

The Southwesterner

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TOGETHER

My friend, Kent Jobe, is a minister in El Dorado, Arkansas. Last week he shared his thoughts on Facebook about New Year's resolutions. Kent writes, "I gave up resolutions several years ago. I had the same resolutions each year and never lasted more than a couple of weeks with any of them. Something that has worked better for me is to identify a word I want to direct me in the New Year. I do not pick this word lightly but spend a lot of time in thought and prayer to see where I am and where I want/need to be." Choosing a word to serve as a theme or point of focus is something that my wife has done in recent years as well. This can be a helpful process for individuals, but it can also be a good way for us to remember and stay focused as a church family. Throughout the Bible, people and places are named to help followers of God remember what He has done and promised. Why not give 2021 a name?

This year we will focus on the word, "together." Through the pandemic we have learned more than ever just how important being together can be. God designed the church, our families and friendships to give us ways to be together. In fact, the first thing in creation that God declared not to be good was that man was alone, so he created Eve to be together with Adam. (Genesis 1:18-22)

Although it is important for us to be together with each other, it is exponentially more important for us to be together with God. He wants us together with Him so much, that He sent Jesus to make it possible. What an amazing thought!

- Brian

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. - Ephesians 2:19-22

January 3, 2021



Elders

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

Ministers

Brian Lewis
David Dirrim
Thorin Turner
Kyle Wilson

Secretary

Dana Chilcoat

Family Matters

Amanda Lampkin and Ronnie Osborn's uncle, Bob Towery, is in the Holdenville Hospital with Covid and pneumonia. They took the oxygen off of him Wednesday morning. The doctor mentioned PT and he was able to drink a little Ensure after not eating for close to a week. He is showing a little bit of improvement. Please keep him in your prayers.

Southwest church of Christ, Thank you so much for the plant in memory of Dad, Jack Wilkerson. Your continued thoughts and prayers are much appreciated. Bruce Wilkerson and family



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, January 25th from 8am-10am. Helpers this month are Butch & Denise Platt, Allen & Karen Stonecipher, Carolyn Preble, Scott Estes, & Thorin Turner.

Power For Today daily devotional booklets for January through March are in the foyer.

Scripture Journals on The Gospel of Mark for Brian's sermons are available on the credenza in the foyer. If you are not attending in person and would like one, you may call the office.

Members: Please take a few minutes to check your email (the email address you've supplied the church office for contact purposes), and go to www.swcocada.com/members and click on "Volunteer Login" to review the areas you have indicated that you are willing to serve and make any changes that you feel are appropriate before the end of January. Alternatively, you can reach out to Caleb Estes or Bart Conley at anytime to go over questions/concerns/issues. Thank you for serving our Southwest Church Family.

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.



18 UPCOMING EVENTS

- 01 New Year's Day (Office Closed)
- 10 AWTG at Westside in Norman
- 14 College devo/meal at SBC
- 17 Youth devo/meal at fel. bldg.
- 21 College devo/meal at SBC
- 24 Youth devo/meal at fel. bldg.
- 28 College devo/meal at SBC
- 31 Youth devo/meal at fel.bldg.

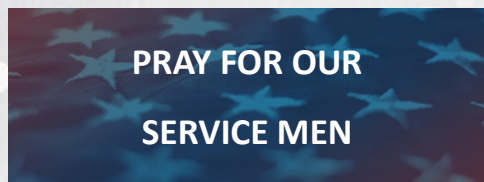


01/10 Area Wide Teen Gathering
at Westside in Norman



TIGERS FOR CHRIST

**Starting
January 14th
Meal & Devo
7 pm at the SBC**



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.

Birthdays of the Month

- 01/03 Jeff Cooper
- 01/03 Larry Darbison
- 01/03 Trenton Hensley
- 01/06 Everest Proctor
- 01/08 Leon Dennis

Happy Anniversary

- 01/03 Russell & Kristin Neill
- 01/05 Bradley & Chelsea Butler
- 01/06 Joe & Linda Medlock



Katy & Kolton Ballance are having a baby!

We are currently supporting Kolton and Katy in their studies at the Bear Valley School of Preaching in Denver. They are expecting a little girl at the end of January. Due to being 8 months pregnant (and COVID not helping matters) the Ballances will not be able to come home until after Lucy is born. If you would like to send a little baby cheer their way you can go to www.babylist.com/katy-ballance and select from a variety of ways to help. It will all be sent directly to them. You can also send personal items or cards to them.

Sunday Bible Classes

Adult Classes

Jeff Butler
Hebrews

Auditorium

Masks Optional

David Dirrim

Fellowship Building

Masks Required

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youtube.com/swcocada

College Group

Kyle Wilson

Old Kitchen

Masks Optional

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:

Bible Study	93
AM Assembly	151
Wednesday PM	63
Contributions	\$14,034
Budget	\$12,821

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday AM:

Song Leader: Jack Cadenhead
Opening Prayer: Alan Eck
Closing Prayer: Thorin Turner
Scripture Reading: Nathan Lewis
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Drew Adams
Attendance Counter: Jake Williams
Safety Team Walk: Kevin Graham & Hunter Nickell
Safety Team Camera: Bradley Butler
Coordinator: Bart Conley
Sound Booth: Caleb Estes & Russell Neill

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: TBA
Announcements/Opening Prayer: David Dirrim
Auditorium Class: Brian Lewis—Galatians
Closing Prayer: Ried Duncan
Attendance Counting: Hunter Nickell
Safety Team Walk: James Bryant & Kevin Graham
Safety Team Camera: Daimon Alexander
Coordinator: Bart Conley
Sound Booth: Caleb Estes & Russell Neill

For the Month of January:

Contribution Counters:
Bill Young - Chuck Love
Elder: Butch Platt

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Song

Scripture: Mark 1:27-28

Prayer

Song

Song

Song

Thoughts From the Cross: Drew Adams

Song

Communion

Contribution

Song

A.M. Lesson: As One With Authority

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

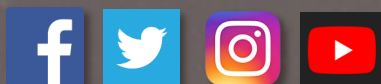
Bible Class Auditorium 7:00 p.m.

6th-12th Grades (Youth Room)

Worship & Classes Online

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