

The Southwesterner

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PLAN PEACE

We had a great weekend as Jeff Jenkins was here to lead our Beyond the Valley Grief Seminar. This was another in a series of seminars and workshops we've been blessed with over the last few years at Southwest. In 2021 and 2022, we had visits from Bob Turner and Zane Perkins from Sunset Academy of Leadership Training (SALT) who led our elders, deacons and ministers in a discussion about our mission and vision. In 2022 and 2023, Trey and Lea Morgan taught us about building stronger marriages and stronger families. Then this weekend Jeff reminded us that we are not alone as we go through grief and struggles.

It is such a blessing to be part of a church whose leadership understands the need for these times of special focus on important issues and recognizes that there are people with expertise and experience related to these topics who we can learn from. I'm thankful for our shepherds, deacons, staff and the rest of the family here at Southwest.

On Sunday, Jeff gave me a few books that have been published by The Jenkins Institute. One of them is *Weekly Peace for Senior Saints*. (I will assume he gave me this one to read several years down the road.) Looking through it, I was excited to see that Terry Edwards had written one of the weekly thoughts. Terry is a professor at Freed-Hardeman University, and I was the youth minister for two of his kids. We could all benefit from his call to plan peace. - Brian

"We live in very confusing times. That which is wrong is advocated as right, and pursuit of holiness is reviled as despicable. It is not just a case of everything being 'gray,' but of moral choices being completely reversed. Not that this has not happened before in the history of fallen mankind; but admittedly, it is far more treacherous for a man or woman of God to navigate stormy waters. The good news is that a cure is available.

Three millennia ago, King Solomon shared his inspired wisdom with humankind by saying this much: 'Deceit is in the heart of those who desire evil, but those who plan peace have joy' (Proverbs 12:20). The contrast between two attitudes, two worldviews, is stark: we are either plotting evil or promoting peace. In a world full of sorrow there are many who add daily to the pain, both for themselves and for all around them. Those who celebrate evil seem to be willing to do anything to accomplish their ends: silence, lie, cheat, steal and kill.

Shalom (peace) is the 'vaccine' for this pandemic of evil: it is what we need, and it is what the world craves desperately but doesn't recognize. Peace carries with it connotations of wholeness and well-being. We are to be counselors of peace, in spite of what our secular culture makes of our efforts. 'Blessed are the peacemakers'—said the man from Nazareth—"for they shall be called sons of God." Peace involves a relationship with God first, and the inevitable leads to right relationships with our fellow man. Plan peace and you will have joy. Timeless words encourage us to face with assurance our troubled days. We will be swimming upstream, but we are after all called to be salt of the earth and light of the world.

God, on this day, help us to not add to the suffering of men, but instead to be instruments of Your peace, to share the joy of your grace."

March 3, 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

Eula Labass had hip replacement surgery Friday at McBride Hospital in Oklahoma City. Please keep her in your prayers.

Joe Dirrim and Amanda Lampkin both went forward last Sunday morning asking for prayers of the church. They have both been struggling with some things and would really appreciate your prayers.

Our sympathy goes out to Butch and Denise Platt and their family on the passing of Butch's mother, Mary Etta Platt, who passed away last Sunday morning. Her services were held Friday. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Jim Begin's funeral service will be March 9th at 1pm at the Edmond church of Christ.

We welcome Mary Shirey to our family here at Southwest! She decided to place her membership with us last Sunday. She is the mother of Sonya Clark.

Happenings

Church Events & Announcements

New Bible Class: There will be a new Bible class starting in the fellowship building starting Sunday, **March 3rd**. The theme for the class is "Dealing With Dragons." David Dirrim will be teaching. Anyone who would like to come is welcome.

Meals on Wheels week will be **March 4th - 8th**. Helpers this time are: Tommy Myers, Bill Young, Don Kite, Dub Borders, & Chuck Love.

The breakfast for the widowers and single men will be on Tuesday, **March 5th**, in the fellowship building. Coffee will be ready at 7:30am and breakfast will be served at 8:00am.

The Wednesday Night for the Master meal will be **March 6th** at 5:45pm in the fellowship building.

The Golden Doers lunch will be Sunday, **March 10th**, 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 **March 10th**.

Join Carli Turner for another "Paint Party" on **March 22nd** from 6-10pm in the fellowship building. Bring a finger food! The sign-up sheet will be on the Welcome Desk. Pick your favorite Bunny! Hope to see you there!

Thank You to all those who were so thoughtful to send cards, call and pray for us during medical issues and loss of a loved one. We especially thank the Tuesday morning ladies class for all the cards they sent. They were appreciated very much. We also want to thank those young couples who serve up delicious meals to the Golden Doers! It is a great deed you do for us. Love You All! Jerry and Wilma Miller

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for...

Charles & Barbara Cannon, Leon Hughey, Myrtie Clarke, Mary Barrett, Nash Gilliam, Paula Hatton, Lea Crain, Betty Gerth, Barbara Hataway, 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.

A decorative graphic for a wedding shower. It features a white, cloud-like shape with a double-line border, centered on a dark background with a subtle floral pattern. Inside the shape, the words "Wedding Shower" are written in a cursive font. Small decorative dots are placed above and below the text.

Wedding Shower

Everyone is invited

to a

gift card & money tree shower
for Sam Austin & Sarah Heil
on **March 3rd**

in the fellowship building
following our evening service.
Please see Stacey, Camille, or
Darla for questions.



March at a Glance

- 03 Austin/Heil Wed. Shower
AWTG (OKC)
- 04-08 Meals on Wheels
- 05 Widower's Breakfast
- 06 WNFM Meal
- 07 Youth Bible Study Starting
- 10 Golden Doers Lunch,
Daylight Savings Time Begins,
Lad. Pr. Grp, Youth Meal/Fell.
- 14 College Meal/Devo (Turners)
- 17 Youth Meal/Fellowship
- 22 Paint Party Night
- 24 Ladies Prayer Group,
Youth Meal/Fellowship
- 25 Yellow House
- 28 Col. Meal/Devo (Graham/SBC)
- 29 Office Closed (Good Friday)
- 31 Easter, Youth Meal/Fellowship



TEENS AND YOUTH

March 3rd

AWTG in OKC

March 10th

Youth Meal & Fellowship



March 14th

College Meal & Devo
(Turners)

March 28th

College Meal & Devo
at the SBC (Grahams)



- 03/04 Hannah Lowe
- 03/05 Ethan Cartwright,
Clarie Dennis, Major Finley
- 03/06 Kollyns Martin, Judy Voto
- 03/07 Ardith Sumpter
- 03/09 Jade Hayes, Eva Lane



- 03/03 Tommy & Becky Myers
- 03/05 Bill & Betty Ballard
- 03/08 Tom & Geneva Denson



March 23rd

Southwest Church of Christ
Oklahoma City



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
Dealing With Dragons
Fellowship Building

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: 02/25/2024

Bible Study	199
AM Assembly	264
PM Assembly	121
Wednesday PM	134
Contributions	\$12,614
Budget	\$13,777

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Thorin Turner
Opening Prayer: Jack Cadenhead
Closing Prayer: Trever Manuel
Scripture Reading: Kerry White
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Drew Adams
Communion: Drew Adams, Trent Barrett, Brett Butler,
Tucker Dennis, Drew Graham, Garrett Hatton, Justin Lane,
Chuck Love
Alternate Communion: Jeff Butler & Casey Farrar
Balcony Communion: Steve Black & Don Kite
Attendance Counter: Keith Nail
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Hunter Nickell
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Kevin Graham
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Beau Griffin & Jared Griffin
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Jag Frye & Jared Hudson
Welcome Desk Attendant (March): TBA
Greeters (March): Mark & Cindy Coleman,
Garrett & Linden Hatton

Sunday Afternoon:

Song Leader: Brad Trekell
Opening Prayer: Joe Dirrim
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Osborn
Attendance Counter: Alan Simpson
Communion: Ried Duncan & John Eck

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Brian Lewis
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Greg Hatton
Closing Prayer: TBA
8 Minute Devotional: Butch Platt
Attendance Counting: Brad Butler
Safety Team Walk: Josh Nail
Safety Team Camera: Nathan Lewis

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome
He Has Made Me Glad
Scripture Reading: John 13:34-35
Prayer
We Shall Assemble
The Love of God
Our God, He Is Alive
Thoughts From the Cross: Drew Adams
Lamb of God
Lord's Supper
A Common Love
Contribution
Ancient Words
A.M. Lesson: A New Commandment
On Bended Knee
Announcements
I'll Live in Glory
Prayer
P.M. Lesson: The Greatest of These

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

Shepherd for March: Richard Howard
Supporting Shepherd & Wife: Brent & Diana Lowe

March Contribution Counters:
Drew Adams, Kevin Graham, Drew Graham

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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.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.

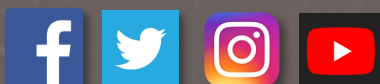
Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

Worship & Classes Online

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