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FEAR AND JOY

There is so much happening in the last chapters of Matthew, that it is easy to miss little details along the way. In the resurrection account that we looked at last week, one verse hit me differently than it has in the past. The women make the difficult walk to the tomb and are shocked to find it empty. Instead an angel is there with the standard angel message not to fear and another message that changes everything: "He is not here. He is risen." They are told to take that message to the disciples, then verse 8 gives us insight into what those women were feeling. "So they departed quickly from the tomb with **fear and great joy**, and ran to tell his disciples."

Fear and joy: that is an interesting combination. It will be a combination felt by the followers of Jesus over the coming days as they learn of the resurrection and encounter Him in person. Before that, they are likely in a time of despair as it seems their world has fallen apart. They probably do not know where to go, what to do or who to follow. Then Jesus shows up and changes everything. Again. What seemed impossible was possible because of the power of the resurrection. It offered those disciples who had run away the chance to begin again. That new beginning brought great joy and at least a little fear.

God also gives us the opportunity to begin again. Our reaction to that news might be the same as theirs: fear and joy. We are joyful to put the past behind us. We are joyful to know that failures and mistakes do not have to be permanent. We might also be fearful because that takes away the excuses about why we cannot do it. With His help we are able to change our actions and attitudes. He is able to change our hearts. When we follow His message to not fear, we can have the joy He promises.

- Brian

"But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." - Isaiah 43:1

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." - Galatians 5:22-23

April 24, 2022



Shepherds

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 keep these people in your prayers:

Pete Duncan was admitted into Mercy Hospital Ada on Thursday. The family has requested no visitors at this time.

Glendel Hatton fell Wednesday and was taken to the ER. They ran tests and he is waiting on the results.

Don Hoover is out of the hospital and is back at Brookdale recovering.

Brittany McGrew, Brad Trekell's sister, and her family are in need of your prayers at this time. Their house was hit by a tornado a few weeks ago and Wednesday it was struck by lightning. Brittany was only 10 feet away and the sound ruptured her eardrum. They also had an accident on the way home from picking up their kids from school when a deer ran into their car. They are alright but there is substantial damage to their car.

Happenings

Church Events & Announcements

Ronnie and Barbara Houston have decided to place their membership with us here at Southwest. We are glad to have you as part of our Southwest family!

VBS Meeting: There will be a VBS meeting on Sunday, April 24th. If you would like to help with this year's VBS, please meet at the front of the auditorium following the evening worship service. If you have any questions, please see Thorin.

Yellow House will hand out food on Monday, April 25th, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are: Chuck & Donna Love, Tommy Myers, Val Osborn, Carolyn Preble, & Don & Pam Kite.

Ladies Prayer Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month at 4:00 pm in the old kitchen. The next time they will meet is May 1st.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for...

Ronald Trent, Jesse Nickell, Barbara Cannon, Barbara Hataway, Verna Cannon, 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, Warner Fleck, Randy Wilson, Thayne Consequellos, and Steve, Jana & Stacey Stewart.

Our sympathy goes out to Linden Hatton and her family on the passing of her grandfather. He passed away last Sunday and his funeral was held Thursday in Louisiana.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of John Sweat, who passed away this past week. John was a former member of Southwest.



Wedding Shower

All ladies are invited to a wedding shower for **Cayden Howard & John Moreno** on Sunday, April 24th in the fellowship building from 2pm - 4pm. They are registered at Walmart, Bed Bath & Beyond, & Amazon.



April at a Glance

02 Youth Rodeo w/McCoys
 03 Congregational Potluck,
 Ladies Prayer Group,
 Youth Meal/Devo
 09 Youth Disc Golf w/Hattons
 10 Neill Wedding Shower,
 Youth Meal/Devo
 11-15 Meals on Wheels Week
 14 Col. Meal/Devo w/Grahams
 15 Office Closed (Good Friday)
 17 Easter, Ladies Prayer Group,
 Youth Meal/Devo
 23 Blackwell Wedding Shower
 24 Howard Wedding Shower
 24 Youth Meal/Devo
 25 Yellow House
 28 College Meal/Devo w/Dirrims



April 24th
 Youth Meal
 & Devo

May 1st
 AWTG at
 Highland in
 Tecumseh



Tigers for Christ

The college group's spring retreat has been rescheduled, due to weather, to **May 13th-15th**. They will be going to Lawton & the Wichita Mountain Refuge with the group from Southeastern.



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



PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN

Josh Higginbottom
 Frank Holsapple Jr.
 Clay Patterson
 Michale Perry

Sunday Bible Classes

Adult Classes

David Hendricks

Various Topics

Auditorium

David Dirrim

Southwest Corner Classroom

Jeff Butler

Book of James

Old Kitchen Classroom

College Group

Kyle Wilson

Middle Hall 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: 04/17/2022

Bible Study	167
AM Assembly	312
PM Assembly	No Service
Wednesday PM	148
Contributions	\$14,212
Budget	\$13,500

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday AM:

Song Leader: Jared Hudson
Opening Prayer: Scott Estes
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Osborn
Scripture Reading: Trenton Hensley
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Bart Conley
Communion Servers: Jacob Bowman, Joe Dirrim, Casey Farrar, Jared Griffin, Tim Hensley, KerVon James, Hunter Nickell
Balcony Servers: Chelton Andrews & Nathan Lewis
Attendance Counter: Trevor Manuel
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: James Bryant
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Garrett Hatton
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Caleb Estes & Russell Neill
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Tyler Jones & Justin Lane

Sunday PM:

Song Leader: Richard Howard
Opening Prayer: Brad Butler
Closing Prayer: Glendel Hatton
Attendance Counter: Jag Frye
Communion: Trent Barrett & Cody Frye

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Jack Cadenhead
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Greg Hatton
8 Minute Devotional: Scott Estes
Closing Prayer: Eugene Cannon
Attendance Counting: Drew Graham
Safety Team Walk: Caleb Estes
Safety Team Camera: Kevin Graham

April Contribution Counters:

Russell Neill, Kevin Graham, Wayne King, & Tyler Jones

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Hosanna - 167

Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20

Prayer

To God Be the Glory - 4

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee - 202

Years I Spent in Vanity - 381

Thoughts From the Cross: Bart Conley

My Jesus, I Love Thee - 701

Communion

Count Your Blessings - 742

Contribution

I'll Live in Glory - 895

A.M. Lesson: I Am With You

What Will You Do with Jesus? - 926

Announcements

We Shall Assemble - 718

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Dependability

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

Shepherd for April: Jeff Butler

Supporting Shepherd & Wife: Brent & Diana Lowe

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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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