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REACHING OUT

In Colossians 4:2-5 Paul writes, “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.” We want to be a church that is looking for those open doors. We want to seek out ways to connect with our community. We want to love and serve. We want to help spread the good news in Ada and around the world. There is a lot of truth in those four verses that can help us toward those goals.

1. Begin and continue with prayer. Prayer permeates Paul’s efforts. It should be in all that we do as well.
2. The prayer is in first person. Notice what Paul asks to be prayed for: “us, our message, that we may proclaim, that I may proclaim.” Paul is not just wanting lives to be changed because of an open door. He wants to be personally used by God in the process. In fact, his ending the sentence with “as I should” indicates he does not only desire to do it. He feels a responsibility.
3. How we act matters. This is a place where Paul encourages us to use wisdom. How we are perceived a major factor in the willingness of people to listen to our message. It is not enough to be right. We must also act wisely.
4. Look for and act on opportunities. Our time on earth is temporary. Our time with specific people is even less. We must use the time that God gives us well.

Let’s pray this week that God will open doors for us to show Him to others and that we will be ready to step through those doors. For that we can all be thankful.

- Brian

April 25, 2021



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

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Brian Lewis
David Dirrim
Thorin Turner
Kyle Wilson

Secretary

Dana Chilcoat

Family Matters

Jan Manuel's husband, Troy Manuel, was diagnosed with liver cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

Shari Todd is having some tests done soon at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City. Please keep her in your prayers.

Ron Ballard had a pacemaker/defibrillator put in a couple of weeks ago. He has been very sore but is doing alright. **Judy** hurt her foot and has been struggling with that. Please keep both of them in your prayers.

Our sympathy goes out to Greg Chilcoat and his family on the passing of his father, Larry Chilcoat. He passed away last Friday afternoon and his services were held Tuesday in Shawnee. Please keep Greg and his family in your prayers.

I want to thank you for the support during the time I was ill and had surgery to have monitors implanted to assist with my heart treatment. I am getting better and stronger. Thanks especially for the flowers, the food, the wonderful cards, the phone calls and all your encouragement. Not being able to get out and come to church was a very challenging time for the past year; with the pandemic and my health issues. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Bobbie Darbison

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for ...

Troy Manuel, David Bryant, Patsy Hill, Verna Cannon, Jeannie Wingard, Sue Silkey, Debra Shaver, Shirley Love, Wendell & Sharon Sherrell, Gerald Joliff, Connie McKinney, Joe Medlock, Katie Meaders, Johnnie Sing, Alyene Sims, Jim Begin, Mildred West, Joe Don Harrison, 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

Fellowship Building Masked Gatherings: Those attending the masked worship service have determined it is no longer needed so we will discontinue the service in the fellowship building starting this Sunday. David Dirrim's Sunday morning class in the fellowship building will continue to meet but no longer require masks.

It has been a blessing to see so many returning to the building over the past few weeks. Because of increased attendance, starting Sunday, April 18th, 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 mask-only seating in the balcony on Sunday evenings.

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.



The Yellow House will hand out food this month on Monday, April 26th from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. Helpers will be Chuck & Donna Love, Jean Kelley, Donna Duncan, Val Osborn, and Don & Pam Kite.

"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



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

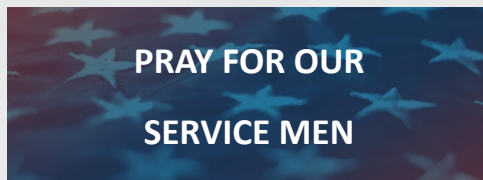


April 25th - Meal & Devo at the Cadenhead's



TIGERS FOR CHRIST

April 22nd - Meal & Devo at the SBC



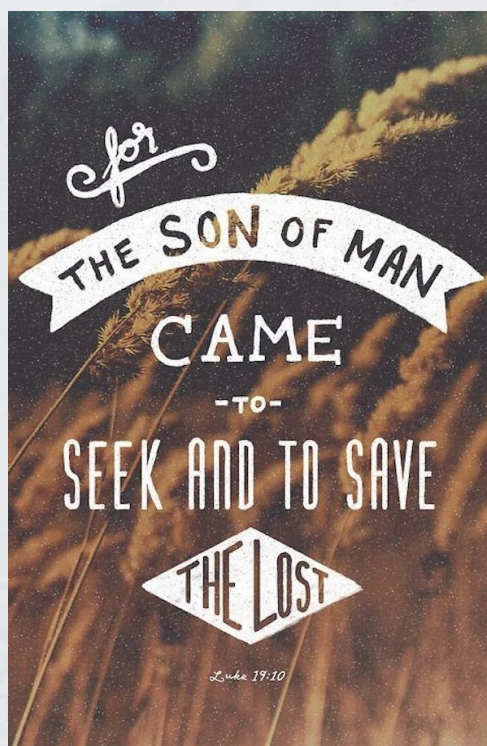
Josh Higginbottom, Chanse Alexander, Dawson Hendricks, Frank Holsapple Jr., Clay Patterson, Michale Perry, & Jonathan Wingard.

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



04/25 Larry Maxwell
 04/26 David Adams,
 Kristin Neill
 04/27 Cayden Howard
 04/28 Pete Duncan
 04/29 Mya Highter,
 RayDen Hightower,
 Patricia Wright

05/01 Rebekah Eck,
 Cody Frye,
 Linden Hatton,
 Creed Proctor



Adult Classes

Butch Platt

Ephesians

Auditorium

Masks Optional

David Dirrim

Fellowship Building

Masks Optional

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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: 04/18/2021

Bible Study	164
AM Assembly	226
PM Assembly	150
Wednesday PM	135
Contributions	\$10,253
Budget	\$12,612

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday AM:

Song Leader: Caleb Estes
Opening Prayer: David Dirrim
Closing Prayer: Glendel Hatton
Scripture Reading: David Hendricks
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Jeff Butler
Attendance Counter: Hunter Nickell
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: John Eck & TBA
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Will Lampkin
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Jake Williams
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Cody Frye & Garrett Hatton

Sunday PM:

Song Leader: Ronnie Osborn
Opening Prayer: Raymond Johnson
Closing Prayer: Jack Cadenhead
Attendance Counter: Jared Griffin
Communion: Tim Hensley & TBA

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Scott Estes
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Brent Lowe
Auditorium Class: Brian Lewis—Back to Basics
Closing Prayer: Drew Adams
Attendance Counting: Chelton Andrews
Safety Team Walk: Bart Conley & Lane Garrett
Safety Team Camera: Tommy Garrett

For the Month of April:

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Awesome God - 38

Scripture: Mark 9:35

Prayer

Tell Me the Story of Jesus - 387

Faith Is the Victory - 469

Why Did My Savior Come to Earth? - 382

Thoughts From the Cross: Jeff Butler

Jesus, Let Us Come to Know - 768

Communion

Contribution

The Glory Land Way - 535

A.M. Lesson: It's Not About Me

Kneel at the Cross - 945

Announcements

I Am a Sheep - 533

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Perception

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Sunday

Bible Classes - 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.

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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