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RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE

As we talked about last Sunday, the ideas of righteousness and justice are intertwined in scripture. In fact, in the New Testament both of the English words come from the same Greek root. They are translated interchangeably depending on the context. Based on this connection, it would stand to reason that any followers of Christ who believe that righteousness is important should also place a great value on justice. In their book, *The Justice Calling: Where Passion Meets Perseverance*, Hoang and Johnson explain how this relates to God and people in both positive and negative ways.

“The two greatest commandments identified by Jesus—to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself—are the flip side of the two most prevalent sins throughout Scripture: idolatry and injustice. Failing to love God leads to idolatry, while failing to love others leads to injustice. Another way of putting this is to say that the call to love God and love our neighbors is a call to righteousness and justice.”

Based on that idea, it would stand to reason that any followers of Christ who want to avoid idolatry should also believe that it is important to avoid injustice. We live in a world that celebrates and even encourages idolatry. Injustices are all around us. Many of us have experienced them, although we may tend to minimize the ones we do not see as important or that do not affect us directly. God wants us to be concerned about all idolatry and injustice. He wants us to work actively to correct them and to instead promote righteousness and justice. Let’s join Him in that work.

- Brian

“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.” - Romans 3:21-25

September 4th, 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

Shari Todd has Covid and strep at this time. Please keep her in your prayers.

Dub Borders is struggling with back problems at this time. He is at home and is still recovering from the infection. Please keep him in your prayers.

Mark Tinsley's mother, Jana Tinsley, had a double mastectomy Wednesday. Please keep her in your prayers.

Barbara Lewis has been moved to Jan Frances Care Center for therapy. Please keep her in your prayers.

Wayne King's heart valve replacement surgery that was scheduled for last Monday was postponed. It has been rescheduled for September 13th. Please keep him in your prayers.

Barbara Cannon has Covid at this time. Please keep her in your prayers.

Bobbie Darbison wishes to thank all those that have been so generous in their support of her recovery. Thanks so much for the prayers of the SW congregation, the visits, the calls, flowers and wonderful ladies who prepared meals and delivered them to the home. Special thanks to Floyd Kaiser and Jean Kelly for their exceptional efforts in her behalf. The full thank you letter is posted on the bulletin board at the back of the foyer.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for...

Dona Pippen, Randy Hall, Ronald Trent, Jesse Nickell, Barbara Cannon, Barbara Hataway, Sherry Price, Lea Crain, 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.

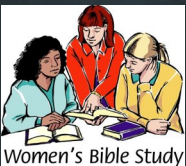
Happenings

Church Events & Announcements

Southwest Church of Christ, Thank you, for the beautiful plant the church sent me. I look at it and think of her, without any pain now. God's blessings on all! Love & prayers, Shirley Prater

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 September 4th.

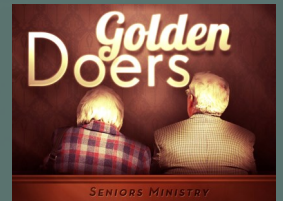
The church office will be closed on Monday, September 5th, in observance of Labor Day.



Ladies Bible Class will begin this Tuesday, September 6th, at 10am in the fellowship building.

Pew Packers, for our Southwest boys, has moved dates for September. They will meet this month on September 7th at 6:15pm.

The Yellow House will hand out food Monday, September 26th, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are: Chuck & Donna Love, Scott & Sharon Estes, Glenda Lillard, Mary & Matthew Conley, & Bill Young.



Wednesday Night for the Master & Golden Doers Meals

Both the Wednesday Night for the Master (WNFM) meal and Golden Doers Senior meal are resuming in September. There is a sign-up sheet for the WNFM meal in the foyer.

The first WNFM meal will be Wednesday, September 14th, at 6pm. The Golden Doers Senior meal will resume on Sunday, September 18th, after morning services.

Both meals will be held in the fellowship building. More details will follow.



September at a Glance

- 04 Ladies Prayer Group
- 05 Labor Day (Office Closed)
- 06 Ladies Bible Class Resumes
- 07 Pew Packers
- 08 College Meal & Devo
- 09-11 Move Conference
- 11 Youth Meal & Devo
- 14 WNFM Meal
- 15 Youth Home Bible Study,
College Meal & Devo
- 18 Golden Doers Meal,
AWTG (Blanchard)
- 22 Youth Home Bible Study,
College Meal & Devo
- 25 Youth Meal & Devo
- 26 Yellow House
- 29 Youth Home Bible Study,
College Meal & Devo



September 4th
No Youth Meal
& Devo

**September
9th-11th**
Move
Conference

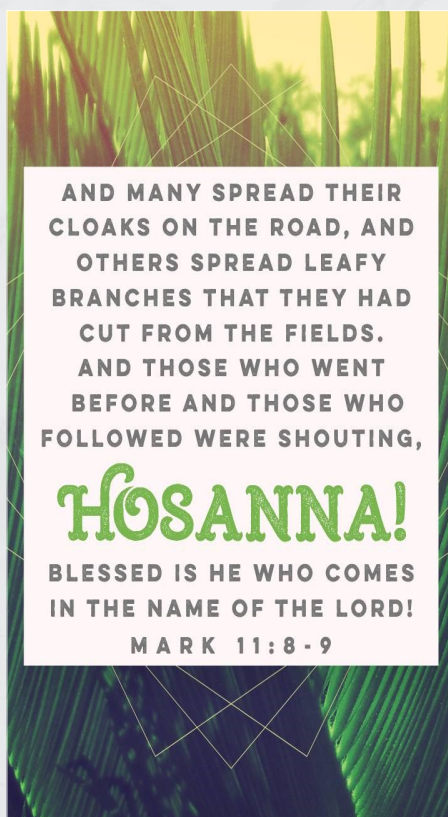


Tigers for Christ

September 8th
College Group
Meal & Devo
(Lowe's)



- 09/06 James Garberick,
Aaron Lane
- 09/08 Leon Hughey,
Levi Jonka,
Pam Kite
- 09/09 Bob Fennell



PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN

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

Sunday Bible Classes

Adult Classes

- Jet McCoy
Fruit of the Spirit
Auditorium
- David Dirrim
Lessons From the Parables
SW Corner Classroom
- Jeff Butler
Survey of the New Testament
Old Kitchen Classroom

College Group

- Kyle Wilson
Middle Hall Classroom

Youth Group (7th-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: 08/28/2022

Bible Study	198
AM Assembly	272
PM Assembly	201
Wednesday PM	140
Contributions	\$12,599
Budget	\$13,500

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday AM:

Song Leader: Casey Farrar
Opening Prayer: Eugene Cannon
Closing Prayer: Trever Manuel
Scripture Reading: Cale Hudson
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Jack Cadenhead
Communion Servers: James Bryant, Jack Cadenhead,
Casey Farrar, Jet Frye, Drew Graham, Jared Griffin, KerVon
James, Will Lampkin
Balcony Servers: Don Kite & Nathan Lewis
Attendance Counter: Chuck Love
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Brad Butler
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Kevin Graham
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Cody Frye & Russell Neill
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Jared Hudson & Jag Frye

Sunday PM:

Song Leader: Ronnie Osborn
Opening Prayer: David Dirrim
Closing Prayer: Thorin Turner
Attendance Counter: Tyler Jones
Communion: Joe Dirrim & Ried Duncan

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Jacob Hubbard
Announcements/Opening Prayer: David Hendricks
Closing Prayer: Raymond Johnson
8 Minute Devo: Dusty Dennis
Attendance Counting: Toker Dennis
Safety Team Walk: Hunter Nickell
Safety Team Camera: John Eck

September Contribution Counters:

Bill Young, Chuck Love, James Byers, Ried Duncan

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Hosanna

Scripture: Acts 18:9-10

Prayer

He Gave Me a Song

Lord, Reign In Me

All In All

Thoughts From the Cross: Jack Cadenhead

Here I Am to Worship

Communion

Make Me a Servant

Contribution

Walking In Sunlight

A.M. Lesson: Anywhere With Jesus

There's a Fountain

Announcements

Anywhere With Jesus

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Endurance

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

Shepherd for September: Brent Lowe

Supporting Shepherd & Wife: Scott & Sharon Estes

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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 Class - College Group Class

K-5th Grade Classes

Babies - Pre-K Classes

Worship & Classes Online

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