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WORKING SIDE BY SIDE

As we have talked this summer about living in exile, I have been frequently reminded that it is not possible to cover every detail. There are so many stories and events that have to be summarized in a minute or two, or passed over altogether. I would encourage you to study along and spend some time filling in those gaps.

One of the things that just got a quick mention last week was the way everyone worked side by side building the wall in Nehemiah 3. There is a lot we can learn about the nature of work and our attitudes toward it from how the people work in that chapter. The *Preaching the Word Bible Commentary* points out four things that are worth noting.

“Not all work is equally distributed, but all workers are equally responsible.” Especially when lots of people are working together on a project, some people are always going to work harder than others, and some work is always going to take longer than other work. But each part of the work and each worker matters.

“Not all the work is equally pleasant, but it is all equally important.” Our family spent a Saturday putting up a fence a few years ago. Measurements had to be made. Holes had to be dug. Cement had to be mixed. Poles had to be set. Fence panels had to be assembled. Some of those jobs are more enjoyable than others. Without any one of those things, the fence would not last.

“Not all workers are equally gifted, but all are equally valuable.” If you have a child or grandchild in the preschool Bible class, I hope you noticed how great the bullrushes looked on the wall that became the river where baby Moses was placed in a basket. My wife (the creative one) did 98% of the design and execution of that scene. I cut out bullrushes, because it's hard to mess that up. Don't listen to that voice that says your work is less important or not valuable. That is not God speaking to you.

“Not all workers are equally enthusiastic, but all work repays personal investment.” I will have to admit that I was not enthusiastic about putting up a fence or cutting out bullrushes. I would imagine that some of those in Nehemiah 3 were much more excited about having a wall than building it themselves. Still when we are willing to do the work, it pays off. And if we are enthusiastic about it, that might encourage the next worker on the wall. - Brian

“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

Ephesians 4:15-16

August 20, 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

Butch Platt had spinal surgery at Bay Medical Center in Panama City, Florida on Thursday. Please keep him and Denise in your prayers.

Wedding Shower: There will be a wedding shower honoring **Dayton Hendricks & Salomon Murillo** on Sunday, **August 20th**, from 3:00pm to 4:30pm in the fellowship building.

All of the host spots for the College Meal and Devos have been filled. Thank you to all who signed up. Kyle Wilson

Happenings

Church Events & Announcements

We will be sending a donation from the Southwest general fund to help with the relief of the wildfires in Maui. There is a local congregation in Maui that is helping with that. If you would like to give to this effort, **please make your check out to Southwest Church of Christ and memo it as "Maui Fire Relief"**.

The Yellow House will hand out food this month on Monday, **August 21st**, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are: Butch Platt, Chuck Love, Scott Estes, Janna Byrd, Donna Duncan, Carolyn Preble, Mary Conley, & Glenda Lillard.

Ladies Prayer Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. The next time they will meet is **August 27th**.

Meals on Wheels week will be **August 28th - September 1st**. Helpers this month are: Tommy Myers, Bill Young, Don Kite, Dub Borders, & Chuck Love.

Ladies' Night at Little will be Friday, **September 8th**, at the Church of Christ at Little. Registration and dinner starts at 5:30 pm.

BUT SEEK THE WELFARE
OF THE CITY WHERE I
HAVE SENT YOU INTO EXILE,
AND PRAY TO THE LORD
ON ITS BEHALF,
FOR IN ITS WELFARE
YOU WILL FIND YOUR WELFARE.

LIVING
IN EXILE

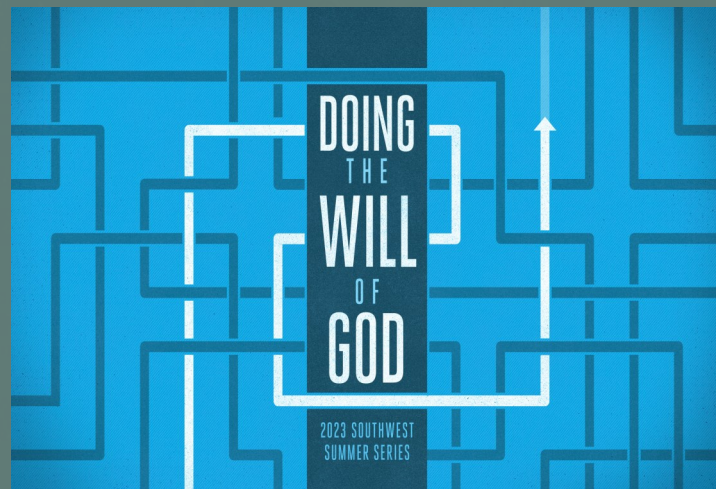
JEREMIAH 29:7

1 Thessalonians 5:17

*"Pray without
ceasing."*

Please continue to pray for...

Mary Barrett, Nash Gilliam, Paula Hatton, Lea Crain, Betty Gerth, Barbara Hataway, Barbara Cannon, Sherry Price, Floyd Kaiser, Dona Phippen, Barbara Lewis, Randy Hall, Ronald Trent, Jesse Nickell, 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.



Summer Series This Week



August 23rd

@ 6:30 p.m.

Jess Florence

Blanchard, OK

Scripture: Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.



August at a Glance

- 01 Widowers Breakfast
- 01-04 Eagle Camp at Blanchard
- 04 College Broken Bow Float Trip
- 05 Back Pack Distribution,
Safety Team Range Practice
- 07 AWTG at Eastside
- 12 God's Girls at Southwest
- 13 Barrick/Weston Wed. Shower,
Ladies Prayer Group,
Youth Meal/Fellowship
Safety Team Practice
- 14-17 College Howdy Week
- 20 Hendricks/Murillo Wed. Shower,
Youth Meal/Fellowship
- 21 Yellow House
- 27 Ladies Prayer Group,
Youth Meal/Fellowship
- 28-1 Meals on Wheels Week



TEENS AND YOUTH

August 20th

Sunday Night Youth
Meal & Fellowship



TIGERS FOR CHRIST

August 24th

College Meal & Devo
at the SBC
(Simpson & Huddleston)



- 08/22 Fisher Fulton,
Amy Graham
- 08/24 Donna Duncan,
Shelby Andrews
- 08/25 Jayme Hataway
- 08/26 Karan Huddleston



- 08/21 Jack & Jill Frye
- 08/25 Justin & Ashley Dansby



PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

- Heaven Tamayo
- Josh Higginbottom
- Frank Holsapple Jr.
- Clay Patterson
- Michale Perry
- Clay Wilson Jr.

Bible Classes

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Adults

Jet McCoy

Auditorium

Jeff Butler

1st Corinthians

Old Kitchen Classroom

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: 08/13/2023

Bible Study	182
AM Assembly	301
PM Assembly	150
Wednesday PM	—
Contributions	\$14,097
Budget	\$13,779

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday AM:

Song Leader: Kerry White

Opening Prayer: Jeff Butler

Closing Prayer: Tyler Jones

Scripture Reading: Cale Hudson

Lord's Supper Thoughts: Mark Coleman

Communion: Steve Black, James Bryant, Brett Butler,
Brad Butler, Mark Coleman, Casey Farrar, Tim Hensley,
Keith Nail

Alternate Communion: Justin Lane & Ronnie Osborn
Balcony Communion: Matthew Conley & Trenton Hensley

Attendance Counter: Trever Manuel

Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: John Eck

Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Josh Nail

Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Bart Conley & Russell Neill

Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Cody Frye & Garrett Hatton

Sunday PM:

Song Leader: Drew Adams

Opening Prayer: Thorin Turner

Closing Prayer: Jack Cadenhead

Attendance Counter: Chuck Love

Communion: Joe Dirrim & Ried Duncan

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Thorin Turner

Announcements/Opening Prayer: Thorin Turner

Closing Prayer: David Dirrim

Summer Series Speaker: Jess Florence

Attendance Counting: Drew Graham

Safety Team Walk: Kevin Graham

Safety Team Camera: Caleb Estes

August Contribution Counters:

Tommy Vass, Caleb Estes, Drew Adams, Casey Farrar

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

To God Be the Glory - 4

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-2

Prayer

It Is Well with My Soul - 490

The Lord's My Shepherd - 134

Holy, Holy, Holy - 47

Thoughts From the Cross: Mark Coleman

The Power of the Cross

Lord's Supper

The Lord Has Been Mindful of Me

Contribution

He Gave Me a Song - 608

A.M. Lesson: Learning From Exile

Victory in Jesus - 470

Announcements

God Bless You, Go with God - 752

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: India Missions Report

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

Shepherd for August: David Hendricks

Supporting Shepherd & Wife: Butch & Denise Platt

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ONLINE GIVING



Sunday

Bible Classes - 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.

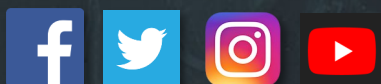
Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

Worship & Classes Online

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