

It's Not Going to Be Easy.

Will it be worth the trouble? Have you ever asked yourself that question before starting on a task? At our house in Arkansas, my wife and I decided to update our kitchen. It was a lengthy, incremental project that included stripping and painting cabinets, replacing countertops, installing a new sink and faucet, tiling a backsplash, installing new appliances and painting. We did most of the work ourselves in an attempt to save money. The whole process took YEARS. It was not years of daily work but just projects here and there. Somewhere in the midst of it all, we decided that starting the project might not have been a good idea, and we would hire someone if we ever wanted to do something like that again. We got to enjoy the completed kitchen for less than a month when we started packing everything up to move to Oregon. If we had known all that at the beginning, we probably would have done things much differently.

Jesus is very upfront with his disciples and the crowd in Mark 8, when he tells them that following him will not be easy. The idea of a person taking up his cross would have been all too familiar in their culture, and it would not be something that anyone would seek out. He wants them to understand the cost. He wants their commitment. He asks the same thing of us today. If we are living the lives that Jesus calls us to live, there is a cost. It requires our time. It requires using our talents. It requires our giving. It requires our hearts. It requires that we become living sacrifices. And is it worth the effort? Absolutely.

- Brian

"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?" (Mark 8:35-37)

February 21, 2021



Elders

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

Ministers

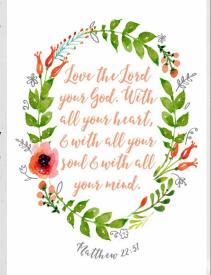
Brian Lewis David Dirrim Thorin Turner Kyle Wilson

SecretaryDana Chilcoat

Family Matters

Bobbye Darbison's procedure at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital-South was postponed due to the weather conditions and it was rescheduled for February 25th. Please keep her in you prayers.

Kenneth Gibson, Shelly Johnson and Sheri Hayes' father, is still in the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. He should be going to a physical therapy facility soon. Please keep him in your prayers.



1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for ...

Wendell & Sharon Sherrell, Gerald Joliff, Joe Don Harrison, 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, Lea Crain, Warner Fleck, Randy Wilson, Paul & Shirley Love, & Steve, Jana & Stacey Stewart.

Happenings

Souper Sunday: Since we will not be meeting at the church building this week, you can bring non-perishable food items for our Souper Sunday collection for the Yellow House through Sunday, February 21.

Yellow House: Some of the men have helped Chuck build more shelves for the Yellow House. The shelves will hold all the extra food that everyone has brought for those in need. Thanks to all those who helped.

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.



Our Yellow House ministry distributes food to the community one day each month. This month the food will be handed out on Monday, February 22nd from 8am-10am. Helpers this month are: Bill & Jan Young, Kristen Neill, Joni Vass, Raymond Johnson, and Tommy Myers.

"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



February

04 College group devo/meal

07 Youth group devo

11 College group devo/meal

14 Youth group devo/meal, Valentines Day

18 College group devo/meal

21 Youth group devo/meal

22 Yellow House

25 College group devo/meal

28 Youth group devo/meal



02/21 Meal & Devo at 6pm at the fellowship building (Bring your own dinner)



02/21 Shelby Meaders 02/22 Eula Labass 02/23 Jill Frye, Ray Hamlett, Clint Sturdevant 02/24 Don Hoover 02/25 Joey Alexander 02/26 Pam Butler, Dusty Dennis, Raymond Johnson, Jacob Neill, Norma Sing



TIGERS FOR CHRIST

February 25th Meal & Devo 7 pm at the SBC

PRAY FOR OUR **SERVICE MEN**

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

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



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John 13:34-35

Sunday Bible Classes

Adult Classes

Jeff Butler

II Peter

Masks Optional

David Dirrim

Fellowship Building

Masks Required

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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: 02/14/2021

Bible Study Online **AM Assembly** Online

Wednesday PM **Online**

Contributions \$3.692

Budget \$12,612

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday AM:

Song Leader: Jack Cadenhead Opening Prayer: Bart Conley Closing Prayer: Eugene Cannon Scripture Reading: David Hendricks Lord's Supper Thoughts: Kyle Wilson Attendance Counter: James Bryant

Safety Team Walk: Kevin Graham & Hunter Nickell

Safety Team Camera: Jared Griffin

Coordinator: Todd Martin

Sound Booth: Jared Hudson & Jag Frye

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Nathan Lewis

Announcements/Opening Prayer: Dusty Dennis Auditorium Class: Brian Lewis-Galatians

Closing Prayer: Drew Adams

Attendance Counting: Will Lampkin

Safety Team Walk: Bradley Butler & Jake Williams

Safety Team Camera: Caleb Estes Coordinator: Todd Martin

Sound Booth: Jared Hudson & Jag Frye

For the Month of February:

Contribution Counters:

Ronnie Osborn - Will Lampkin

Elder: Jeff Butler

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Song

Scripture: Mark 8:27-30

Prayer

Song

Song

Song

Thoughts From the Cross: Kyle Wilson

Song

Communion

Contribution

Song

A.M. Lesson: Turning Point

Song

Announcements

Song

Prayer

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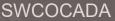
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Scheduled Services

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.

Youth Group - College Group

K-4th Grades

Worship & Classes Online

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