



# The *Southwesterner*

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## TODAY, DECIDE TO BE GRACIOUS.

One of my favorite emails to read is Jim Martin's Encouragement Note. I hope you will be encouraged by his thoughts about being gracious. - Brian

Today, if you decide to be gracious, you will have made an important decision about your day.

- Gracious people have a way of bringing beauty and joy to most any situation.
- Gracious people focus on the comfort and joy of another.
- Gracious people put others at ease.
- Gracious people have a way of looking for what is good and right.
- Gracious people bring energy and life into a conversation or a process.

I could name some of the gracious people whom I have known. They have a way of making the day better. They have a way of making me better. Of course there are people who are not gracious. They focus on their rights, getting their way, and taking as much as they can - even at the expense of others. Some have a heightened sense of self-importance. They will quickly tell you about their important job, role, career, etc. They are often focused on what they want and will say and do most anything to get it!

I want to thank God for every single gracious person he has brought into my life. I am better for knowing these people. I do want to live as a gracious person, remembering that every person I encounter today has been created in the image of God. Where do you begin?

**Be slow about calling attention to the blunder and mistake of another.** Do I really need to highlight someone's mistake for everyone to see? Is this particular blunder worth embarrassing or even humiliating another person?

**Be deliberate about expressing gratitude to someone else** (perhaps the clerk at a store; a trainee at Starbucks; a Bible school teacher at church, etc.) What about expressing gratitude to a spouse? What if I were to thank my parents or my children?

**Consider how you might defer to someone else's wishes.** For example, for lunch, why not go to the restaurant your friend prefers. This doesn't mean you don't express your preference if asked. However, if you sense your friend would really like to go to lunch at a particular place, why not go there and even be gracious about it?

*Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone - Colossians 4:3 (NLT)*

March 12, 2023



### Elders

Jeff Butler

Greg Hatton

David Hendricks

Richard Howard

Brent Lowe

Butch Platt

### Ministers

Brian Lewis

David Dirrim

Thorin Turner

Kyle Wilson

### Secretary

Dana Chilcoat

# Family Matters

**Betty Gerth** fell last Thursday morning and broke her pelvis and elbow. She is in the rehab unit at Mercy Ada and they are considering possible surgery on her elbow. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Our sympathy** goes out to Tom and Geneva Denson and their family on the passing of Tom's sister, Barbara Denson, who passed away last Thursday night. Her graveside service was held Tuesday in Stratford. Please keep Tom, Geneva, and their family in your prayers.

**Our sympathy** goes out to Wendell Sherrell and his family on the passing of Wendell's sister, Pat Allison, who passed away last Thursday night. Her services were Tuesday in Ada. Please keep Wendell and his family in your prayers.

**God's blessing**, on all of the love and prayers that you gave me during the loss of my sister, Sandra Watson. Love and Prayers, Shirley Prater

## Happenings

### Church Events & Announcements

The new **Power for Today** study booklets for April - June are on the tables in the foyer. Don't forget to pick one up!

**Ladies Prayer Group** meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. The next time they will meet is **March 12th**.

We will be having a **Congregational Potluck Lunch** following morning services on **Sunday, March 26th**, in the fellowship building. Bring a dish or two to share and join us!

**Pew Packers**, for our Southwest boys, meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:15pm. The next time they will meet is **April 12th**.



The **Abundant Living Spring Retreat** on **March 20-23** is four days of worship, fellowship and fun for seniors. The retreat will be at the Hotel Hot Springs in Hot Springs,

Arkansas, and is sponsored by Harding University. There are morning and evening worship times as well as time for afternoon sightseeing. For more information see Claire or Tiffany or visit [www.abundantlivingseniors.com/spring](http://www.abundantlivingseniors.com/spring)



The **Momentum Men's Conference** will be held at Southwest Church of Christ in Oklahoma City on **March 25** is designed to equip Christian men of all ages with leadership skills for churches, homes and communities. Find more information at [www.swcoc.org/momen](http://www.swcoc.org/momen)

**Stonewall Church of Christ** Ladies Day will be **March 18th** from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. Registration begins at 9:00 am. RSVP at: [CofC@gmail.com](mailto:CofC@gmail.com)

1 Thessalonians 5:17

*"Pray without ceasing."*

Please continue to pray for...

Betty Gerth, Barbara Hataway, Alyene Sims, Barbara Cannon, Paula Hatton, Sherry Price, Floyd Kaiser, Dona Phippen, Barbara Lewis, Randy Hall, Ronald Trent, Jesse Nickell, Lea Crain, Sue Silkey, Shirley Love, Gerald Joliff, Katie Meaders, Johnnie Sing, Cherry Bennett, Shirley Perry, Pattie Mitchell, Debbie Harber, Warner Fleck, Randy Wilson, Thayne Consequellos, and Steve, Jana & Stacey Stewart.



The **Yellow House** will hand out food on Monday, **March 20th**, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are: Bill Young, Tommy Myers, Chuck Love, Donna Duncan, Mark & Cindy Coleman, Carolyn Preble, & Glenda Lillard.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." - Matthew 25:35*





### March at a Glance

- 04 Affirming the Faith in OKC
- 05 AWTG at SW (OKC)
- 08 Pew Packers
- 09 College Meal/Devo (Lewis)
- 12 Ladies Prayer Group,  
Youth Meal/Devo,  
Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 19 Youth Meal/Devo
- 20 Yellow House
- 23 College Meal/Devo at SBC  
(Hosts: Young, Johns, Pults)
- 26 Youth Meal/Devo,  
Congr. Potluck Lunch
- 30 College Meal/Devo (Graham)



### TEENS AND YOUTH

#### March 12th

Youth Meal & Devo

#### March 19th

Youth Meal & Devo



### TIGERS FOR CHRIST March 23rd

College Meal & Devo  
at the SBC  
(Young, Johns, Pults)



- 03/12 Kervon James,  
Alivia Williams
- 03/13 Joe Long
- 03/14 Susan Pickle
- 03/16 Todd Martin
- 03/17 Tim Hensley, Joe Medlock
- 03/18 Jennings Martin,  
Carlee Trekell



- 03/12 Bob & Bobbie Fennell,  
Todd & Megan Martin
- 03/13 Cody & Tiffany Frye



### PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN

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



### Adults

Jeff Butler

Survey of the New Testament

Auditorium

David Dirrim

Lessons From the Parables

SW Corner Classroom

### College Group

Kyle Wilson

Library

### Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

Thorin Turner

Youth Classroom

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

North Hall Classrooms

### Preschool (2 Year Old & 3-4 Year Old)

South Hall Classrooms

### Baby Class (Under 2 Years Old)

For the Record: 03/05/2023

Bible Study	157
AM Assembly	262
PM Assembly	143
Wednesday PM	139
Contributions	\$18,698
Budget	\$13,779

# SERVING THIS WEEK

## Sunday AM:

Song Leader: Ronnie Osborn  
Opening Prayer: Trevor Manuel  
Closing Prayer: Will Lampkin  
Scripture Reading: Jet Frye  
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Greg Hatton  
Attendance Counter: Jag Frye  
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Caleb Estes  
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Jared Griffin  
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Cody Frye & Russell Neill  
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Drew Adams & Joe Dirrim

## Sunday PM:

Song Leader: Jacob Hubbard  
Opening Prayer: Hunter Nickell  
Closing Prayer: Ried Duncan  
Attendance Counter: Toker Dennis  
Communion: Dusty Dennis & Justin Lane

## Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Nathan Lewis  
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Kyle Wilson  
Closing Prayer: Jack Cadenhead  
8 Minute Devo: Jared Hudson  
Attendance Counting: Drew Graham  
Safety Team Walk: Russell Neill  
Safety Team Camera: Kevin Graham

## March Contribution Counters:

Russell Neill, Kevin Graham, Drew Graham, Tyler Jones

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Welcome

Praise the Lord - 74

Scripture: Luke 14:27

## Prayer

He Lives - 346

He Has Made Me Glad - 103

Be with Me, Lord - 778

Thoughts From the Cross: Greg Hatton

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed? - 324

## Communion

## Contribution

There's a Royal Banner - 627

A.M. Lesson: The Cost of Discipleship

Trust and Obey - 915

## Announcements

Let the Lower Lights Be Burning - 642

## Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Generosity

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

Shepherd for March: Richard Howard  
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.

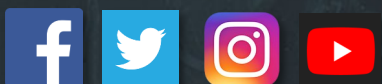
## Wednesday

Bible Classes - 7:00 p.m.

## Worship & Classes Online

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