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WAYS TO INVEST IN YOUR CHILDREN (OR GRANDKIDS)

As so many parents have shared first day of school pictures during the last month, I have seen several of those pictures of our kids come up in my Facebook memories. Like people told us when they were small, it really does go by fast. For the parents and grandparents in our church family, we want our kids and grandkids to learn about Jesus and what walking with God looks like. We can model that in our lives if we are intentional about it.

Jim Martin, Vice President of the Harding School of Theology, offers five excellent reminders about how we can live in such a way that our kids can see our love for Jesus more clearly.

1. Treat your spouse with adoration and respect. Children see it all! Nothing gets by them. They observe your tender affection and respect. They also see the contemptuous looks and hear the words that drip with sarcasm.
2. Live right even when your children are not looking. Kids have little or no tolerance for duplicity. An immoral lifestyle, on the part of mom or dad, impacts their children whether they ever know the details or not.
3. Love the Lord with devotion, passion, and consistency. Far too many adults have settled for a faith that is sedate, passionless, and routine. Many kids long to see someone (particularly their parents) who have a fire for God burning from within. It is so powerful when our kids see that our commitment to God has really changed our lives and impacts how we live in practical ways.
4. Model and teach what you want to pass on to your children. Children need a parent who will be a source of deep love and a consistent moral rudder that helps keep them on the right path. They need a parent who will teach and show them what a noble and honorable life looks like. This is also a parent who will encourage them, even when they fail.
5. Tell the truth. Children experience security when they know their parents will always tell the truth. When children cannot always count on their parents' word, it only heightens their insecurity.

As we live this way, it does not only affect our kids or grandkids. Others will see our light shine, too. It could open doors to help them learn more about the God we serve.

- Brian

September 10, 2023



SOUTHWEST
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Barbara Lewis has Covid. Please keep her in your prayers.

Nash Gilliam was able to go home from the hospital this past week. Please keep him in your prayers.

Joe Medlock recently had a heart attack. Please keep him in your prayers.

Ried Duncan had a procedure done on Thursday. Please keep him in your prayers.

We, along with our families, lovingly invite you to the wedding of Dalee Deanna Barrick and James Tanner Weston on **September 29th** at 6:30pm at the Lazy A Ranch in Allen, OK. Reception to follow.

Happenings

Church Events & Announcements

The weekly bulletins and **Because We Care** lists will now be located on the right side of the north and south double entry doors as you walk in the church building.

The **Golden Doers Lunch** will be on Sunday, **September 10th**, in the fellowship building after morning services. We will kick off with hamburgers with fixings. If you are 60 years of age or older, please come join us.

Ladies Prayer Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. They will meet next on **September 10th**.

Please join us after evening services on **September 10th** for an Ice Cream Supper in the fellowship building! Please bring your best homemade ice cream or dessert (or both)!

Widowers and single men's breakfast will be Tuesday, **September 12th**, in the fellowship building. Coffee will be ready at 7:30am and breakfast will be served at 8:00am. See James or Glinda Byers for questions.

North MacArthur Church of Christ is inviting all former members to join them for their worship service to celebrate 50 Years of Proclaiming The Gospel on Sunday, **September 17th**. Bible class starts at 9am. A catered meal will be available after worship for all in attendance.

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.

HOPE CAMPAIGN 2023

HOPE

GOAL: 800,000 BIBLES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Please make your check out to **SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST** & memo the check as "EEM". If you donate online, please indicate that it is for EEM.

Yellow House

September 25



Helpers this month are: Bill Young, Jenni Trekell, Nancy Whitley, Paula Sturdevant, Don & Pam Kite, Sharon Estes, Donna Duncan and Carolyn Pults.



September at a Glance

- 03 Class Promotion, You. Meal/Fel.
- 04 Labor Day (Office Closed)
- 05 Ladies Bible Class Begins
- 06 Wednesday Nt. for the Master,
Men's Class Begins
- 08-10 Move Conference (OKC)
- 10 Ladies Prayer Group,
Golden Doers Lunch,
Ice Cream Supper
- 12 Widower's Breakfast
- 14 College Meal/Devo (Hensley)
- 17 AWTG (Blanchard)
- 21 College Meal/Devo (Lampkin)
- 24 EEM Million \$ Sunday,
Ladies Prayer Group,
Youth Meal/Fellowship
- 25 Yellow House
- 28 College Meal/Devo



TEENS AND YOUTH

September 8th - 10th

Move Conference at OKC

September 17th

AWTG at Blanchard



September 10th

College Conducting PM Service
at Wynnewood

September 14th

College Meal & Devo at Hensley's



- 09/11 Matt Bryant,
Scott Estes
- 09/12 Darrell Geiger,
Brad Trekell
- 09/13 Haivyn Chilcoat
- 09/14 Sheri Hayes,
Charlsey Nail
- 09/15 Daimon Alexander,
Sue Hamilton,
Becky Myers,
Alan Simpson
- 09/16 Matthew Conley,
John Eck



- 09/15 Jack & Brandi Cadenhead
- 09/16 Tyler & Lindsay Jones



PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

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



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: 09/03/2023

Bible Study	150
AM Assembly	235
PM Assembly	130
Wednesday PM	—
Contributions	\$13,993
Budget	\$13,779

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday AM:

Song Leader: Richard Howard
Opening Prayer: Jared Hudson
Closing Prayer: Dusty Dennis
Scripture Reading: Cale Hudson
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Russell Neill
Communion: Steve Black, Toker Dennis, Matthew Conley,
Jag Frye, Trever Manuel, Russell Neill, Hunter Nickell,
Ronnie Osborn
Alternate Communion: Ried Duncan & Brad Trekell
Balcony Communion: Jared Griffin & Chuck Love
Attendance Counter: Bart Conley
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM:** Keith Nail
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM:** James Bryant
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed:** Beau Griffin & Garrett Hatton
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed:** Drew Adams & Joe Dirrim

Sunday PM:

Song Leader: Casey Farrar
Opening Prayer: Greg Hatton
Closing Prayer: Justin Lane
Attendance Counter: Tyler Jones
Communion: Drew Graham & Brent Lowe

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Nathan Lewis
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Kyle Wilson
Closing Prayer: Mark Coleman
8 Minute Devotional: Dusty Dennis
Attendance Counting: John Eck
Safety Team Walk: Kevin Graham
Safety Team Camera: Brad Butler

September Contribution Counters:

Bill Young, Chuck Love, James Byers, Ried Duncan

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty - 72

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:4-5

Prayer

O Worship the King - 144

Only a Holy God

Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You - 768

Thoughts From the Cross: Russell Neill

Were You There? - 962

Lord's Supper

Holy, Holy, Holy - 47

Contribution

All to Us

A.M. Lesson: Connecting

Softly and Tenderly - 934

Announcements

Magnificat

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Sacrifice

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

Shepherd for September: Richard Howard
Supporting Shepherd & Wife: Greg & Diana Hatton

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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.

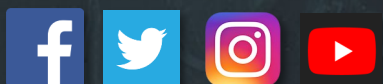
Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

Worship & Classes Online

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