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PEOPLE OR OBJECTS?

If you missed the final lesson of our summer series Wednesday night, you really missed out. Wayne Roberts shared an excellent lesson from John 9 that was summed up with the idea that if we want people to see Jesus in us, then we need to see people the way Jesus sees people. It sounded so simple when Wayne said it, but it might be one of our greatest challenges as Christians.

In the book, *Leadership and Self-Deception: Getting Out of the Box*, there is an illustration where a passenger boarded a plane with open seating (think Southwest Airlines) and three seats on either side of the aisle. He found a window seat in the middle of the plane, put his open briefcase on the middle seat and opened a newspaper to read. As people made their way down the aisle, he looked over the top of his paper while trying to make sure the seat next to him looked as unappealing as possible. He wanted the extra space. Another time he found himself on another flight where he and his wife were unable to sit together. A woman offered to trade seats with one of them, giving up having her own extra space with an open seat next to her, so they could sit together. Most people who have flown have been in both positions and very quickly forget what it is like to be on the other side of the equation.

The book describes the principle this way: "Whatever I might be 'doing' on the surface, I'm being one of two fundamental ways when I'm doing it. Either I'm seeing others straightforwardly as they are--as people like me who have needs and desires as legitimate as my own--or I'm not. One way, I experience myself as a person among people. The other way, I experience myself as *the* person among objects."

Jesus sees people as people, not objects. The blind man in John 9 experienced that in a miraculous way. We can help people experience it in everyday ways if we will see them the way that Jesus does. We can be more like Him, and others can see Him too.

- Brian

August 29, 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

Please remember these people in your prayers:

George Patterson is responding to the Covid treatment well. He still has some therapy to go to help him regain his strength.

Our sympathy goes out to Leon, Bruce, and Sheri Dennis and their family on the passing of Leon's wife and Bruce's mother, Nell Dennis. She passed away Tuesday night. Her services were held Saturday at Southwest.

Kyle Wilson says "thank you" on behalf of the college students for your contributions of food for Howdy Week!

Southwest family: Thank you for all the cards, texts, calls, and prayers during my recent illness. I am finally making good progress and will be back to regular activities soon. Sincerely, Madonna Tidwell

The balcony will be available on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights for those who would prefer a mask-only section. If you prefer not to wear a mask, please sit on the lower level at evening services. Masks are still optional on Sunday mornings.

Bible class promotion will be Sunday, September 5th. We will be beginning a class for our Kindergarten through 2nd Grade. 3rd through 6th graders will stay together with the Duncans.

Please continue to pray for ...

Verna Cannon, Jeannie Wingard, Sherry Price, Lea Crain, Patsy Hill, Sue Silkey, Shirley Love, Gerald Joliff, Joe Medlock, Katie Meaders, Johnnie Sing, Alyene Sims, Mildred West, Cherry Bennett, Shirley Gatewood, Shirley Perry, Pattie Mitchell, Debbie Harber, Thayne Consequellos, Warner Fleck, Randy Wilson, & Steve, Jana & Stacey Stewart.

RATHER, SPEAKING THE
TRUTH IN LOVE, WE ARE
TO GROW UP IN EVERY
WAY INTO HIM WHO IS
THE HEAD, INTO CHRIST.

Ephesians 4:15



Happenings

The Sunday morning young adult's class moved to the old kitchen classroom starting this week and the college class will be in the southwest corner classroom until further notice.

Ladies Prayer Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month at 4 pm in the old kitchen. The next time they will meet is August 29th.

We will not be having Golden Doers or Wednesday Night for the Master in September.

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class will not be having class in September.

Melissa Eck will be teaching a new ladies Bible class starting on Wednesday night, September 8th, in the fellowship building for ladies of all ages. They will be studying the book of Esther. All ladies are invited!

Haiti: We are grateful that all our kids and widows in Northern Haiti were not affected by the recent earthquake. However, many Christians in the South have lost homes and livelihoods. We are working with church leaders in Haiti to help these brethren. Those who would like to help can give donations marked "Haiti Earthquake" and we will get those funds to where they are needed.



Philippians: The Mind of Christ

On Sunday, September 5th, we will begin a new Sunday morning sermon series called, "The Mind of Christ" about the book of Philippians. There are Philippians ESV Scripture Journals available in the foyer for those who would like to follow along or take notes that way.

"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 2:5



August

- 01 College Float Trip, Ladies Prayer Group, Youth Meal/Devo
- 02 Meals on Wheels Week, AWTG (Ridgecrest - MWC)
- 07 Youth Paintball (Westside)
- 08 Youth Meal/Devo
- 09 AWTG (Eastside – MWC)
- 14 God's Girls
- 15 Ladies Prayer Group, Youth Meal/Devo
- 16 ECU Starts & College Howdy Week
- 22 Youth Meal/Devo
- 23 Yellow House
- 29 Youth Meal/Devo



August 29th

Youth Meal & Devo

September 5th

Youth Meal & Devo



Tigers for Christ

September 2nd

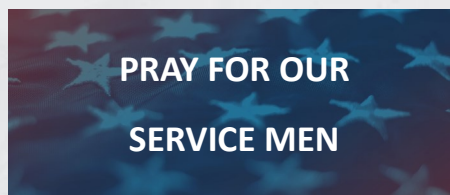
College Meal & Devo



- 08/29 Jered Cartwright, Denise Platt, Kaylyn Rowsey,
- 08/31 Wanda Roper
- 09/01 Corey Pickle, Nelda Yoss
- 09/02 Verna Cannon, Judy Kingery, Bailey Reynolds
- 09/03 Rachel Conley, Diana Hatton, Kelli Simpson, Teresa Strong



08/29 Butch & Denise Platt



Josh Higginbottom, Frank Holsapple Jr., Clay Patterson, Michale Perry, & Jonathan Wingard

Adult Classes

Butch Platt
Ephesians
Auditorium

David Dirrim

Old Kitchen Classroom

Jeff Butler

Romans

Fellowship Building

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College Group

Kyle Wilson

Southwest Corner Classroom

Youth Group (6th-12th Grades)

Thorin Turner

Youth Classroom

Kids (K-5th Grade)

Journey Land

History/Storytelling Classroom

Preschool (2 - 4 Year Olds)

3-4 Year Old Classroom

Baby Class (Under 2 Years Old)

Baby Classroom

For the Record: 08/22/2021

Bible Study	212
AM Assembly	274
PM Assembly	159
Wednesday PM	179
Contributions	\$9,856
Budget	\$12,612

GOD AND SCIENCE

DISCUSSION FORUM
September 12 @ 6:30 PM
Central Church of Christ
Ada, OK



DR. JIM BAIRD
Distinguished Professor of Bible & Philosophy, Oklahoma Christian (Edmond, OK)
D.Phil, Oxford University



COLE FEIX
Senior Pastor, Carlton Landing Community Church (Carlton Landing, OK)
Ph.D. Candidate, SBTS



BENJAMIN J. WILLIAMS
Senior Minister, Central Church of Christ (Ada, OK)
Ph.D. Candidate, MBTS

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday AM:

Song Leader: Tyler Jones
Opening Prayer: Odie Heck
Closing Prayer: Drew Graham
Scripture Reading: Trenton Hensley
Lord's Supper Thoughts: David Hendricks
Communion Servers: Scott Estes, Tim Hensley, Stefan Iorga,
Justin Lane, Chuck Love, Bill Young, David Hendricks
Balcony Servers: Ried Duncan & Tommy Myers
Attendance Counter: Bart Conley
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Kevin Graham & Jake Williams
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: James Bryant
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Jared Griffin & Russell Neill
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Cody Frye & Garrett Hatton

Sunday PM:

Song Leader: Jack Cadenhead
Opening Prayer: John Eck
Closing Prayer: David Dirrim
Attendance Counter: Bradley Butler
Communion: Trent Barrett & Joe Dirrim

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: David Lewis
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Will Lampkin
Devotional: Casey Farrar
Closing Prayer: Raymond Johnson
Attendance Counting: Tommy Vass
Safety Team Walk: Jared Hudson & Hunter Nickell
Safety Team Camera: Lane Garrett

August Contribution Counters:

Russell Neill, Kevin Graham, & Wayne King

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

We Will Glorify – 578

Scripture: James 5:15-16

Prayer

When Upon Life's Billows – 742

What A Friend We Have in Jesus – 800

Jesus Is All the World to Me - 590

Thoughts From the Cross: David Hendricks

By Christ Redeemed – 366

Communion

Be Still and Know – 31

Contribution

When We All Get to Heaven – 853

A.M. Lesson: A Prescription

Bring Christ Your Broken Life – 911

Announcements

Have Thine Own Way – 552

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: O Praise the Name

An elder and wife are available in the classroom on the middle hallway of the building during each invitation.

Elder for August: Butch Platt

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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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