



# The *Southwesterner*

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## WHERE ARE WE GOING?

In light of our Sunday evening theme of faith and regular reminders of how faith changes our actions, I hope you will be challenged and reminded by these words from Scott Elliott from the La Grange Church of Christ in La Grange, Texas. Be the church daily. - Brian

For many years, Christians have centered their faith around activities that happen in a building. We have made being a Christian about what one does in a church building. We have said Christianity is attending worship, participating in a Bible class, volunteering to train children, serving on a committee, etc. These are all good things. They are things Christians should be doing, but if we are not careful, we can reduce Christianity to only things that happen within the walls of a church.

The early church was not bound to a building. They prayed together, ate together, and met on the first day of the week. However, they did not limit their activity to what happens in a single structure. They were in the marketplaces and each other's homes. They were found at the temple and on the streets. They continued Jesus' ministry and took his command to "Go into all the world..." seriously.

Where am I going?

Christians need to consider this question. Something is wrong if our faith only leads us to a church building and nowhere else. We must prioritize meeting together and worshipping on Sunday, but we also must prioritize going into our communities to help people in need and share the good news. We need to be going into other people's homes and having people in our homes. We should be aware of opportunities to serve so we can continue the ministry of Jesus.

Where are we going?

All churches must ask themselves this question. Where are we going as the body of Christ? Are we being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community? Are we visible to the people around us, or are we a group that no one knows anything about because the walls of our church building hide everything we do? If we want to be like Jesus, we must go. He did not call us to hide our light under a basket. He called us to be the light of the world.

*"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'" (Mark 16:15)*

April 28, 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

**Tom Saiz** went forward last Sunday morning. He is having some personal struggles and would appreciate your prayers.

**Our sympathy** goes out to Jerry Ann Henley and her family. Her brother-in-law, Eddie Christian, who was on hospice, passed away on April 17th. Her nephew, Chris, Eddie's son, passed away on April 19th. Their funerals were held jointly last Monday. Prayers for all the family are needed and will be much appreciated.

**Southwest Family**, Thank you for the flowers during the loss of Jesse. It brought much comfort to our family during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered. Love, The Jesse Nickell Family

## 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 28th**.

**The Wednesday Night for the Master meal** will be **May 1st** in the fellowship building at 5:45pm.

**The Golden Doers lunch** will be Sunday, **May 5th**, in the fellowship building following our morning services. If you are 60 years or older, please come join us!

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

**Meals on Wheels** week will be **May 6th - 10th**. Helpers this month are: Tommy Myers, Bill Young, Don Kite, Dub Borders, and Chuck Love.

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

**Senior Night**, for our graduating high school seniors, will be on Sunday, **May 5th**. There will be a Bible presentation and a slide show of our graduating seniors, in the auditorium, following our evening worship service with refreshments to follow in the fellowship building. There will be tables set up, with baskets for cards and gifts, in the foyer for each senior graduating this year. Those graduating this year are Macey Eck and Heaven Allen.

### 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.

## Wedding Shower

All ladies are invited to a wedding shower for **Amy White and Quaid Clark** at 3 pm on Sunday, **May 5th**, in the fellowship building.

  
**CONGRATS**

We are so proud to let you know that **Brianna Iorga** is graduating from Kansas State University with a Master's Degree in Grain Science and an emphasis in Baking Science. Thank you for all of the prayers and support over the years and please continue to pray for her job search. - Stefan and Daniella Iorga

# 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 28th**

Youth Meal & Fellowship

**May 5th**

Senior Night

(Following P.M. Service)



No more meals & devos  
are scheduled due to  
school is almost out

# Birthdays of the Month

- 04/29 Patricia Wright
- 05/01 Rebekah Eck, Cody Frye,  
Linden Hatton,  
Joleigh Tinsley
- 05/02 Lilly Cadenhead
- 05/04 Cameron Butler,  
Joan Elliott,  
Adrienne Vanlandingham



# 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

Galatians

Room 100

David Dirrim

Dealing With Dragons

Fellowship Building

Drew Adams & Brad Trezell

"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: 04/21/2024

Bible Study	191
AM Assembly	280
PM Assembly	—
Wednesday PM	164
Contributions	\$13,905
Budget	\$13,777

# SERVING THIS WEEK

## Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Richard Howard  
Opening Prayer: Dusty Dennis  
Closing Prayer: Keith Nail  
Scripture Reading: Kerry White  
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Cody Frye  
Communion: Trent Barrett, Steve Black, Matt Bryant,  
Tuker Dennis, John Eck, Cody Frye, Ronnie Osborn,  
Alan Simpson  
Alternate Communion: Casey Farrar & Beau Griffin  
Balcony Communion: Don Kite & Tommy Myers  
Nursing Home Communion: Raymond Johnson  
Attendance Counter: Jag Frye  
Safety Team Walk **AM/PM**: Brad Butler  
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Josh Nail  
Coordinator **AM/PM/Wed**: Caleb Estes & Jared Griffin  
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Tyler Jones & Justin Lane  
Welcome Desk Attendant (April): Tanner & Dalee Weston  
Greeters (April): Kelley Hughey & Chuck Love

## Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Brad Trezell  
Opening Prayer: Kyle Wilson  
Closing Prayer: Mark Coleman  
Attendance Counter: Drew Graham  
Communion: Joe Dirrim & Trevin Vass

## Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Beau Griffin  
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Ried Duncan  
Closing Prayer: Drew Adams  
8 Minute Devotional: Scott Estes  
Attendance Counting: Will Lampkin  
Safety Team Walk: James Bryant  
Safety Team Camera: Hunter Nickell

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome  
We're Marching to Zion  
Scripture Reading: John 20:30-31  
Prayer  
Hallelujah Praise Jehovah  
Oh the Depth and the Riches  
He Will Hold Me Fast  
Thoughts From the Cross: Cody Frye  
Glory to His Name  
Lord's Supper  
We Fall Down  
Contribution  
Redeemed  
A.M. Lesson: I Am  
Purer in Heart  
Announcements  
Jesus, Flow Like a River  
Prayer  
  
P.M. Lesson: Faith

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.

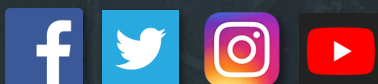
## Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

## Worship & Classes Online

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