am. We are working on additional ways to make video available and will inform you as that happens.

In April the elders will determine if changes are needed. It is our prayer that this is all “overkill,” and we can go back to normal. Once we have determined the next course of action, we will let you know. Updates will be given via the church [website](#), [Facebook page](#), [Twitter feed](#) and Robocall.

One last issue is the use of the Robocall system. If you do not receive calls from this system during the next two weeks, please contact the office. This is a good aid to keep everyone informed, and we need to make sure that it is working properly.

Thank you for your patience during this difficult and unsure time. Please continue to study, pray and meditate because strength, comfort and assurances are in God’s Word. The elders ask for your prayers that we make decisions that are in strict compliance with God’s will as stated in His Word.

In Him,

The elders at Southwest



April 5, 2020

Scheduled Services:
There will be no services or classes at the church building through April 15 due to the Coronavirus.

Sunday Morning Worship

Online at
www.facebook.com/swcocada
www.swcocada.com

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class: CANCELLED

Wednesday

www.facebook.com/swcocada
www.swcocada.com

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The Southwesterner

Six Principles for Christian Living in a Pandemic Environment - Part 1

Recently I have been reading several posts and articles about guidance that scripture provides during times like these. Over the next two weeks, I will share the two halves of this article by John Dobbs, preaching minister of the Forsythe Church of Christ in Monroe, Louisiana. John shares what 1 Peter 1:13-25 teaches about being a Christian in our current context. - Brian

Our days are consumed with a nonstop flow of news about the COVID-19 pandemic. It can be distressing, discouraging, and even cause us to act in ways we wouldn’t have before it started. Peter wrote to a church that was scattered, persecuted, distressed and wondering how to live the Christian life in such a situation. What can we learn from his letter about Christian living in an environment with uncertainty at every turn?

1. Pay attention to the world between your ears (1 Peter 1:13).

Our thoughts, what we ruminate on, how we view things, makes a difference. What are we filling our thoughts with? What are we consuming with our minds? Is it going to help us live for Christ or is it driving us away from Him? There are many frustrations right now ... waiting, some items we need are in short supply, our usual life has been disrupted. Parents are having new issues to deal with that can be frustrating (school, restless children, uncertainty of the future, loss of income) It’s easy to let our temper get the best of us when we have so much pressure to deal with. Put your hope fully on Jesus. Above all of the noise and information overload of the world, we set our hope on the grace we receive when He returns.

2. Don’t self medicate on sin (1 Peter 1:14-16).

It is easy to turn back to old temptations to find comfort / relief. Alcohol, food, drugs, porn and many other sins await us if we turn away from Christ in this crucial time. Later in his letter Peter says, “You have wasted enough time doing what unbelievers desire...” (4:3, CEB) There is an old life that we remember. When we obeyed the Gospel we had a clean break from the sin of the past. We spent enough time with sin in the past. Instead, choose the holy life to which we are called (Hebrews 12:14).

3. Pandemic fear and anxiety does not excuse our conduct (1 Peter 1:17-19).

Hoarding and ignoring the needs of others lead to unhappy consequences - these are acts of selfishness. We call on a God who judges us impartially according to our deeds. Because we are worried, are we excused from treating others with kindness? Because we experience fear, should we disregard the feelings of others? God is concerned about our deeds - our actions - our works. We are called upon to fear God (respect, awe) throughout the exile. We were ransomed by the precious blood of Christ. What suffering he went through on our behalf! His painful experience did not excuse Him from his mission ... even while dying he prayed for those who were hurting him.

Online Worship & Class Videos

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Philippians 4:4-7

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



Family News & Updates

June Fulton fell Friday night, March 27th, and broke her hip. She had a partial hip replacement last Sunday. She is still in Mercy Hospital Ada and is doing well.

We want to welcome **Trevor Crowell** to our Southwest family! He was baptized on March 22nd at Southwest. He is the son of Steve and Joy Crowell. We rejoice in his decision to follow Christ.

Update: John and Jessica Marble's new address is 8802 NW Cache Rd., Lawton, OK 73505.

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While we are not meeting at the church building, you can make financial contributions to Southwest in 3 ways:

-**Online** at www.swcocada.com/giving - You can make a one-time contribution or schedule weekly or monthly contributions using your bank account or credit card.

-**Mail** your check to the church office.

-**Drop** your contribution off at the church office. If you need communion supplies, you can pick those up on the same trip. Be sure to call the office first, to make sure someone will be ready to help you.

Wednesday Night for the Master has been

cancelled for the month of April.

Golden Doers Luncheon has been cancelled for the month of April.

Ladies Prayer Group will not meet in April.

Yellow House will hand out food on Monday, April 20th from 8 am to 10 am.

Power for Today daily devotional booklets for April through June are in and will be set out in the foyer at a later date.

Important Notice: Due to the corona virus and the health precautions that are being taken, the church office is only allowing staff and delivery personnel in the building at this time. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but feel free to give us a call if you have any questions.

Just to say thank you for all that were present at the funeral. The flowers were beautiful. Thank you for your prayers. Kay

Thank you for all the calls, cards, and the plant during the time of my sister, Cassie Davidson's, passing. We love and appreciate all of you. Glendel and Paula Hatton

There are several events on the bulletin board in the back part of the foyer.

-Durant church of Christ Ladies Day - April 4th ***POSTPONED***

-Southern Oaks church of Christ (Praise & Harmony Workshop) - Rescheduled for November 2020



Please Continue to Pray For:

Alyene Sims, Z.D. Parker, Joe Don Harrison, Patsy Hill, Joe Medlock, Jim Begin, Katie Meaders, Jeannie Wingard, Mildred West, Cherry Bennett, Shirley Gatewood, Shirley Perry, Anne Leaverton, Sherry Price, Pattie Mitchell, Debbie Harber, Donna Love, Thayne Consequellos, Joy Crowell, Verna Cannon, Lewis & Lea Crain, Warner Fleck, Karen Floyd, Jessie Glover, Johnnie Sing, Randy Wilson, Paul & Shirley Love, Steve, Jana & Stacey Stewart, & Bill Scott.



Communion Supplies

Communion supplies can be picked up at the church office during regular office hours. Call and let us know you are coming and then just drive up to the front doors and we will bring supplies out to your car.

If you can not come to pick them up please call Russell Neill at 580-559-1716 and he will arrange to have them delivered to you.

For more information on upcoming events please see the bulletin boards in the foyer.



SOUTHWEST ACTIVE TEENS



AWTG

@ Stratford - April 18th
CANCELLED



AWTG

AWTG & Volleyball Tournament
@ Tecumseh
April 26th

Higher Ground Girl's Camp

Higher Ground is a camp for Girls age 13-18 that aims to develop holy minds and heavenly sight within this world.

Register: bearvalleycofc.com
(Navigate to Higher Ground)
(Girls' Encampment)

When: July 18th - 25th

Where: Deer Creek Mt. Camp, Bailey, CO

Cost: \$50

Deadline: April 1st

For more info see Mellissa Eck



Unleavened Bread Recipe #1

- 1 1/2 cups white flour
- 1/2 cup wheat flour
- 3/4 cup of shortening

Directions

Mix together with cold water, roll out and cut to fit in baking sheet. Don't roll it too thin—a little thinner than crust.

Bake at 425 degrees for 5 to 7 minutes.

Unleavened Bread Recipe #2

- © 2020 Allrecipes.com
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1/3 cup vegetable oil
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
 - 1/3 cup water

Directions

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Mix flour, oil, and salt together in a bowl; add water and mix using a pastry cutter until dough is soft. Form dough into 6 balls and press into disks onto the prepared baking sheet. Bake until bread is cooked, 8 to 10 minutes.

For The Record

Bible Study	***
AM Assembly	***
PM Assembly	***
Wednesday PM	***
Contributions	\$9,838
Budget	\$12,821

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 05 Blaikley Williams, (A) Russell & Cathy Eaves, Corey & Susan Pickel
- 07 Sherry Baird, Shelly Johnson, Wendell Sherrell
- 09 Jake Cooper, Maggie Dansby, Sharon Estes, Olivia Cantrell, Eli Jonka, Josh Kiker, Sherry Price, Greg Stonecipher

Pray For Our Service Men:

Daniel Hataway, Payton Patton, Clay Patterson, Michale Perry, Chanse Alexander, Dawson Hendricks, Frank Holsapple Jr., & Jonathon Wingard.

If you have a family member or know of someone you would like to add to our prayer list let the office know.

Sign Language Interpreting Available

Bread Groups' Potluck Lunch Dates

- Congregational - ***CANCELLED***
- Russell Neill's Group - ***CANCELLED***
- Greg Hatton's Group - ***CANCELLED***
- Garett Hatton's Group - ***CANCELLED***

*The potluck will be right after morning services. Visitors & college students are welcome.

**If your name is not on one of the 3 group lists & you'd like to be added, see Russell Neill or Garett Hatton.

***Please bring plenty of food for your family plus a little extra.



Tigers for Christ Corner

Meal & Devos

All College Meals & Devos
Are **CANCELLED**
Through The End Of April

For more information about upcoming Southwest Kids events see the bulletin board in the foyer.