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THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL

That is how Mark describes his book in the first verse. As we finish our study of Mark this week, it is good to remember how it began. What follows over sixteen chapters is not just good news. It is the best news. In the life of Jesus we learn more about who God is and what matters to Him. We learn about who He created us to be. We learn about how we can treat each other in a way that honors Him. We see that He cares deeply for people.

Throughout His life, all kinds of different people meet Jesus: rich and poor, healthy and sick, good and bad, religious leaders and people those leaders would avoid, people who sought Him and people who were sought by Him, skeptical and desperate, men, women and children. In each case we saw that Jesus values people in a way very different than the world around Him, and we saw that people were changed because of their contact with Him.

Each spring as we look at the life of Jesus through the eyes of one of the gospel writers, I am reminded of the love of God in this plan He had to bring us to a relationship with Him by sending His only Son. I hope that you are blessed by seeing the life of Jesus again. I pray that like those people who meet in the stories we read, you are changed by Him. And most of all, I hope we are reminded how to follow Jesus as we grow closer to Him and to each other on the journey God has prepared for us.

- Brian

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:6-8)

April 11, 2021



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David Hendricks
Richard Howard
Brent Lowe
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Ministers

Brian Lewis
David Dirrim
Thorin Turner
Kyle Wilson

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Family Matters

Sean Hamlett's surgery went well. He is home now from the hospital. Thank you to everyone for your prayers. Ray and Melba Hamlett

To our wonderful loving church family, We love you all so much. It's been so hard the last few weeks, but the love, caring words, and warm hugs have helped so much during this very rough time. We thank you brothers and sisters at Southwest for caring so much, for the great food, all the calls, the wonderful family meal, and the beautiful flowers and service. We love the Lord's church so much. You're all wonderful. Chuck and Donna & the Love Family



You are invited to the **14th Annual Ladies Work Retreat** at Pettijohn Springs, "Small but Mighty", on April 24th, 2021 from 8 am - 5 pm. RSVP to the camp office by phone or email by April 17. For more information please see the north bulletin board in the foyer.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for ...

Patsy Hill, Verna Cannon, Jeannie Wingard, Sue Silkey, Debra Shaver, Shirley Love, Wendell & Sharon Sherrell, Gerald Joliff, Joe Don Harrison, Connie McKinney, Joe Medlock, Katie Meaders, Johnnie Sing, Alyene Sims, Jim Begin, Mildred West, Cherry Bennett, Shirley Gatewood, Shirley Perry, Sherry Price, Pattie Mitchell, Debbie Harber, Donna Love, Thayne Consequellos, Lewis & Lea Crain, Warner Fleck, Randy Wilson, & Steve, Jana & Stacey Stewart.

Happenings

It has been a blessing to see so many returning to the building over the past few weeks. Because of increased attendance, the following **auditorium seating adjustments** will begin next Sunday, April 18. All rows in the middle two sections of the auditorium will be available for seating. The outside sections will continue to have distanced seating in every other row. Please do not sit in the marked off rows in those sections. We will continue to offer a mask-only live steamed service in the fellowship building on Sunday mornings and mask-only seating in the balcony on Sunday evenings.

The Yellow House will hand out food this month on Monday, April 26th from 8 am - 10 am. Helpers will be: Chuck & Donna Love, Jean Kelley, Donna Duncan, Val Osborn, and Don & Pam Kite.

Last year the office began mailing **church bulletins** to those not attending in person due to COVID. Since we are now providing printed bulletins on Sundays, we will no longer be mailing bulletins to those who have returned to the building. Bulletins will continue to be emailed every Friday. You may also access the last four weekly bulletins at www.swcocada.com/bulletin.

YOU'RE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A

SHOWER BY MAIL/DROP OFF

honoring

Joleigh Laine Tinsley

Since we cannot gather in any way,

Let's shower the parents from far away

Gifts and cards will show them we care

Even though we wish we could be there!

Registered: Amazon, Walmart, Babylist

There will also be a tray in the foyer.



April

01-02 Meals On Wheels Week
 01 College group devo/meal
 02 Office Closed
 04 Easter, Youth group devo/meal
 08 College group devo/meal
 11 Youth group devo/meal
 15 College group devo/meal
 16-18 College retreat at Pettijohn
 18 AWTG/Volleyball at Tecumseh
 22 College group devo/meal
 25 Youth group devo/meal
 26 Yellow House
 29 College group devo/meal



April 11th - Meal & Devo at 6pm at the SBC (Bring you own dinner)

April 18th - AWTG with volleyball at Tecumseh (All day)



TIGERS FOR CHRIST

April 8th - Meal & Devo at the SBC

April 16th-18th - College retreat at Pettijohn with Southeastern & Keller churches

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN

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

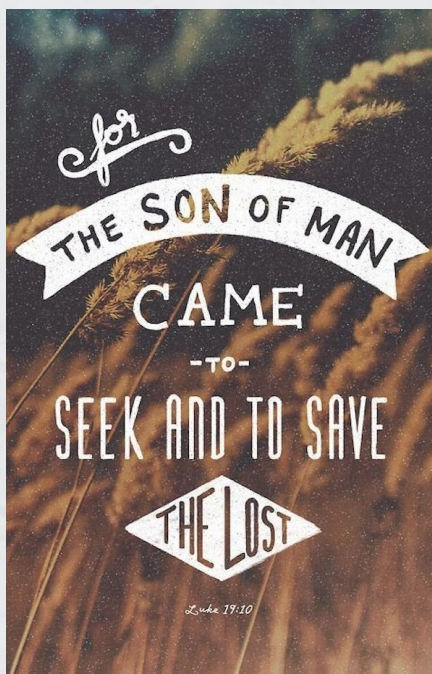
If you have a family member or know of someone you would like to add to our prayer list let the office know.



04/12 Tonya White
 04/13 Don Byrd
 04/14 Daniel Jonka
 04/15 Katie Meaders
 04/16 Bill Blackwell, Todd Denson, Tyler Jones, Sylvia Treadaway



04/12 Jeff & Karen Cooper, Garrett & Linden Hatton
 04/14 Drew & Danielle Adams
 04/16 Ron & Judy Ballard



Adult Classes

Butch Platt

Ephesians

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

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

For the Record: 04/04/2021

Bible Study	156
AM Assembly	235
PM Assembly	150
Wednesday PM	118
Contributions	\$14,798
Budget	\$12,612

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday AM:

Song Leader: Jack Cadenhead
Opening Prayer: Kyle Wilson
Closing Prayer: Glendel Hatton
Scripture Reading: Trenton Hensley
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Brent Lowe
Attendance Counter: Drew Graham
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: James Bryant & John Eck
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Kevin Graham
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Bart Conley
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Jared Hudson & Jag Frye

Sunday PM:

Song Leader: Ronnie Osborn
Opening Prayer: David Hendricks
Closing Prayer: Dusty Dennis
Attendance Counter: Toker Dennis
Communion: Eugene Cannon & Joe Dirrim

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: David Lewis
Announcements/Opening Prayer: David Hendricks
Auditorium Class: Brian Lewis—Back to Basics
Closing Prayer: Raymond Johnson
Attendance Counting: Bradley Butler
Safety Team Walk: Hunter Nickell & Jake Williams
Safety Team Camera: Will Lampkin

For the Month of April:

Contribution Count: John Eck, Alan Eck, Drew Adams, Jeremy Russell
Elder for April: Greg Hatton

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Good News (Mark 1:1-15)

Joy to the World - 1018

Tell Me the Story of Jesus (Verse 1) - 387

Reading – Follow Me (Mark 1:16-20)

Prayer

The Great Physician - 297

Tell Me the Story of Jesus (Verse 2) - 387

Reading – Miracles of Jesus (Mark 5:21-42)

Jesus Is All the World to Me - 590

Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow - 876

Reading – A Difficult Journey (Mark 8:27-38)

Hosanna - 167

In Christ Alone

Thoughts From the Cross – Mark 14:22-25, Mark 15:15-39

Fairest Lord Jesus - 288

Communion

Jesus Loves Me - 1014

Tell Me the Story of Jesus (Verse 3) - 387

Reading & Invitation – Hope in Jesus (Mark 16:1-7, 15-20)

Bring Christ Your Broken Life - 911

Announcements

Thank You, Lord - 781

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Fields

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Sunday

Bible Classes - 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Masks-Required Service In the Fellowship Building

Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Class Auditorium 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group - College Group

K-5th Grades

Worship & Classes Online

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