



# The *Southwesterner*

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## **NOBODY'S A 'NOBODY'**

George MacDonald's character, Curdie, (*The Princess and Curdie*) came to the king's house because the princess had told him to report to her there. At the door he met the officious housekeeper (who seemed to swell and fill the door) who rebuked him for his comings and goings and the fact that he (as she saw it) made a mess of things while he was there. "Don't you know this is my house?" she barked. Curdie politely replied that he didn't know that because he thought it was *the king's* house. She responded, he responded, she called him insolent and oozing pride & she asked the poor ignoramus, "Don't you see by my dress that I am in the king's service?" Curdie, a young mine worker, wanted to know, "And am I not one of his miners?"

"Ah, that goes for nothing," she snapped. "I am one of his household. You are an out-of-doors laborer. You are a nobody. You carry a pickaxe. I carry the keys at my waist. See!"

But Curdie checkmated her with, "But you must not call one 'a nobody' to whom the king has spoken."

This is a hard lesson for us to learn. Like the officious housekeeper we tend to balloon up and fill the doorways of life and are only content when we think we've surpassed the other "peasants" below us. Apparently Curdie had no trouble with any of that. He had a pure heart and was perfectly content to be the king's miner. He didn't need to have the keys to buildings hanging at his belt, didn't need to minister to vast congregations, nor did he need to drive a big fancy car or be the belle of anyone's ball. He was *more* than at peace within himself. He rejoiced in the dignity of being one that the king had spoken to and needed nothing more.

(Sigh. What a lovely way that is. It makes me want to be a better man.)

Excerpts from *REFLECTIONS ON THIS AND THAT* on February 4, 2018 by Jim McGuiggan.  
Submitted by David Dirrim

September 26, 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

**Jeannie Wingard** will have hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, September 28th at Mercy Hospital Ada. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Barbara Hataway** will have back surgery on October 14th. She is not able to get out at this time and would appreciate calls and visits. Please keep her in your prayers.

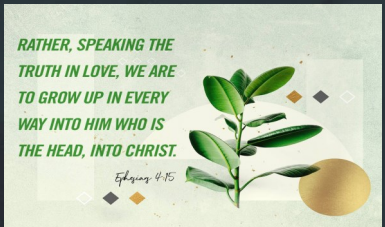
**Deanna Speaks** has asked for prayers for her sister, Linda Adams, who is struggling with kidney issues. Please keep Linda in your prayers.

**Our sympathy** goes out to Trevor and Eric Crowell and their families on the passing of their father, Steve Crowell. He passed away September 8th. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**Our sympathy** goes out to the family of Shirley Gatewood. Shirley passed away Monday. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**  
What a blessing you have been to us through recent difficult times! Your constant care and concern gave us strength and courage. "Thank you" seems so inadequate, but we do say "thanks" for all your prayers, cards, kind word, hugs, food & visits. You are dear, special people who reflect the Light of our Lord. Love you much, Bill & Jan

**Thank you church family** for all the prayers, texts, calls, cards, and meals during my recent surgery. We are truly blessed to be a part of this family. You show the love of Christ. In Him, The Neills



Please continue to pray for ...

Paula Hatton, Barbara Cannon, Barbara Hataway, 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 Perry, Pattie Mitchell, Debbie Harber, Thayne Consequellos, Warner Fleck, Randy Wilson, & Steve, Jana & Stacey Stewart.

## Happenings

**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 **October 3rd**.

**Meals on Wheels** week will be **October 4th – 8th**.

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** will start meeting again on Tuesday, **October 5th** at 10am in the fellowship building.

**We will not** have Wednesday Night for the Master or Golden Doers in the month of October.

**Power for Today** study booklets for October – December are on the credenza in the foyer for those wanting one.

**There are some** Philipians ESV Scripture Journals on the credenza in the foyer for anyone who would like one.

## Haiti Bethesda House Update

Through your generous help and a grant from a Christian trust we have raised \$37,670 to complete construction of the new (above flood level) living facilities for the widows we support in Haiti. THANK YOU!





# 18 UPCOMING EVENTS

## September

- 02 College Meal & Devo
- 05 Class Promotions, Ladies Pr. Group,  
K-2nd Class Starts,  
Youth Meal & Devo
- 06 Office Closed (Labor Day)
- 08 New Ladies Bible Class Starts
- 09 College Meal & Devo
- 12 AWTG
- 16 College Meal & Devo
- 19 Youth Meal & Devo, Ladies Pr. Grp.
- 20 Yellow House
- 23 College Meal & Devo
- 26 Ladies Prayer Group,  
Youth Meal & Devo
- 30 College Meal & Devo



September 26th

Youth Meal & Devo

October 3rd

AWTG at Southwest



Tigers for Christ

September 30th

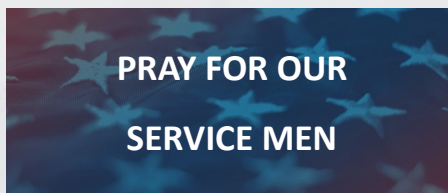
College Meal & Devo  
at the Hensley's

## Birthdays of the Month

- 09/26 Allen Stonecipher
- 09/29 Bart Conley
- 09/30 Geneva Denson,  
Russell Neill
- 10/01 Caleb Estes,  
Reid Estes
- 10/02 Avery Dirrim



- 09/29 Trent & Amy Barrett
- 09/30 Kevin & Amy Graham



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

**(Continued)**

P.M. Lesson:

EEM Speaker (Lanny Tucker)

Elder for September:

Scott Estes

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

## Adult Classes

Butch Platt  
Ephesians  
Auditorium

David Dirrim

Old Kitchen Classroom

Jeff Butler

Romans

Fellowship Building

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

## 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 Years Old)

3-4 Year Old Classroom

## Baby Class (Under 2 Years Old)

Baby Classroom

*For the Record: 09/19/2021*

<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>AM Assembly</b>	<b>241</b>
<b>PM Assembly</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	<b>174</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>\$12,569</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$12,612</b>

who's your  
**1ONE?**

## SERVING THIS WEEK

### Sunday AM:

Song Leader: Richard Howard  
Opening Prayer: Dusty Dennis  
Closing Prayer: Eugene Cannon  
Scripture Reading: Trenton Hensley  
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Greg Hatton  
Communion Servers: Trent Barrett, Brett Butler, Toker Dennis, Joe Dirrim,  
Tim Hensley, Bill Young, Greg Hatton  
Balcony Servers: Gary & Cooper Hamilton  
Attendance Counter: Odie Heck  
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Jared Griffin & Hunter Nickell  
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Tommy Garrett  
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Bart Conley & Jake Williams  
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Jared Hudson & Jag Frye

### Sunday PM:

Song Leader: David Lewis  
Opening Prayer: Chelton Andrews  
Closing Prayer: Scott Estes  
Attendance Counter: John Eck  
Communion: Glendel Hatton & Tommy Vass

### Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Nathan Lewis  
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Russell Neill  
8 Minute Devotional: Kyle Wilson  
Closing Prayer: Chelton Andrews  
Attendance Counting: Chuck Love  
Safety Team Walk: Tommy Garrett & Will Lampkin  
Safety Team Camera: Lane Garrett

### September Contribution Counters:

Tommy Vass, Caleb Estes, & Jake Williams

Welcome

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Scripture: 1 Peter:10-12

Opening Prayer

O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

Lesson - Part 1

How Deep the Father's Love

Lamb of God

Thoughts From the Cross: Greg Hatton

The Old Rugged Cross

Communion

Freely Freely

Contribution

Lesson - Part 2

Low in the Grave He Lay

One Day

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Lesson - Part 3

Cornerstone

All Because of God's Amazing Grace

Invitation

I'll Be List'ning for My Name

Announcements

O Praise the Name & Closing Prayer

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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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