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PRAYER AND THE NATURE OF GOD

For those who have been part of the church for very long, there are probably people whose prayers you especially appreciate. During our years in Arkansas, I loved to see Charles Pittman step to the microphone to lead a prayer in the worship service. Mr. Pittman is a retired English professor, so it is no surprise that he has an eloquent way with words. More importantly, it is clear that he engages regularly in prayer. His words are those of someone very familiar with the One to whom he is speaking.

As we study prayer this month, we might think of people like that or about practical ways that we can improve our prayer habits. However it is likely that the most important things we can learn about prayer are not about us, but about God. In his book, *The Doctrine of Prayer*, T.W. Hunt describes why the nature of God should affect how we see prayer. .

“Prayer can have no meaning unless it takes into account God’s total nature. He is holy; we come to Him on those grounds. He is love; we pray knowing that He is concerned about our needs. Because He is merciful, God understands and cares about human need. In most of the prayers of biblical characters, God took the initiative. The greatest saints have always known intuitively, from the depths of their spiritual nature, that God desires to provide for His own. God has chosen to relate Himself to us as a loving Father. He is also shepherd, keeper, refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (Ps. 46:1), and a sun and shield (Ps. 84:11).”

If Christians could remember that is the God who tells us to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), frequent prayer might not be such a challenge. He truly loves us and cares for us. Let’s talk more to Him.

- Brian

“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” - Psalm 103:8

November 7, 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

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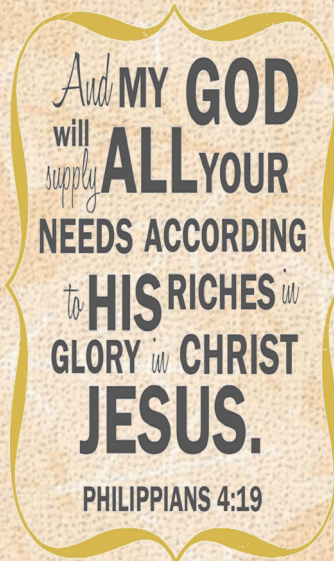
Dana Chilcoat

Family Matters

Jean Kelley's son, Keith, is out of ICU and is home now, slowly recovering. Jean wants to thank all those that called and asked about him.

Stephanie Hassell's, sister of Amanda Lampkin, surgery went well and is home recovering. Please keep her in your prayers.

We welcome Jacy Hawk to our family here at Southwest! She was baptized Wednesday evening. We are proud of your decision to follow Christ.



1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for ...

Ronald Trent, Jesse Nickell, Paula Hatton, Barbara Cannon, Barbara Hataway, Verna Cannon, Jeannie Wingard, Sherry Price, Lea Crain, Patsy Hill, Sue Silkey, Shirley Love, Gerald Joliff, 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

Church Events & Announcements

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 **November 7th**.

The Yellow House will hand out food on Monday, **November 22nd**. Helpers for November are: Chuck & Donna Love, Jean Kelley, Donna Duncan, Val Osborn, & Don & Pam Kite.

The church office will be closed November 25th and 26th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Wednesday Night for the master and Senior Meals are not going to be held in November and December. Both of these events will resume in January.



Grayson

"66 Club"

"This week, Grayson Hatton recited all his Old Testament books to join the 66 Club. Hagen Nail learned her New Testament books to join the 27 Club. Please congratulate Grayson and Hagen for their accomplishment."

Hagen

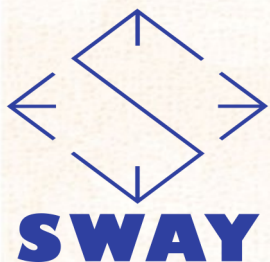
"27 Club"





November at a Glance

- 07 Ladies Prayer Group,
Youth Meal/Devo,
Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 11 College Meal/Devo with
the Graham's
- 14 AWTG at Moore
- 21 Ladies Prayer Group,
Youth Meal/Devo
- 22 Yellow House
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 25-26 Church Office Closed
- 28 Youth Meal/Devo



November 7th

Youth Meal &
Devo

November 14th

AWTG at Central
in Moore



Tigers for Christ

November 11th

College Meal &
Devo with the
Graham Family



- 11/07 Mark Tinsley,
Trevin Vass
- 11/09 Bill Ballard,
Russell Eaves,
Sue Ogle
- 11/11 David Hendricks
- 11/12 Sadie Dennis
- 11/13 Tommy Vass



- 11/07 Paul & Joan Elliott

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN

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

Sunday Bible Classes

Adult Classes

David Hendricks

John's Letters

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

Elementary (K-2nd & 3rd-6th)

North Hall Classrooms

Preschool (2 Years Old & 3 & 4 Years Old)

South Hall Classrooms

Baby Class (Under 2 Years Old)

For the Record - 10/31/2021

Bible Study	169
AM Assembly	277
PM Assembly	151
Wednesday PM	166
Contributions	\$15,125
Budget	\$12,612



This year we have encouraged everyone to remember one person in our lives who needs to know the gospel. You can write the first name of your one and drop it in the box on the credenza in the foyer. They will be prayed for by name.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday AM:

Song Leader: Scott Estes
Opening Prayer: Chelton Andrews
Closing Prayer: Ried Duncan
Scripture Reading: Jet Frye
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Thorin Turner
Communion Servers: Jacob Bowman, Drew Graham, Odie Heck,
Tim Hensley, Jared Hudson, Ronnie Osborn, Trevin Vass
Balcony Servers: Chuck Love & Trenton Hensley
Attendance Counter: Jag Frye
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Cody Frye
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Kevin Graham
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Jared Griffin & Russell Neill
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Bruce Huddleston & Jake Williams

Sunday PM:

Song Leader: Casey Farrar
Opening Prayer: Brent Lowe
Closing Prayer: Glendel Hatton
Attendance Counter: James Bryant
Communion: Eugene Cannon & Joe Dirrim

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Jack Cadenhead
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Dusty Dennis
8 Minute Devotional: Kyle Wilson
Closing Prayer: Thorin Turner
Attendance Counting: Bart Conley
Safety Team Walk: John Eck
Safety Team Camera: Hunter Nickell

November Contribution Counters:

Ronnie Osborn, Will Lampkin, & Cody Frye

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Thy Word - 449

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-8

Prayer

To Canaan's Land - 867

When the Roll Is Called - 852

My Jesus I Love Thee - 701

Thoughts From the Cross: Thorin Turner

By Christ Redeemed - 366

Communion

A Common Love - 705

Contribution

Send the Light - 650

A.M. Lesson: Know Jesus

The Way of the Cross - 616

Announcements

There Is Sunshine - 549

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Adoration

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

Elder for October: Greg Hatton

Supporting Elder & Wife: Butch & Denise 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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