



**July 5, 2020**

**Sunday  
Bible Classes**

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**Morning Worship**

10:00 a.m.

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**Tuesday**

Ladies Bible Class: CANCELLED

**Wednesday**

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**Elders**

Jeff Butler  
Scott Estes  
Greg Hatton  
David Hendricks  
Richard Howard  
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# The Southwesterner

## Let Freedom Ring

I have always enjoyed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Since I was a kid, I have loved watching fireworks shows. As a trumpet player, I enjoy the patriotic songs and Sousa marches. Since moving to Ada, I appreciate turning onto Main Street and seeing all the flags out. I have always felt blessed to live in the “land of the free and the home of the brave.” We celebrate that independence every year, but it is not the greatest freedom we can have as Christians.

We can learn a lot about how God views freedom in the New Testament. Freedom as He describes it has nothing to do with which earthly government is in charge, and its source is not a document from 1776. What does God teach us about freedom?

**Jesus gives freedom.** Jesus understands better than anyone what the lack of freedom does.

He was there in the beginning and knew what happened when people took the freedom of others or lost their own. For the people of His time, He brought freedom from the old covenant and hope in the new one. *“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.” (Galatians 5:1)*

**The presence of the Spirit gives freedom.** When our lives show clear evidence of the fruit of the Spirit, we are freed from a myriad of problems. With His guidance, we can be freed from even more. *“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” (2 Corinthians 3:17)*

**Following Jesus gives freedom.** People convince themselves that sin brings pleasure, fun and no limits. Instead it actually binds and enslaves. Living as disciples frees us. *Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. “Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:34-36)*

**Freedom is not free.** We have seen that phrase on t-shirts and bumper stickers, but it is clearly taught in scripture. Jesus gives us freedom, but it is not without a price. It was paid for with His sacrifice. *“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.’ He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.” (Galatians 3:13-14)*

**The gospel still gives freedom.** We must tell the story of Jesus, so that others can enjoy the same freedom we do. Ironically the book of Acts ends with Paul freely teaching others how to receive the liberty the gospel provides, while he was imprisoned. The Greek word that describes how he taught means to speak freely and boldly. *“He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!” (Acts 28:31)*

As we celebrate our freedom this weekend, let’s give thanks to the One who gives us the greatest freedom. Let’s take that message of freedom to the world around us.

- Brian

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## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PLAN UPDATES

**Update:** The elders have decided to continue our current worship schedule of Sunday morning worship service at 10 am for those who are comfortable attending. Beginning Wednesday, July 8th we will meet at the building at 7 pm for the summer series speaker in the auditorium. There will be no other classes. Both services will continue to be live streamed on facebook and youtube for those choosing to worship at home.

**Worship service** will be live streamed online at 10 am on Sunday mornings.

All Bible classes except the teen class are available at [facebook.com/swcocada](https://facebook.com/swcocada) or [youtube.com/swcocada](https://youtube.com/swcocada).

**Sunday:** Baby Bible Class, Children's Bible Class, & Adult Bible

Class - Study of Luke taught by Jeff Butler

Facebook Live, Southwest Young Adult Class with

David Dirrim at 9:00 am

**Wednesday:** Summer Series

Youth Group Zoom Bible Study - New day and time TBA

### Servers Scheduled for 10 am Sunday, July 5th:

Song Leader - Scott Estes

Opening Prayer - Drew Adams

Closing Prayer - David Dirrim

Communion Thoughts - Bart Conley

Attendance Counting - James Bryant

Safety Team Walk - Cody Frye & Trevin Vass

Safety Team Camera - Jake Williams

Service Coordinator - Caleb Estes

Sound Booth - Jag Frye & Kylar Merrell

Elder of the Month - Jeff Butler



## Family News & Updates

**Connie McKinney** has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Patrick Kaiser** was scheduled to have ankle surgery in Oklahoma City last Thursday. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Howard Cannon**, Charles Cannon's brother, has been diagnosed with leukemia. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Our sympathy** goes to Kristin and Russell Neill and their family on the passing of Kristin's mother, Karen Floyd. She passed away early last Sunday morning. Please keep Kristin and her family in your prayers.

**Wednesday Night Summer Series** - We plan to begin meeting at the building on Wednesday night, July 8th. We will only meet for the guest speaker series in the auditorium, using the same distancing guidelines as Sunday mornings. There will not be other classes meeting at the building. The summer series lesson will be live streamed on facebook and youtube.

**Senior Sunday** - We will honor our high school class of 2020 graduates on Sunday, August 2. We wanted to do this a little later this year, when more people could attend. It will be a sendoff as our graduates begin a new phase of life. Parents of graduates: there will be tables set up in the foyer for each graduate as we have done in the past. Also, please get your pictures to David Lewis for the slideshow.

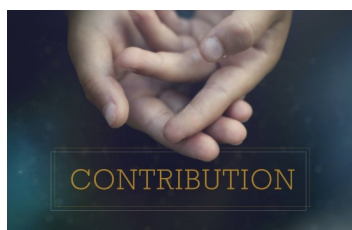
**Youth Minister Candidate:** There will be a meet and greet for the new youth minister candidate, Thorin Turner from Pauls Valley, on Sunday, July 12th at 6 pm in the fellowship building. All youth group families are welcome to attend. Thorin will give a devotional starting at 6 pm and then you will be able to ask him any questions that you may have. There will be a meal right after the devo and the meeting.

**The Yellow House** will hand out food on Monday, July 20th from 8 am to 10 am and **Meals on Wheels** will be July 20th - 24th.

**Dear Southwest Members,** Thanks so much for the prayers, cards and visits from Jeff, Butch and David that has provided us comfort during the loss of our son and grandson. Bringing lunch to our home the day of Clint IV services was extremely generous and very much appreciated. Thank you doesn't seem enough for what this church and its members means to us but we are grateful.  
God Bless, Canida and Sturdevant Family

**Southwest Church family,** I want to say thank you for the beautiful plant, the prayers and messages received during the recent loss of my mom. I am comforted to know that I am surrounded by such loving and caring Christian friends. Thank you from all of my family, kindness means more than you will know.  
Bruce and Sandi Yandell and family

**Please Continue to Pray For:** Katie Meaders, Patsy Hill, Johnnie Sing, Alyene Sims, Z.D. Parker, Joe Don Harrison, Joe Medlock, Jim Begin, 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, Jessie Glover, Randy Wilson, Paul & Shirley Love, Steve, Jana & Stacey Stewart, & Bill Scott.



Week of June 28th

\$9,511

Weekly Budget

\$12,821

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## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

05 Brett Butler, Cale Hudson, Malinda Patterson

06 Gary Hamilton

07 Justin Kiker, Mildred West

08 Lynnette Bryant, Cameron Treadaway,  
(A) Cody & Trixy Reynolds

09 Marjorie Thomas

10 Trent Barrett, Summer Eck

11 Bill Barrett, Marjorie Russell,  
(A) Gary & Sue Hamilton

## Pray For Our Service Men:

Daniel Hataway, 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.