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SPEND AND BE SPENT

As we continue our study of Philippians, I want to share this insight about Paul's sacrificial nature written by Joe Chesser, minister at the Fruitland Church of Christ in Jackson, Missouri. - Brian

I'm not sure we fully grasp what Paul meant. I'm not sure we want to. When writing his second letter to the Corinthian church, Paul felt spiritually and emotionally connected to them. The first time he had been to Corinth he spent over 18 months with them teaching the word of God (Acts 18.11). For a time he supported himself in Corinth by tentmaking (Acts 18.3). Later, at some point, he had made a second trip to the city, and was wanting to make a third one (2 Cor. 13.1). This brief history is important to our understanding of what he said to the church in 2 Corinthians 12.15.

As he was planning his third trip to visit the church in Corinth, Paul wanted to assure them that he would not be a financial burden to them. He wasn't interested in their money, goods or support. He was interested only in their spiritual welfare: their relationship with God and with each other (2 Cor. 12.14). To make his point as clear as possible, he wrote, "I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls" (2 Cor. 12.15).

That's what I'm not sure we fully grasp, or maybe even want to understand. What did Paul mean when he said he was willing to "spend and be spent" for the sake of their souls? The answer is whatever it takes. For the sake of their souls Paul was all in, he would hold nothing back, ... and do so with gladness. He was willing to spare no expense out of his own pocket; his services would not cost them a penny. The root word used for "spend" and "be spent" in this text was also used to describe the woman who had spent all her money on doctors hoping to heal her issue of blood (Mark 5.26). Paul was willing to spend all his money, time, possessions and energy so as not to be a burden to them, like he willingly did in Thessalonica (1 Thess. 2.9; 2 Thess. 3.8). Any expense that would promote their salvation, he was willing to "spend and be spent." And he would do so with pleasure!

The natural question is "Why?" Why would Paul "spend and be spent"? The only answer is love. The love of Jesus transformed his heart. Now, instead of himself, Jesus was in his heart, and so were the Corinthians (2 Cor. 7.2-3). Paul is showing us a practical example of what Jesus meant when he said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9.23). Why? Because that's what love does. Love sacrifices self-interests to meet the needs of the ones who are loved. *This is not easy to do. This is not even easy to want to do ... unless we, like Paul, have the Spirit of Christ in our hearts.*

November 14, 2021



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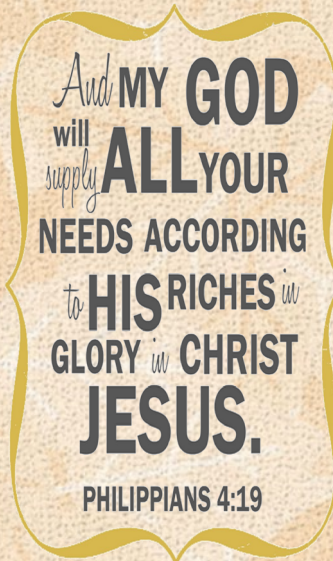
Please keep these people in your prayers:

Wendell Sherrell's relatives, Ronnie Sherrell and his wife Dee, were tested positive for Covid. Dee is at home, but Ronnie has been admitted to a Lewisville hospital for treatment.

Glendel Hatton's sister, Georgeann Jarman, is in a hospital in Norman with congestive heart failure.

Jake Williams came forward Sunday morning requesting prayers.

We welcome KerVon James to our family here at Southwest! He was baptized on Sunday night, October 31st. 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 21st**.

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.

Meals on Wheels week will be **December 6th - December 10th**.

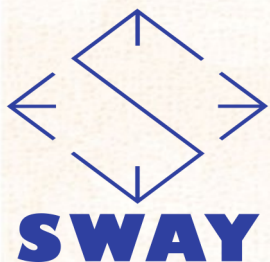


"Kasen Bryant and Baker Butler both memorized their New Testament books to join the 27 Club. Please congratulate them for their hard work."



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 14th

AWTG at Central
in Moore

November 21st

Youth Meal &
Devo



Tigers for Christ

December 9th

College Meal &
Devo with the
Lane Family



- 11/14 Shirley Love,
Heaven Tamayo
- 11/15 Garrett Hatton
- 11/16 Anne Leaverton,
Mark Willis,
Jan Young
- 11/17 Hunter Wilson
- 11/19 Addison Holloway



- 11/20 Bill & Mary Barrett

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 - 11/07/2021

Bible Study	169
AM Assembly	252
PM Assembly	151
Wednesday PM	166
Contributions	\$21,068
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: Richard Howard
Opening Prayer: Bart Conley
Closing Prayer: Russell Neill
Scripture Reading: Trenton Hensley
Lord's Supper Thoughts: David Dirrim
Communion Servers: Chelton Andrews, Trent Barrett, Jacob Bowman,
David Dirrim, Odie Heck, Tim Hensley, Justin Lane
Balcony Servers: Tommy Myers & Cooper Hamilton
Attendance Counter: Hunter Nickell
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Jared Griffin
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: James Bryant
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Caleb Estes & Jared Griffin
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Bruce Huddleston & Jake Williams

Sunday PM:

Song Leader: Casey Farrar
Opening Prayer: John Eck
Closing Prayer: Raymond Johnson
Attendance Counter: Taker Dennis
Communion: Dusty Dennis & Chuck Love

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: David Lewis
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Eugene Cannon
8 Minute Devotional: Scott Estes
Closing Prayer: Jack Cadenhead
Attendance Counting: Jared Hudson
Safety Team Walk: Will Lampkin
Safety Team Camera: Brad Butler

November Contribution Counters:

Ronnie Osborn, Will Lampkin, & Cody Frye

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Days of Elijah

Scripture: Philippians 3:13-14

Prayer

O Worship the King - 144

Blessed Be the Lord God - 25

Great Is Thy Faithfulness - 57

Thoughts From the Cross: David Dirrim

O Praise the Name

Communion

We Worship and Adore You - 20

Contribution

Higher Ground - 539

A.M. Lesson: Moving Forward

Boundless Love

Announcements

Eternal Father, Strong to Save - 1022

Battle Hymn of the Republic - 1009

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Confession

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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