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PRAYERS OF TRUST

If you have been with us in person or online for the past five weeks, you know that we have asked a repeating question about the prayers of Jesus. Why did Jesus pray? My hope is that as we have answered that question by looking at His prayers in scripture, you might have considered a second question. Why do we pray? Like Jesus, our prayers need to be more than a list of needs, and they need to happen at times that are not only the last resort.

In his book, *Dangerous Prayers: Because Following Jesus Was Never Supposed to Be Safe*, Craig Groeschel details what he believes are the three most difficult-to-pray prayers and how those prayers are essential to grow in our walk with Christ.

1. **Search me.** *Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! (Psalm 139:23-24)* We understand that God knows everything about us, but are we willing to lay our secrets and shortcomings before Him?
2. **Break me.** *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. (James 1:2-3)* We are quick to pray for protection, but would we invite God to break and rebuild us?
3. **Send me.** *And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." (Isaiah 6:8)* Christians are called to be light in darkness and to be witnesses of the story of Jesus. Are we willing to ask God to give each of us regular opportunities to do those things?

Obviously, there is a common thread through these dangerous prayers: ME. Are each of us willing to pray for God to use us as He sees fit? To do this, we will have to fully trust God in our prayers. That's exactly what we see in the prayers of Jesus.

December 20, 2020



Elders

Jeff Butler
Scott Estes
Greg Hatton
David Hendricks
Richard Howard
Brent Lowe
Butch Platt

Ministers

Brian Lewis
David Dirrim
Thorin Turner
Kyle Wilson

Family Matters

Butch and Denise Platt's daughter Jennifer, and her household tested positive for Covid Wednesday. Also Denise's aunt, Billy Guthrie from Arkansas, has Covid and is not doing well. Please keep all of the Platt's family members in you prayers.

Towanda Clifton, daughter of Jessie Canida and sister of Paula Sturdevant, has recovered from Covid and is doing well. She has been moved back in to Jan Frances Nursing Center. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Tony Phippen was moved to Ada Care Center on Monday. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

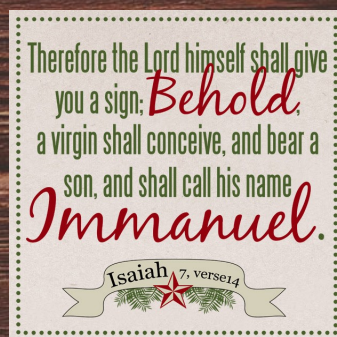
Our sympathy goes to Amanda and Will Lampkin and her family on the passing of Amanda's uncle, Floyd Johnson. He passed away Sunday night. Due to Covid, his graveside service has been rescheduled for 2pm on January 2nd at Purdy Cemetery, just south of Lindsay. Please keep Amanda and her family in your prayers.

To the Southwest Congregation, Thank you for the beautiful plant. We sincerely appreciate all the prayers, kindness, and support during our time of loss. Karen Stonecipher and family, Mike Thompson and family

To Southwest, My brother, Mike Simpson, was released from Hillcrest in Tulsa and is recovering from Covid. Thanks to all who prayed for him! Alan



POSTPONED TO MARCH 4 - 5, 2022



1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for ...
Tony Phippen, Joe Don Harrison, Jessica Lee, Connie McKinney, Joe Medlock, Katie Meaders, Patsy Hill, Verna Cannon, Johnnie Sing, Alyene Sims, Jim Begin, Jeannie Wingard, Mildred West, Cherry Bennett, Shirley Gatewood, Shirley Perry, Sherry Price, Pattie Mitchell, Debbie Harber, Donna Love, Thayne Consequellos, Lewis & Lea Crain, Warner Fleck, Jessie Glover, Randy Wilson, Paul & Shirley Love, Steve, Jana & Stacey Stewart, & Bill Scott.

Happenings

The Yellow House will hand out food on Monday, December 21st from 8am-10am. Helpers this month are Darrell & Cindy Geiger, Pete Maloy, Diana Hatton, Alan Simpson, Larry Maxwell, James Myers, & Donna Duncan.

The church office will be closed on December 24th and 25th for the Christmas holiday. **The office** will also be closed on January 1st for New Year's Day.

There will not be a bulletin for Sunday, December 27th.

Truth For Today daily devotional booklets for January through March are in the foyer. Please only take one per family.

Leon Dennis will be celebrating his 80th birthday on January 8, 2021. There will not be a gathering due to the pandemic, but cards would be welcomed and appreciated.

Wednesday Nights

On Wednesday nights in December through February, Brian will be teaching in the auditorium and on our Facebook and YouTube live streams. The class will be studying the book of Galatians. We hope you can be a part of it either in person or online if you are unable to attend. We would also encourage you to spend about 15 minutes each week during the quarter reading through the entire book of Galatians.





December at a Glance

03 College Christmas Party (Hattons)

06 AWTG at Chickasha

13 Youth meal/devo 6pm at fel. building

21 Yellow House

24 Christmas Eve (Office Closed)

25 Christmas Day (Office Closed)

27 No bulletin this week

31 New Year's Eve

01/01/21 New Years Day (Office Closed)



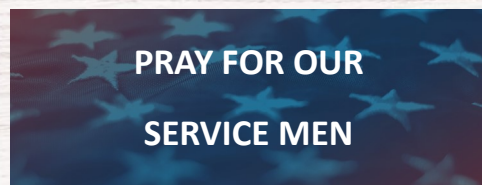
12/20 Youth meal & devo at 6pm in the fellowship building

Bring your own dinner



TIGERS FOR CHRIST

Christmas Break



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



12/21 Kyndal Cheek

12/22 Melissa Sullivan

12/23 Nathan Lewis

12/25 Shirley Gatewood

12/20 Don & D'Esta Hoover

12/28 Wib Scroggins

12/29 Darla Hendricks, Jerry Henley

12/30 Jessie Cooper, Tucker Dennis

12/31 Ried Duncan, Grayson Hatton, Janie Walters

01/02 Tommy Myers



12/21 Jerry & Wilma Miller

12/23 Brent & Diana Lowe

12/25 Bill & Ramona Scott

12/26 George & Malinda Patterson

12/27 Daniel & Jezula Jonka

01/02 Tommy & Joni Vass

Merry Christmas from the Phillips Family in Glenrothes, Scotland



Sunday Bible Classes

Adult Classes

Jeff Butler

Hebrews

Auditorium

Masks Optional

David Dirrim

Fellowship Building

Masks Required

facebook.com/swcocada

youtube.com/swcocada

Youth Group (6th-12th Grades)

Thorin Turner

Youth Classroom

Masks Required

Kids (K-5th Grade)

Journey Land

History/Storytelling Classroom

Masks Required

Preschool (2 - 4 Year Olds)

3-4 Year Old Classroom

Masks Optional

Baby Class (Under 2 Years Old)

Baby Classroom

Video Only With Parent

Facebook Live

Broadcasts For Children's Classes

Contact David Dirrim for info

For the Record: 12/06/2020

Bible Study	85
AM Assembly	133
Wednesday PM	57
Contributions	\$13,796
Budget	\$12,821

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday AM:

Song Leader: Scott Estes
Opening Prayer: Raymond Johnson
Closing Prayer: Alan Eck
Scripture Reading: Cody Frye
Lord's Supper Thoughts: David Hendricks
Attendance Counter: Caleb Estes
Safety Team Walk: Kevin Graham & Hunter Nickell
Safety Team Camera: Bradley Butler
Coordinator: Bart Conley
Sound Booth: Drew Adams & Jake Williams

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Nathan Lewis
Announcements/Opening Prayer: David Dirrim
Auditorium Class: Brian Lewis—Galatians
Closing Prayer: Dusty Dennis
Attendance Counting: Bill Young
Safety Team Walk: Cody Frye & Butch Platt
Safety Team Camera: Caleb Estes
Coordinator: Bart Conley
Sound Booth: Drew Adams & Jake Williams

For the Month of December:

Contribution Counters:
Tommy Vass - Wayne King
Elder: Brent Lowe

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Song

Scripture: Leviticus 19:18

Prayer

Song

Song

Song

Thoughts From the Cross: David Hendricks

Song

Communion

Contribution

Song

A.M. Lesson: Who Is My Neighbor?

Song

Announcements

Song

Prayer

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Scheduled Services

Sunday

Bible Classes - 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Masks-Required Service In the Fellowship Building

Wednesday

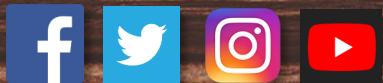
Bible Class Auditorium 7:00 p.m.

6th-12th Grades (Youth Room)

Worship & Classes Online

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