



# The *Southwesterner*

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## WHAT CAN GOD DO WITH YOU?

The recent Bible class study of Jonah was another reminder of the amazing things God does even through uncooperative people. God still works through people. Joe Chesser, who preaches in Jackson, Missouri, recently shared this article about how God can work through His people. -Brian

When God sent Samuel to anoint a new king for Israel, He had something different in mind. Israel's first king, Saul, was the people's choice. The people had wanted to be like the other nations around them. They no longer wanted to let God be their King. In fact they never really did since leaving Egypt (1 Sam. 8:4-9). So, God allowed them to have a king that would please their desires, though severe warnings had been given about what this king would do to the people (1 Sam. 8:10-18). They didn't care. They didn't want to listen to God; they wanted a king. So, God gave them Saul. This time, however, God was going to do something different. He wasn't going to appoint the next king according to the thinking of the people. Instead, He was going to choose a new king that would please Him. When God sent Samuel to anoint the next king, he learned that God looked at things much differently than people do. People look at the outward appearance; God looks at the heart (1 Sam. 16:7). God chose David, the 8th son of Jesse. David wasn't the strongest or the most experienced person for the job. In fact, he was just a youth when anointed, and likely in his mid-teens when he fought Goliath. But, and this is huge, it didn't matter how old or how strong or how experienced David was, he was the man for the job because God was with him! It says that from the day Samuel anointed David, the Spirit of the Lord came upon him with power (1 Sam. 16:13).

When the Spirit of God comes upon someone, powerful things can happen. Despite the weaknesses of the individual, the Spirit can do marvelous things through those people. The Spirit of the Lord came upon men like Othniel, Gideon and Samson, and empowered them to win battles and judge the Israelites. The Spirit of the Lord came upon men like Isaiah, Amos and Jonah, and empowered them to prophesy to sinful nations. God doesn't need the strong or the intelligent or the influential to do His work. He just needs people with willing hearts to allow Him to work through them. God saw David's heart and knew that when the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, remarkable things would happen. In a very short time David's reputation became "... he knows how to play the harp. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the Lord is with him" (1 Sam. 16:18). Only 5 verses after the Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power. What can God do with you? If you have a heart like David's, what can God do with you? If you allow the Spirit of the Lord to work through you, what can God do with you? If you have faith and refuse to quench the Spirit, what can God do with you? What can He help you do? Answer: anything He wants!

March 17, 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

**Wesley Lampkin** got a concussion Monday night after hitting his head. He is now home resting, but was told by his pediatrician to take it easy for a couple of weeks. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Leon Dennis** had two rounds of eye surgery to repair a detached retina. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Dear Southwest friends,** Thank you all so much for the cards and prayers since I've been down. It has meant a lot to me. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. Thanks again, Leon Hughey

**To our Southwest family,** Thank you for the prayers for my brother Johnny. Also thank you to the women's group for the beautiful card. He is home now with home health. Christian Love, Bob and Bobbie Fennell

**1 Thessalonians 5:17**

*"Pray without ceasing."*

Please continue to pray for...

George Patterson, Charles & Barbara Cannon, Leon Hughey, Myrtie Clarke, Mary Barrett, Nash Gilliam, Paula Hatton, Lea Crain, Betty Gerth, Barbara Hataway, Sherry Price, Dona Pippen, 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*

**The new Power for Today** study booklets for April, May, and June are here! For those that would like one, they will be in the clear wall racks as you come in the north and south double entry doors.

**There will be a Safety Team meeting on March 17th** at 4pm in room 100.

**The upcoming "Paint Party"** is on March 22nd from 6-10pm in the fellowship building. If you have signed up to attend, please bring a finger food. For questions, please see Carli Turner.

**Ladies Prayer Group** meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. They will meet next on March 24th.

**The church office** will be closed on Good Friday, March 29th.

**There will be a Safety Team Range Day** at the Ada Police Department gun range on Saturday, March 30th, at 4pm. See James Bryant for questions.



The Yellow House will hand out food this month on Monday, March 25th, from 8am - 10a0m. Helpers this month are Donna Duncan, Barbara Houston, Myrtie Clark, Don Kite, Scott Estes, Carolyn Preble, Glenda Lillard, Glenn Ogle, & James Myers. **The food will be picked up and sacked on the morning of Wednesday, March 20th. If you are unable to help with either date, please contact Chuck Love.**





### March at a Glance

- 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,  
Ladies Prayer Group  
Youth Meal/Fellowship
- 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 17th

Youth Meal & Fellowship

#### March 24th

Youth Meal & Fellowship



#### March 28th

College Meal & Devo  
at the SBC (Graham & Byers)

#### April 11th

College Meal & Devo  
(Nickell)



- 03/17 Tim Hensley
- 03/18 Jennings Martin,  
Carlee Trekell
- 03/19 April Cartwright
- 03/20 Sarah Dirrim, Kevin Graham,  
Barbara Lewis
- 03/21 Jet Frye, Madonna Tidwell,  
Courtney Vanlandingham



03/23 Don & Pam Kite



#### March 23rd

Southwest Church of Christ  
Oklahoma City

### PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

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



#### Adults

David Hendricks

Auditorium

Jeff Butler

1st John

Room 100

David Dirrim

Dealing With Dragons

Fellowship Building

Drew Adams & Brad Trekell

Sermon on the Mount

Room 111

#### College Group

Kyle Wilson

Room 107

#### Youth Group

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: 03/10/2024

Bible Study	160
AM Assembly	240
PM Assembly	95
Wednesday PM	131
Contributions	\$15,228
Budget	\$13,777

# SERVING THIS WEEK

## Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Kerry White  
Opening Prayer: Jared Griffin  
Closing Prayer: Ried Duncan  
Scripture Reading: Cody Frye  
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Jack Cadenhead  
Communion: James Bryant, Toker Dennis, Jack Cadenhead,  
Joe Dirrim, Casey Farrar, Jag Frye, Drew Graham,  
Keith Nail  
Alternate Communion: Chuck Love & Trevor Manuel  
Balcony Communion: Nathan Lewis & David Lewis  
Attendance Counter: Garrett Hatton  
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: John Eck  
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Mark Clark  
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Beau Griffin & TBA  
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Steve Black & KerVon James  
Welcome Desk Attendant (March): Glinda Byers & Amy Graham  
Greeters (March): Mark & Cindy Coleman,  
Garrett & Linden Hatton

## Sunday Afternoon:

Song Leader: Ronnie Osborn  
Opening Prayer: Thorin Turner  
Closing Prayer: David Dirrim  
Attendance Counter: Matthew Conley  
Communion: Trent Barrett & Justin Lane

## Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Trenton Hensley  
Announcements/Opening Prayer: David Hendricks  
Closing Prayer: Joe Dirrim  
8 Minute Devotional: Mark Coleman  
Attendance Counting: Caleb Estes  
Safety Team Walk: Hunter Nickell  
Safety Team Camera: Brad Butler

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Let Every Heart Rejoice - 8

Scripture Reading: Exodus 34:6-7

Prayer

Living for Jesus - 676

Count Your Blessings - 742

Thoughts From the Cross: Jack Cadenhead

He Bore It All - 351

Lord's Supper

Thank You Lord - 781

Contribution

Paradise Valley - 898

A.M. Lesson: Would They Call Us Jonah?

Do You Know My Jesus - 943

Announcements

I'll Be Listening - 988

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Ried Duncan (Maui Presentation)

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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## 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.

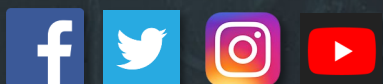
## Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

## Worship & Classes Online

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