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EBB AND FLOW

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, ebb and flow is “used to describe something that changes in a regular and repeated way.” That could describe many things in our world. We experience the changing of seasons in nature. Baseball fans are ready for a new season to begin. We are only a couple of months away from another school year coming to an end. Even in church life, there are regular changes.

Last Sunday, Stacey and I visited the congregation in Arkansas where we spent 14 years. Although it was good to reconnect with old friends, we were struck by how many familiar faces were gone and had been replaced by new faces we did not know. Here at Southwest, we experience the same thing.

Within the last few months, the Neill and Conley families have both moved away. Although I have no doubt they will be great additions to new congregations, they will be missed here. Their entire families were active in so many of the ministries that make Southwest the church family that it is. They will be hard to replace, yet the work they did here still needs to be done.

We have suffered losses as people we love dearly have gone on to their reward. We celebrate lives well lived to God’s glory. We know we will meet again, but their absence here is still felt.

On the other side of the ebb and flow, we have regular additions and changes to our church family. New members have joined us. Some are old friends, while others are new ones. The sounds of babies and children are a regular part of our gatherings. We have rejoiced as we witnessed transformed lives rise from the waters of baptism.

The ebb and flow is all part of the life of the church. It is such a blessing to be a part of the Southwest family. The God who unites us is the One who will always remain.

- Brian

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. - Ecclesiastes 3:1

March 24, 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

Leon Dennis had a hard fall and broke his right wrist and left elbow. He will be in a cast and a sling for several weeks. Please keep him in your prayers.

Tonya White's son-in-law, Drew Saffell, had throat surgery on March 23rd. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.

Ardith Sumpter is having some issues with her Afib at this time. Please keep her in your prayers.

Please keep Charles and Barbara Cannon in your prayers. They are in Ada Care Center and would love to have visits from us.

Our sympathy goes out to Ron Ballard on the passing of his sister, Shasta Spradlin. Please keep Ron, Judy, and their family in your prayers.

Jeannie Wingard's sister-in-law, Norma Jones, is having a heart procedure done on April 5th. She lives in Houston. Please keep her in your prayers.

Dear Southwest family, Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, visits, texts, food and for attending the memorial service after the passing of my brother Jeremy. We're very thankful for each one of you. The John Eck family

Southwest family, Thank you for the beautiful wedding shower. We truly appreciate each of you. Also, thank you to the ladies who helped put it on, and helped us decorate. We are so blessed to be part of a wonderful church family. In Christian love, Sam & Sarah Austin

Jeannie Wingard's brother-in-law, Garry Higginbottom from Pauls Valley, is taking chemo for at least 9 more months. Please keep him in your prayers. **Garry is also requesting prayers** for his brother, Donnie, who is in the VA Hospital with very serious heart problems. He is not strong enough for surgery at this time.

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

Southwest Church of Christ, Thank you so much for the beautiful plant for the funeral. The Southwest church has blessed our family in so many ways over the years. Thank you for your kindness. Thank you, The Begin Family

The new handicapped accessible bathroom is completed and ready to use! It is located a little over half way down the south hallway on the right-hand side of the hallway.

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.

There will be a breakfast for the widowers and single men on Tuesday, **April 2nd**, 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 **April 3rd** at 5:45pm in the fellowship building.



The Yellow House will hand out food this month on Monday, **March 25th**, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are Donna Duncan, Barbara Houston, Myrtie Clarke, Don Kite, Scott Estes, Carolyn Preble, Glenda Lillard, Glenn Ogle, & James Myers.



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 24th

Youth Meal & Fellowship

March 28th

Youth Bible Study



March 28th

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

April 11th

College Meal & Devo
(Nickell)



- 03/24 Hunter Fulton, Chuck Love
- 03/24 Ali Cooper, Melba Hamlett
- 03/26 Brianna Iorga,
Ronnie Osborn,
Valorie Osborn
- 03/27 Shari Todd
- 03/28 David Lewis,
Madison Wingard
- 03/29 John Lee, Jeannie Wingard
- 03/30 Presley Hayes, Caleb Willis



- 03/25 Jared & April Cartwright
- 03/30 John & Melissa Eck



**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

2 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: 03/17/2024

Bible Study	182
AM Assembly	263
PM Assembly	107
Wednesday PM	171
Contributions	\$11,880
Budget	\$13,777

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Drew Adams
Opening Prayer: Jared Hudson
Closing Prayer: Dusty Dennis
Scripture Reading: Cale Hudson
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Bart Conley
Communion: Steve Black, Toker Dennis, John Eck,
Jared Griffin, Tim Hensley, Trever Manuel, Alan Simpson,
Kerry White
Alternate Communion: Drew Graham & Keith Nail
Balcony Communion: Jet Frye & Jag Frye
Attendance Counter: Greg Hatton
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Kevin Graham
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: TBA
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Cody Frye & Beau Griffin
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Casey Farrar & Bruce Huddleston
Welcome Desk Attendant (March): Glinda Byers & Amy Graham
Greeters (March): Mark & Cindy Coleman,
Garett & Linden Hatton

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Kyle Wilson
Opening Prayer: Justin Lane
Closing Prayer: Brad Trekell
Attendance Counter: Tyler Jones
Communion: Joe Dirrim & Butch Platt

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Trenton Hensley
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Ried Duncan
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Osborn
8 Minute Devotional: Jared Hudson
Attendance Counting: Beau Griffin
Safety Team Walk: Josh Nail
Safety Team Camera: Jared Griffin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome
More About Jesus - 678
Scripture Reading:
Prayer
I'll Be Listening - 988
Higher Ground - 539
Oh, the Depths and the Riches - 375
Thoughts From the Cross: Bart Conley
Hallelujah! What a Savior - 337
Lord's Supper
Seek Ye First - 555
Contribution
I Stand Amazed - 147
A.M. Lesson: Be Glorified
What a Friend We Have in Jesus - 800
Announcements
O for a Faith - 540
Prayer
P.M. Lesson: Perfect Love

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

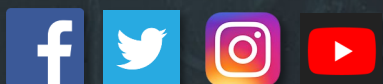
Ladies Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

Worship & Classes Online

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