

# The Southwesterner

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## RELATIONSHIPS

Last week we learned in the second chapter of Mark that Jesus has become well known. The crowds are great. There is a paralytic seeking healing, and his friends are determined enough to lower him through the roof of the house where Jesus is. Jesus takes note of their faith, tells the man his sins are forgiven then heals him. There are several things we can learn from this story, but I would like you draw your attention to two things specifically.

First, isn't it a wonderful thing to have good friends? So many people would have seen the crowd surrounding the house where Jesus was and thought that it just would not be possible to reach Him. Many would have given up and gone back home. These friends were not content with that option. They wanted to get their friend to Jesus no matter what length (or height) they had to go to. I hope that we all have friends like that, and I hope even more that we can all BE friends like that.

Second, even though we tend to focus on our physical needs and wants, Jesus has a way of refocusing us on our spiritual needs. As we talked about last Sunday, this man was likely not thinking much about his sins as he was being carried to the roof and lowered down. He wanted to walk. Jesus was willing to fix that problem, but He also knew that the man had a greater need and gave him so much more. Jesus knew that sin was a greater barrier in the man's life than the crowd, the roof or his paralysis. That same Jesus understands what we really need too. He knows we have a hard time seeing past medical, financial or relationship issues to spiritual ones, and he wants us to bring them all to him.

On the surface this story is about healing, but it also has a lot to do with relationships. It is about this man's relationship with his friends and about his relationship with God. We should see the importance of those same relationships in our own lives.

- Brian

January 17, 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

**Jessie Glover** is in Integris Baptist Medical Center in Yukon. Her health is critical at this time. Please keep Jessie, Janna, and their family in your prayers.

**Bill Scott** is not doing well at this time. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Barry Foster**, the father of Kyle Foster (one of our college students), has been put on a ventilator with Covid. Please keep Barry, Kyle, and their family in your prayers.

**John and Redena Lee** have Covid. Please keep both of them in your prayers.

**Our sympathy** goes to Dona Pippen and her family on the passing of her husband, Tony Pippen. He passed away Monday afternoon. His funeral service was held Friday at Southwest. Please keep Dona in your prayers.



## 1 Thessalonians 5:17

*"Pray without ceasing."*

Please continue to pray for ...

Wib Scroggins, 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

**Meals On Wheels** week will be January 25th - January 29th.

**The nursery** is not staffed currently due to the pandemic, but parents are welcomed to accompany babies and toddlers under 3 years old in the nursery during services as needed. Parents of children over 3 years old may use the training room at the back of the auditorium. Children in either room should be accompanied by a parent. Please be sure to observe physical distancing guidelines in these rooms.

**Members:** We would like to have current information for the areas you are willing to serve in. You should have received an email with a link you can use, or you can go directly to the Southwest website and click on the Members tab and then Volunteer Login below. Please update any information there before January 31st concerning the areas you are willing to serve in. If you would prefer, you can contact Caleb Estes or Bart Conley directly at anytime and they will be glad to help you with any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you for serving our Southwest Church Family.



Our Yellow House ministry distributes food to the community one day each month. This month we 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.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." - Matthew 25:35*



# 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.

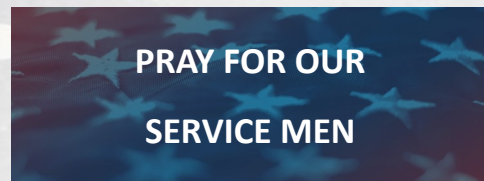


01/17 Meal & Devo 6pm Fellowship Building (Bring Own Dinner)



**TIGERS FOR CHRIST**

**January 21st  
 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

01/14 Jared Griffin  
 01/15 Braydon Holloway  
 01/17 Aiden Robinson  
 01/19 Braxton Holloway, Jean Kelley  
 01/20 Bobbie Fennell  
 01/21 Hailey Willis  
 01/22 Autumn Graham  
 01/23 Gary Strong



01/17 Mark & Debbie Willis  
 01/22 Judy & Wendell Voto



## 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](http://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

[facebook.com/swcocada](https://facebook.com/swcocada)

[youtube.com/swcocada](https://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: 01/10/2021*

Bible Study	116
AM Assembly	201
Wednesday PM	95
Contributions	\$13,252
Budget	\$12,821

# SERVING THIS WEEK

## Sunday AM:

Song Leader: Jared Hudson  
Opening Prayer: David Hendricks  
Closing Prayer: Eugene Cannon  
Scripture Reading: Bill Young  
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Ried Duncan  
Attendance Counter: Hunter Nickell  
Safety Team Walk: Daimon Alexander & Jared Griffin  
Safety Team Camera: Caleb Estes  
Coordinator: Garrett Hatton  
Sound Booth: Trenton Hensley & Todd Martin

## Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Scott Estes  
Announcements/Opening Prayer: David Dirrim  
Auditorium Class: Brian Lewis—Galatians  
Closing Prayer: Alan Eck  
Attendance Counting: Chuck Love  
Safety Team Walk: James Bryant & Bart Conley  
Safety Team Camera: Bradley Butler  
Coordinator: Garrett Hatton  
Sound Booth: Trenton Hensley & Todd Martin

## For the Month of January:

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Light the Fire (Not in Book)

Scripture: Mark 3:24-25

Prayer

My Hope is Built - 538

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus - 648

I Stand Amazed - 147

Thoughts From the Cross: Ried Duncan

Low in the Grave He Lay - 344

Communion

Contribution

Standing on the Promises - 452

A.M. Lesson: United

There Stands a Rock - 558

Announcements

Kneel the Cross - 945

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

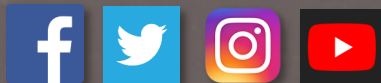
Bible Class Auditorium 7:00 p.m.

6th-12th Grades (Youth Room)

### Worship & Classes Online

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