



The *Southwesterner*

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A FAITH THAT GROWS

I love stories in scripture of faith that progresses in the lives of people who encounter Jesus. We looked at one of those stories last month in John 9. The blind man who Jesus heals changes the way he describes Jesus as the chapter goes on. He calls Jesus a man, then calls Him a prophet and recognizes that He must be from God before finally calling Him Lord towards the end of the chapter. There is a similar faith progression that happens in the life of another person mentioned in a few instances throughout John's gospel.

We are first introduced to Nicodemus in John 3. He comes to learn from Jesus at night. Although it is not spelled out for us, that timing of his visits with Jesus indicate that he does not want to be seen with Him. Jesus explains to him that a person must be born again to have a new life with God. He is clearly confused by this teaching, but we do not know in chapter 3 if his life is changed.

We next find Nicodemus in John 7. Jesus has gained popularity, but people are divided about who He is and what His teaching and miracles might mean. As the Pharisees are ready to condemn, Nicodemus speaks up in verse 51: "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" There are not many people in John's gospel other than Jesus who challenge the Pharisees. Nicodemus does here.

We last hear about Him in chapter 19 after Jesus is crucified. Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea take the body of Jesus and place Him in the tomb. In verse 39, John reminds us who he is and tells us what he does now. "Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight."

Nicodemus went from visiting under the cover of darkness, to speaking words of reason in a tense situation to caring for Jesus after His own apostles were nowhere to be found. What changed from chapter 3 to chapter 19? He encountered Jesus. If Jesus could transform Nicodemus so completely, how could He change your life?

- Brian

"But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God." - John 3:21

March 31, 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

Ken and Wanda Roper moved on Monday to Teal Creek Senior Living in Edmond. Please keep both of them in your prayers.

Please keep the people and the church in Haiti and in the Ukraine in your prayers.

Southwest, Thank you for all of your cards, prayers, thoughts and plant. All of you are so great and loved. It is a sad but wonderful time knowing that Shasta was loved on earth but blessed in Heaven. The Ballards

Thank you for the cards and prayers. A special thanks to my sister, Juanita Scroggins, for her prayers, delicious food and transportation. Please continue to include me in your thoughts and prayers. I am so happy to be back in church services with my Southwest family. Eula Labass

Dear Southwest Church,
The family of Sherry Darbison, the daughter-in-law of Larry and Bobbye Darbison, want each of you to know how much your support has been appreciated during the long illness and death of our beloved family member. Your prayers were most appreciated and it meant so much that many attended the funeral. The flowers, food, visits, cards, calls and special donations were so important in helping the entire family cope with this great loss to our grieving family.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for...

Ken & Wanda Roper, George Patterson, 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.

Happenings

Church Events & Announcements

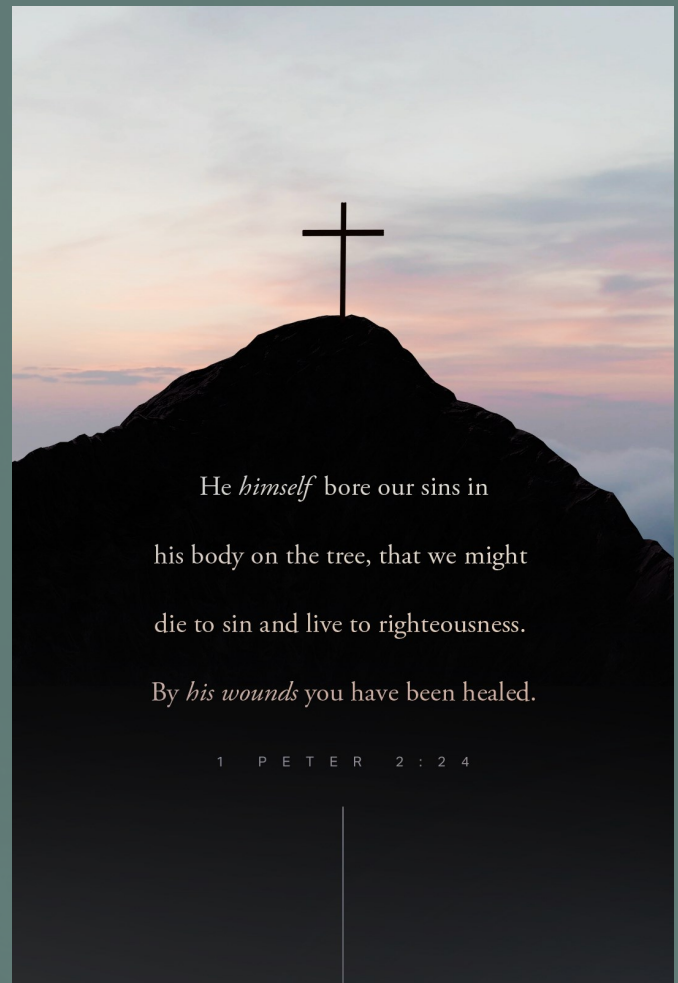
There will be a breakfast for the widowers and single men on Tuesday, **April 2nd**, in the fellowship building. Coffee will be ready at 7:30am and breakfast will be served at 8:00am.

The Wednesday Night for the Master meal will be **April 3rd** at 5:45pm in the fellowship building.

The Golden Doers lunch will be Sunday, **April 7th**, in the fellowship building following our morning services for those that are 60 years or older.

The Ladies Prayer Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. They will meet next on **April 14th**.

The Yellow House will hand out food next month on Monday, **April 22nd**, from 8am - 10am. There will be more information about it coming up in next week's bulletin.



He *himself* bore our sins in

his body on the tree, that we might

die to sin and live to righteousness.

By *his wounds* you have been healed.

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18 UPCOMING EVENTS

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 31st

Youth Meal & Fellowship

April 4th

Youth Bible Study



April 5th - 7th

College Group Spring Retreat at
Pettijohn Springs Christian Camp

April 11th

College Meal & Devo
(Nickell)

Birthdays of the Month

- 03/31 Jake Williams
- 04/02 Cody Reynolds,
Ramona Scott
- 04/03 Jag Frye
- 04/04 Chelsea Butler,
Juanita Scroggins
- 04/05 Blaikley Williams

Happy Anniversary

- 04/05 Russell & Cathy Eaves
Corey & Susan Pickle

who's your ONE?

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

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



Bible Classes

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Adults

David Hendricks

Auditorium

Jeff Butler

3 John

Room 100

David Dirrim

Dealing With Dragons

Fellowship Building

Drew Adams & Brad Trezell

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: 03/24/2024

Bible Study	193
AM Assembly	264
PM Assembly	107
Wednesday PM	---
Contributions	\$14,597
Budget	\$13,777

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Jack Cadenhead
Opening Prayer: Will Lampkin
Closing Prayer: Jeff Butler
Scripture Reading: David Lewis
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Dusty Dennis
Communion: Trent Barrett, Steve Black, Brett Butler,
Joe Dirrim, John Eck, Jared Hudson, Tommy Vass,
TBA
Alternate Communion: Jared Griffin & Beau Griffin
Balcony Communion: Mark Clark & Tommy Myers
Attendance Counter: Chuck Love
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Keith Nail
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: James Bryant
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Caleb Estes & TBA
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Cody Frye & Garrett Hatton
Welcome Desk Attendant (March): Glinda Byers & Amy Graham
Greeters (March): Mark & Cindy Coleman,
Garrett & Linden Hatton

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Kerry White
Opening Prayer: Justin Lane
Closing Prayer: Thorin Turner
Attendance Counter: TBA
Communion: Brad Butler & Trevin Vass

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Brad Trekell
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Ried Duncan
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Osborn
8 Minute Devotional: Kyle Wilson
Attendance Counting: Drew Graham
Safety Team Walk: Hunter Nickell
Safety Team Camera: Kevin Graham

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:9-10

Prayer

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Fairest Lord Jesus

How Deep the Father's Love

Thoughts From the Cross: Dusty Dennis

My Jesus, I Love Thee (verses 1 & 2)

Lord's Supper

My Jesus, I Love Thee (verse 3)

Contribution

Low in the Grave He Lay

A.M. Lesson: Risen Savior

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Announcements

Thank You, Lord

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: 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.

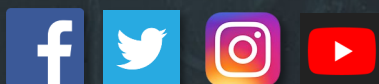
Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

Worship & Classes Online

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