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BE PREPARED

As we look at the Armor of God this Sunday, I would like to share these thoughts about the importance of preparation from John Dobbs, Preaching Minister at the Forsythe Church of Christ in Monroe, Louisiana. - Brian

John Wooden was one of the most revered coaches in the history of sports. His 29-year career coaching basketball was characterized by his short, simple inspirational messages to his players. One of those messages was this: **"To fail to prepare is to prepare to fail."**

Being prepared is an integral part of the Christian faith. Peter wrote two letters to persecuted and scattered Christians, giving them encouragement and instructions on how to live the Jesus life while in a hard season of life. Peter wrote:

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." - 1 Peter 3:15

When it comes to our faith, we should be ready to tell other people why we believe what we do. That shouldn't be based on our upbringing or our feelings, but on the truth presented in the Word of God. How can we prepare to give an answer for our hope?

- Study the Bible. Reading is good, study is better. Even if you have read the Bible all the way through, you still have much studying to do - we will our entire lives!
- Don't be afraid to ask tough questions, to examine your own faith. If you have not explored your own faith, how can you share it with others?
- It's ok to say "I don't know"... and it's surely a good thing to go find out!
- Be willing to gently and respectfully discuss your faith in Christ with non-believers. How are they supposed to get to know Jesus if we are dismissive or get frustrated by their questions?

To fail to prepare is to prepare to fail! If we aren't actively studying and growing in our knowledge and faith in Christ, we will be unable to help other people join us on that great journey. And that's a significant feature of discipleship.

Be Prepared!

December 4, 2022



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

Ron Ballard was admitted into the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City after having a heart attack Monday night. He was released Wednesday and is now home recovering. Please keep Ron and Judy in your prayers.

Pam Brown, daughter of Nancy Wilson and sister of Kyle, finished her last round of chemo Wednesday. Radiation will begin after the new year. Please keep her in your prayers.

Mildred West fell last Saturday and was taken to the Oklahoma Heart Hospital. She is doing better and was scheduled to go home last Monday. Please keep her in your prayers.

I want to say Thank You to all of my Church Family. I appreciate all your prayers, calls, and cards. It is so good to know your caring love here at Southwest. Dub Borders.

Southwest Church of Christ, Thanks for all the prayers the church prayed on Arles Jr's behalf. I am proud to inform the church that Arles Jr. is recovering at home and doing good so far. Sincerely, Thanks Arles Wells Sr.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for...

Arles Wells Jr, Barbara Cannon, Paula Hatton, Sherry Price, Floyd Kaiser, Dona Phippen, Barbara Lewis, Randy Hall, Ronald Trent, Jesse Nickell, Barbara Hataway, 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

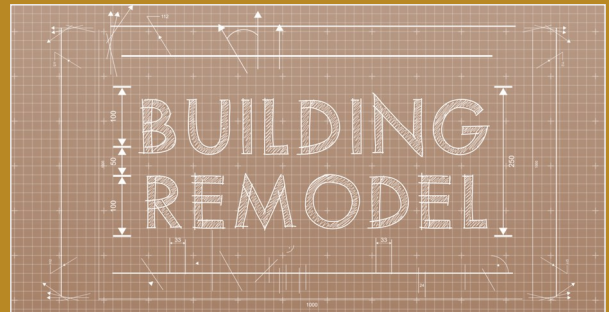
Ladies Prayer Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month at 4pm in the old kitchen. The next time they will meet is **December 4th**.

Work Day Update: The work day on the auditorium remodel that was scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd, was postponed until the following Saturday, **December 10th**, at 9am.

Pew Packers, for our Southwest boys, meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:15pm in the main auditorium. The next time they will meet is **December 14th**.

Meals on Wheels week is **December 19th - 23rd**.

The Yellow House will be handing out food on Monday, **December 26th**, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are: James & Lynnette Bryant, Don & Pam Kite, Donna Duncan, Chuck & Donna Love, Butch Platt, & Tommy & Becky Myers.



Worship & Bible Class Location Update

Starting Sunday, December 11th

Sunday Mornings

The auditorium class and Jeff Butler's class will meet at the Ada Junior High School auditorium. Use the doors at the east end of the building on 18th street. All kids' and youth classes will meet in their regular places. David's adult class will continue to meet in its regular location.

Sunday Evenings

We will meet in the Southwest fellowship building.

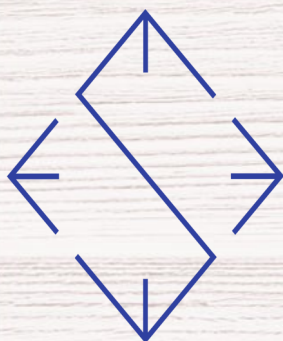
Wednesday Evenings

We will meet in the fellowship building for the devotional time and the auditorium class. Ladies' class and Men's class will meet in their regular places. All kids' and youth classes will meet in their regular places.



December at a Glance

- 04 AWTG at Chickasha,
Ladies Prayer Group
- 08 College Meal/Devo (S. Estes),
Youth Home Bible Study
- 11 Youth Christmas Party at
(D. Dennis)
- 14 Pew Packers
- 18 Budget Presentation,
Ladies Prayer Group,
Youth Meal/Devo
- 19-23 Meals on Wheels
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Yellow House
- 30 Youth New Year's Party



December 4th

AWTG at
Chickasha

December 8th

Youth Group
Home Bible
Study

December 11th

Youth Group
Christmas Party
(D. Dennis)



TIGERS FOR CHRIST

December 8th

College Group
Meal & Devo
(S. Estes)



- 12/04 Mary Barrett, Glenda
Lillard, Barbara Maloy,
Paula Sturdevant,
Saylor Sullivan,
Taran Williams
- 12/05 Geneva Ailey,
Dee Hensley
- 12/06 Tiffany Frye,
Elizabeth Lane
- 12/07 Linda Medlock,
Sierra Trekell
- 12/08 Amanda Lampkin, Al
Lucas, Harley Riley,
Carla West
- 12/10 Ann Mayes



12/09 Ray & Melba Hamlett



PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN

Josh Higginbottom
Frank Holsapple Jr.
Clay Patterson
Michale Perry

Sunday Bible Classes

Adult Classes

Jeff Butler

Survey of the New Testament

Auditorium

David Dirrim

Lessons From the Parables

SW Corner 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: 11/27/2022

Bible Study 105

AM Assembly 303

PM Assembly 109

Wednesday PM ---

Contributions \$9,571

Budget \$13,500

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday AM:

Song Leader: Casey Farrar

Opening Prayer: Jacob Hubbard

Closing Prayer: Raymond Johnson

Scripture Reading: Trenton Hensley

Lord's Supper Thoughts: Russell Neill

Communion Servers: Brett Butler, Toker Dennis, Jag Frye, Drew Graham, Tim Hensley, Stefan Iorga, Russell Neill, Ronnie Osborn

Balcony Servers: Don Kite & Tommy Myers

Attendance Counter: John Eck

Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Kevin Graham

Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Hunter Nickell

Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Cody Frye & Jared Griffin

Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Drew Adams & Joe Dirrim

Sunday PM:

Song Leader: Tyler Jones

Opening Prayer: Brad Trekell

Closing Prayer: Eugene Cannon

Attendance Counter: Bart Conley

Communion: Chuck Love & Trevin Vass

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Jared Hudson

Announcements/Opening Prayer: Greg Hatton

Closing Prayer: Brent Lowe

8 Minute Devo: Kyle Wilson

Attendance Counting: Jag Frye

Safety Team Walk: Cody Frye

Safety Team Camera: Brad Butler

December Contribution Counters:

Russell Neill, Kevin Graham, Wayne King, Tyler Jones

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Hosanna

Scripture: Ephesians 6:13

Prayer

O Worship the King

Ring Out the Message

Redeemed

Thoughts From the Cross: Russell Neill

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Communion

Thank You Lord

Contribution

Walking in Sunlight

A.M. Lesson: Standing Firm

There's a Fountain

Announcements

Anywhere with Jesus

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Courage

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

Shepherd for December: Scott Estes

Supporting Shepherd & Wife: Jeff & Pam Butler

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Sunday

Bible Classes - 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

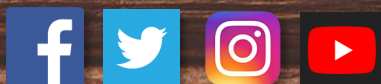
Bible Class Auditorium 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group - College Group

K-6th Grades

Worship & Classes Online

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