



# The *Southwesterner*

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## FAITH IN TROUBLED TIMES

On Sunday evenings in April, we are talking about faith and doubt. As we discussed last week, a common faith problem is that we sometimes put our faith in the wrong things. People trust their resources, themselves or others above God. Even though faith was placed elsewhere, the same people might blame God when things do not go according to plan. When those things and people let us down and circumstances get worse, God remains. He was there before, but His people can be too busy making their own solutions to see His presence clearly.

Amazingly, He told us in scripture that He works that way. Sometimes He shows us through the example of who He chooses to be part of His mission. Author Jon Acuff captures this idea well. "God found Gideon in a hole. He found Joseph in a prison. He found Daniel in a lion's den. He has a curious habit of showing up in the midst of trouble, not the absence. Where the world sees failure, God sees future. Next time you feel unqualified to be used by God remember this, he tends to recruit from the pit, not the pedestal."

When we don't pick up on the pattern in examples like these, He even spells it out for us through the words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. "So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

So where is our faith? It is in our all-powerful God, whose power is shown in our weakness. Those moments of weakness that could challenge our faith can actually be reminders of His power. May that strengthen our faith!

- Brian

April 14, 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

**Jerry Ann Henley's** brother-in-law, Eddie Christian, was diagnosed with cancer and hospice has been called in. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Jeff Butler's** father, Harold Butler, is in ICU at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City recovering from another surgery. The family would appreciate your prayers.

**Steve Iorga** had surgery for kidney stones on Monday. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Please keep** the Eck family in your prayers. They are having some struggles at this time with the recent loss of John's brother and some other challenges that Macey is going through. They would appreciate your prayers.

**Dear Southwest,** We are over joyed to report that the tumor and tissue removed from Drew's throat are benign. Thank you for your cards, well wishes and most of all your prayers.

Tonya White & 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*

**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 this month on Monday, April 22nd, 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, April 17th. If you are unable to help with either of the dates, please let Chuck Love know.**

**There will be a meeting** for the elders, deacons, and ministers on Sunday, May 5th, at 3pm in room 100.



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

# 18 UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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



## TEENS AND YOUTH

### April 14th

AWTG & Volleyball at Tecumseh

### April 18th

Youth Bible Study



### April 18th

College Group Meal & Devo  
at the SBC (Hamilton & Manuel)

### April 25th

College Meal & Devo  
(Cody & Tiffany Frye)

# Birthdays of the Month

- 04/14 Daniel Jonka
- 04/15 Katie Meaders
- 04/16 Bill Blackwell,  
Mark Coleman,  
Todd Denson,  
Tyler Jones,  
Sylvia Treadaway
- 04/19 Amy White
- 04/20 Lisa Fulton

# Happy Anniversary

- 04/14 Drew & Danielle Adams
- 04/16 Ron & Judy Ballard

# who's your ONE?

**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: 04/07/2024

Bible Study	176
AM Assembly	214
PM Assembly	119
Wednesday PM	135
Contributions	\$15,575
Budget	\$13,777

# SERVING THIS WEEK

## Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Bruce Dennis  
Opening Prayer: Jeff Butler  
Closing Prayer: Dusty Dennis  
Scripture Reading: Toker Dennis  
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Ried Duncan  
Communion: Steve Black, Brett Butler, Ried Duncan,  
Tim Hensley, Stefan Iorga, Justin Lane, Trever Manuel,  
Kerry White  
Alternate Communion: James Bryant & Ronnie Osborn  
Balcony Communion: Jared Griffin & Don Kite  
Attendance Counter: Keith Nail  
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Kyle Wilson  
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: John Eck  
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Quaid Clark & Caleb Estes  
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Drew Adams & Caleb Estes  
Welcome Desk Attendant (April): Clarie Dennis & Dalee Weston  
Greeters (April): Kelley Hughey & Chuck Love

## Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Richard Howard  
Opening Prayer: Hunter Nickell  
Closing Prayer: Joe Dirrim  
Attendance Counter: Jag Frye  
Communion: Casey Farrar & Drew Graham

## Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Justin Lane  
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Tyler Jones  
Closing Prayer: Alan Simpson  
8 Minute Devotional: Brad Trezell  
Attendance Counting: Matt Bryant  
Safety Team Walk: Keith Nail  
Safety Team Camera: Brad Butler

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

O Worship the King - 144

Scripture Reading: John 6:35

Prayer

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vs. 1,2,4) - 162

His Name Is Wonderful - 163

We Saw Thee Not - 342

Thoughts From the Cross: Ried Duncan

Worthy Is the Lamb - 234

Lord's Supper

Savior, Thy Dying Love (vs. 1,2,4 only) - 667

Contribution

Each Day I'll Do a Golden Deed - 570

A.M. Lesson: Hunger and Thirst No More

Out of My Bondage - 918

Announcements

I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord - 609

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Faith in Action

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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## 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.

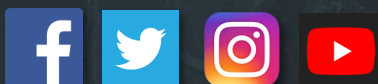
## Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

## Worship & Classes Online

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