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ANSWERING THE CALL

I have always loved the account of the call of Moses in the book of Exodus. I find myself frustrated by his excuses, yet I have felt the way he felt. Many of us have. Scott Franks, who preaches at the Edgemere Church of Christ in Wichita Falls and has spoken for our summer series here at Southwest, has some excellent thoughts below about how we might answer the call. - Brian

Moses spent 40 years in the Midian desert as a shepherd before being called by God from a burning bush. He spent the next 40 years leading Israel, and in that time he dealt with constant backsliding and grumbling by the Israelites and criticism about his leadership. He felt an immense burden of responsibility for being teacher and judge and governor of these thousands upon thousands of people. There was never enough time and never enough of Moses for all that was expected of him. Who would want that?

But despite all that, I'm positive there is no way he would have preferred being a shepherd back in the desert. There is no way he would have wanted to miss everything he experienced when he said yes to God.

Here's four lessons I take from Moses:

1. When you are called, say yes.

When you feel God tug on your heart, when you feel that twinge of guilt about not doing what you could to bless someone, to speak truth, to show a better way, lean into that.

2. Keep doing the right thing.

It will not make things go easier; more likely you'll get resistance and the voices in your head will give you all sorts of reasons to quit. But if you are faithful, that is success. God takes care of the results, the growth. Your part is to faithfully follow.

3. You are not enough.

You never will be. That's not God's expectation of you. God is not counting on you to be enough. He is the one who is all-sufficient.

4. Live in the tension.

We will live in unresolved tension between the already but not yet, between a broken world and our heavenly inheritance, between obeying God and seeing the reward for that obedience, between the work and the rewards of that work. A "happiness" that is an escape from responsibilities and challenges is a pretty empty existence. A full and meaningful life accepts that we live in that tension, but by staying connected to God through worship and prayer and The Word, we can bear the burdens another week and stay centered and whole and still keep our joy.

February 11, 2024



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

Stephen Purvis will start cancer treatments on February 15th. Please keep him in your prayers.

Southwest Church Family, Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and for all your prayers for Marilyn and our family. Love Stan Balch, Ray, and Flowers Families

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Thank you for the beautiful plant you sent to Joe's graveside service. Also, a special thank you to those who took the time to attend his service. We appreciate your continued thoughts and prayers! Linda Medlock and family

Dear S.W. Family, You have shown our Family so much love during James' illness and passing. We were grateful for all the prayers, cards, texts and calls we received on a daily basis. We appreciate the plant and abundance of good food and meals brought in, including a wonderful funeral meal. Thank you to Brian and David for an uplifting message and to Greg for his guidance through this process. The Byers and Graham Families

Southwest Church of Christ, Thank you so much for the beautiful plant. Your thoughtfulness and prayers have meant so much to our families. With love, The Box Family and Shari Todd

Dear Church Family, If we are lucky, we get to have special people in our lives that are kind and caring. Southwest comprises these remarkable people. Mere words cannot convey how thankful I am for the prayers, cards, calls, and meals, plus transportation to appointments during my battle with Covid. Thank you, D'Esta Hoover

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for...

Leon Hughey, Jessie Nickell, Myrtie Clarke, Mary Barrett, Nash Gilliam, Paula Hatton, Lea Crain, Betty Gerth, Barbara Hataway, Barbara Cannon, Sherry Price, Dona Phippen, Barbara Lewis, Randy Hall, Ronald Trent, 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.

Happenings

Church Events & Announcements

Thank you to all of those that gave support for the Maui Fire Relief efforts. The total given to Maui Church of Christ monetarily and in gift cards was \$9,019.00. This was a combined total of funds from Southwest's general fund and the support that our members gave. Ried and Donna Duncan not only took Southwest's check to the Maui congregation, but also took a lot of \$50.00 gift cards for the church to hand out to those in need of help.



The Golden Doers lunch will be Sunday, **February 11th**, in the fellowship building following our morning services for those 60 years and older.

Ladies Prayer Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. They will meet next on **February 11th**.

The church office will be closed on Monday, **February 19th**, in observance of President's Day.

The Yellow House will hand out food on Monday, **February 26th**, from 8am - 10am. Workers this month are: Chuck Love, Carolyn Pults, Kim Simpson, Butch Platt, Bill Young, Janna Byrd, Mary Conley, Sharon Estes, & Debra Provence. **The food for the Yellow House will be picked up and sacked on the morning of Wednesday, February 21st. If you are unable to help either one of the days, please contact Chuck Love.**

There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk for those that would like to help with the youth Thursday night Bible study and meal. See Thorin for questions.



**All ladies are invited to a
baby shower for
Dakota & Kaleigh Blackwell
at 1pm on Sunday, February 11th,
at The Venue in Ada.**



February at a Glance

- 04 Deacons & Ministers Meeting
- 04 AWTG at Yukon
- 06 SW Widower's Breakfast
- 07 WNFM Meal
- 08 College Meal/Devo (C Dennis)
- 11 Golden Doers, Ladies Pr. Grp,
Baby Blackwell Shower
- 15 College Meal/Devo (S. Estes)
- 16-18 T3 Youth Conference
- 19 President's Day (Off. Closed)
- 21 Yel. House Food Pick-Up
- 22 Col. Meal/Devo (Hensley)
- 23-25 Grief Seminar at SW
- 25 Ladies Prayer Group,
Youth Meal/Fellowship
- 26 Yellow House
- 29 College Meal/Devo
(Hendricks/Johns)



TEENS AND YOUTH

February 11th

Youth Meal & Fellowship

February 16th - 18th

T3 Youth Commission
Lewisville, TX



February 15th

College Meal & Devo at the SBC
(Scott & Sharon Estes)

February 22nd

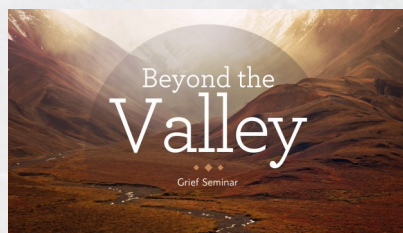
College Meal & Devo
(Tim & Dee Hensley)



- 02/11 Tom Saiz
- 02/12 Briana Lane,
Keith Nail
- 02/15 Karen Cooper,
Debra Shaver,
Jason Vanlandingham
- 02/17 Bruce Dennis



- 02/14 Tommy & Lisa Garrett
- 02/15 James & Karla Garberick



Grief Seminar

at Southwest

February 23-25



PRAY FOR OUR

SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

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



Adults

David Hendricks

Auditorium

Jeff Butler

1st John

Room 100

David Dirrim

Lessons From the Parables

Room 111

College Group

Kyle Wilson

Room 107

Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

Thorin Turner

Room 101

Elementary

5th - 6th grades: Room 104

2nd - 4th Grades: Room 102

K - 1st Grade: Room 105

Preschool

3's & 4's: Room 112

Toddlers: Room 114

Babies: Room 113

For the Record: 02/04/2024

Bible Study	198
AM Assembly	285
PM Assembly	91
Wednesday PM	151
Contributions	\$14,325
Budget	\$13,777

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday AM:

Song Leader: Richard Howard
Opening Prayer: Trevor Manuel
Closing Prayer: Brent Lowe
Scripture Reading: Trenton Hensley
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Brad Trekell
Communion: Steve Black, Toker Dennis, Jet Frye,
Tim Hensley, Stefan Iorga, Ronnie Osborn, Trevin Vass,
Kerry White
Alternate Communion: James Bryant & Matthew Conley
Balcony Communion: Don Kite & Tommy Myers
Attendance Counter: Jag Frye
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM:** Mark Clark
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM:** Casey Farrar
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed:** Bart Conley & Cody Frye
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed:** Ried Duncan & John Eck
Welcome Desk Attendant (February): Alan & Kim Simpson
Greeters (February): Tommy & Joni Vass,
Kerry & Jessica White

Sunday PM:

Song Leader: Beau Griffin
Opening Prayer: Kyle Wilson
Closing Prayer: Jared Griffin
Attendance Counter: Chuck Love
Communion: Drew Graham & Justin Lane

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Nathan Lewis
Announcements/Opening Prayer: TBA
Closing Prayer: Keith Nail
8 Minute Devotional: David Lewis
Attendance Counting: Jag Frye
Safety Team Walk: Cody Frye
Safety Team Camera: Josh Nail

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome
Doxology
Scripture Reading: John 9:4-5
Prayer
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Peace, Perfect Peace
Thoughts From the Cross: Brad Trekell
King of Kings
Lord's Supper
I Surrender All
Contribution
The New Song
A.M. Lesson: Spiritual Blindness
On Bended Knee
Announcements
I'll Fly Away
Prayer
P.M. Lesson: What We Believe

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

Shepherd for February: David Hendricks
Supporting Shepherd & Wife: Greg & Diana Hatton

February Contribution Counters:

Ronnie Osborn, Will Lampkin, Beau Griffin, Jared Griffin

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Sunday

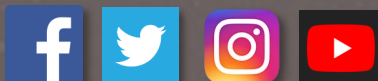
Bible Classes - 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

Worship & Classes Online

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