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WHAT YOU'VE GOT GOING FOR YOU

One of my favorite emails to receive is Jim Martin's Encouragement Note. I'm happy to see it in my inbox, because there is always something positive. In his most recent note, Jim makes some great recommendations about remembering the good things in our lives even when times are tough. I hope you will be encouraged by his ideas. - Brian

She walked into an office building one morning and greeted a co-worker with, "Good morning!" The co-worker replied, "What's so good about it?"

At times, you and I may begin our day with very low expectations. After all, some of us deal with car troubles, family illnesses, expensive repairs on the washing machine or refrigerator. We have challenges with our adult children. Yet, in spite of all this, you and I have so much going for us.

1. You have a God who loves you.

2. You have Jesus who desires an intimate relationship with you & wants you to place your trust in him.

3. You have the Holy Spirit who lives in you. He is a constant guide and a source of strength who helps you do what is right.

- 4. You can talk to God and pour out your heart in prayer.
- 5. You have the investment of someone who believed in you long ago.
- 6. You probably have beautiful memories of loved ones, either past or present.
- 7. You have the opportunity and capacity to learn something each day.
- 8. You have the daily blessings from God—both those you recognize and those you don't which sustain you through the seasons of your life.

9. You can look into the mirror and see an inner beauty that can't be distorted by age, by sickness, or by someone's mistreatment.

10. You can rest assured that God is for you! (Romans 8:31-39). He is in your corner!

You may have challenges. You've probably known some heartache. You may be anxious. However, know that you have so much going for you!

April 7, 2024



Elders

Jeff Butler Greg Hatton David Hendricks Richard Howard Brent Lowe Butch Platt

Ministers

Brian Lewis David Dirrim Thorin Turner Kyle Wilson

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Family Matters

Congratulations to the Huff family on the birth of their new baby. Please keep them in your prayers .

Dear Southwest Family, Sincerest thank you for all your love and support through our time of loss. Your cards, visits, meals, prayers, words of encouragement, gifts of generosity, and hugs have truly touched and encouraged our hearts! We love you! In Him, Hunter and Jena Nickell

All ladies are invited to a Ladies' Day at the Northwest Church of Christ in Lewisville, TX on **April 27th**. If you are interested in going, there is more information on the board on the south side of the Welcome Desk.

Madill Church of Christ will be hosting special guest speaker on <u>April 27th</u>. If you are interested, there is more information on the board on the south side of the Welcome Desk.



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 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 Golden Doers lunch will be Sunday, <u>April 7th</u>, 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 <u>April 14th</u>.

The Yellow House will hand out food this month on Monday, <u>April 22nd</u>, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are: Tommy Myers, Chuck Love, Janna Byrd, Bill Young, Donna Duncan, Carolyn Pults, Kim Simpson, and Mark and Cindy Coleman. The food for the Yellow House will be picked up and sacked the morning of Wednesday, <u>April 17th</u>. If you are unable to help with either of the dates, please let Chuck Love know.



All ladies are invited to a baby shower for *Paige and David Lewis* at 3 pm on Sunday, <u>April 21st</u>, in the fellowship building.



- April at a Glance 02 Widower's Breakfast 03 WNFM Meal 05-07 College Spring Retreat 07 Golden Doers Lunch, Youth Meal/Fellowship 11 College Meal/Devo (Nickell) 14 AWTG/Volleyball (Tecumseh), Ladies Prayer Group 17 Food Pick Up/Sack for Y. Hse. 18 College Meal/Devo at SBC (Hamilton & Manuel) 21 Lewis Baby Shower,
- Youth Meal/Fellowship
- 22 Yellow House
- 25 College Meal/Devo (T. Frye)
- 28 Ladies Prayer Group, Youth Meal/Fellowship



ILENS AND YOUTH April 7th Youth Meal & Fellowship

April 11th Youth Bible Study



<u>April 5th - 7th</u> College Group Spring Retreat at Pettijohn Springs Christian Camp

<u>April 11th</u> College Meal & Devo (Nickell)



04/09 Jake Cooper, Maggi Tucker, Sharon Estes, Olivia Hamilton, Josh Kiker, Sherry Price, Greg Stonecipher 04/10 Dallas Gould, Eli Jonka 04/12 Tonya White 04/13 Don Byrd



04/12 Jeff & Karen Cooper, Garett & Linden Hatton



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 Galatians Room 100

David Dirrim Dealing With Dragons Fellowship Building

Drew Adams & Brad Trekell "God Didn't Say That" 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:	03/31/2024	
Bible Study		210
AM Assembly		352
PM Assembly		101
Wednesday PM		175
Contributions		\$18,351
Budget		\$13,777

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Scott Estes **Opening Prayer: Jack Cadenhead Closing Prayer: Trever Manuel** Scripture Reading: Cale Hudson Lord's Supper Thoughts: David Dirrim Communion: Matt Bryant, James Bryant, Quaid Clark, Mark Clark, David Dirrim, Casey Farrar, Drew Graham, Ronnie Osborn Alternate Communion: Tuker Dennis & Tim Hensley Balcony Communion: Steve Black & Brad Butler Attendance Counter: Jared Hudson Safety Team Walk AM/PM: Kevin Graham Safety Team Camera AM/PM: Caleb Estes Coordinator AM/PM/Wed: Beau Griffin & Tyler Jones Sound Booth AM/PM/Wed: Ried Duncan & John Eck Welcome Desk Attendant (April): Clarie Dennis & TBA Greeters (April): Kelley Hughey & Chuck Love

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Drew Adams Opening Prayer: Joe Dirrim Closing Prayer: Kerry White Attendance Counter: Keith Nail Communion: Cody Frye & Justin Lane Wednesday PM:

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome How Sweet, How Heavenly - 709 Scripture Reading: John 20:30-31 Prayer A Wonderful Savior - 508 Hide Me, Rock of Ages - 774 Nearer Still Nearer - 478 Thoughts From the Cross: David Dirrim Just As I Am - 924 Lord's Supper Let the Beauty of Jesus - 722 Contribution Sing On, Ye Joyful Pilgrims - 747 A.M. Lesson: Believe It or Not There Is Power in the Blood - 903 Announcements Take the Name of Jesus - 738 Prayer P.M. Lesson: Faith and Doubt

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

Shepherd for April: Butch Platt Supporting Shepherd & Wife: David & Darla Hendricks

> **April Contribution Counters:** Tommy Vass, Caleb Estes, Brad Butler

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ONLINE GIVING



<u>Sunday</u> Bible Classes - 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m. Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.

<u>Tuesday</u> Ladies Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.

<u>Wednesday</u> Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

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