



# The *Southwesterner*

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## DYNAMITING DUST

We are about two months away from our annual Wednesday Night Summer Series. In the coming weeks, I will share articles from some of our speakers. Jacob Hawk from Prestoncrest Church of Christ in Dallas will be here August 13. He recently shared this article about a memorable cultural event that reminds us of the need for authenticity we have talked about in Mark on Sunday mornings. - Brian

On April 21st, 1986, an epic media failure was witnessed on live television. Geraldo Rivera, a medical examiner, IRS agents, the Chicago Police Department, and over 30 million television viewers watched as gangster Al Capone's vault was opened for the first time in the basement of the Lexington Hotel. Convinced they would find human bodies, stolen money, weapons, and other various valuables, the dynamite fuse was lit. America counted down. America heard the explosion. The door cracked open. And...(drum roll)...nothing.

Only a dust storm from years gone by. No bodies. No money. No weapons. No valuables. Just dust. Rivera joked, "Well, we did find an opened bottle of vodka." More Chicago citizens watched the explosion of Capone's vault than the Chicago Bears playing in the Superbowl a couple of months before! Can you imagine spending all that money and building all that hype, just to dynamite dust? How embarrassing.

In Matthew 23, Jesus condemned the "experts" of His day (The Pharisees) for their own epic failure. It too was a public relations nightmare. The optics were a disaster. "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness." (Matthew 23: 27-28, NIV)

Like Capone's vault, many Christians appear more spectacular than they really are. They long to be viewed as committed, compassionate, grace-oriented, mission-minded, and relevant, but when the "vault" (heart) of their lives is cracked open, it's unimpressive, full of spiritual carnage and emotional pain. Rather, it's the humble, genuine, passionate, followers of Jesus who follow Him from the inside out, especially when no one is watching. They reflect the heart of Christ, full of the Spirit, treasures, and peace (Matthew 6: 21). My friend, if someone opened your heart, what would they find? That one question defines a life.

Geraldo Rivera looked back on April 21st, 1986, with embarrassment. When you look back at your life, what emotions surface? "Search me, O God, and know my heart..." (Psalm 119: 23, NIV) That plea is the springboard to purpose.

April 6, 2025



### Elders

Jeff Butler

Greg Hatton

David Hendricks

Richard Howard

Brent Lowe

Butch Platt

### Ministers

Brian Lewis

Thorin Turner

Kyle Wilson

### Secretary

Dana Chilcoat

# Family Matters

## ALL HAIL J KING JESUS '24 Area-Wide Teen-Gatherings

We will be hosting the Area Wide Teen Gathering on Sunday evening, **April 6th**, at 5pm here at Southwest. The young men from our youth group will be conducting our worship service. All of the youth groups attending will have a meal to follow in the fellowship building. Please see Thorin Turner for questions.

## Happenings

### Church Events & Announcements

The **Golden Doers** meal will be Sunday, **April 13th**, in the fellowship building following our morning services for those 60 years and older.

The **Ladies Prayer Group** meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. They will meet next on **April 13th**.

The church office will be closed on **April 18th** in observance of Good Friday.

**Yellow House** will hand out food on Monday, **April 21st**, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are: Jan Manuel, Diana Hatton, Donna Duncan, Tommy Myers, Chuck Love, Bill Young, Kim Simpson, & Sue Hamilton. **The Yellow House food will be picked up and sacked on the morning of Wednesday, April 16th.** Please let Chuck Love know if you will be unable to help.

The **Wapanucka Church of Christ** is hosting a seminar with Dr. Brad Harrub on **April 11th - 13th**. For more information, please see the board by the welcome desk.

**Sunset Graduate School** Sermon Symposium will be **June 12th - 14th** at the Lewisville Church of Christ. For more information, please see the board by the welcome desk.

### Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, **April 12th**, from 10:30am - 12:30pm, at Jake and Taran Williams' home, there will be an Easter egg hunt. This is for SW kids 6th grade and under. The Easter Bunny will be there and there will be an egg hunt, games, and food. We also need filled plastic eggs. Please sign up so we can get a head count for food. Sign-up sheets are on the welcome desk. Contact Joni Vass for questions. In case of rain, it will be moved to Southwest.

### 1 Thessalonians 5:17

*"Pray without ceasing."*

Please continue to pray for...

Barbara Cannon, Pam Foxen, Susan Pickle, Dona Phippen, Glenda King, Lea Crain, Pat Morgan, Jana & Stacey Stewart, Ken & Wanda Roper, Myrtie Clarke, Nash Gilliam, Betty Gerth, Barbara Hataway, Sherry Price, Barbara Lewis, Randy Hall, Ronald Trent, Sue Silkey, Shirley Love, Katie Meaders, Johnnie Sing, Cherry Bennett, Shirley Perry, Pattie Mitchell, Debbie Harber, Warner Fleck, Randy Wilson and Thayne Consequellos.



We will be taking directory photos for new members, those who have had changes to their families, and those who wish to update their current photos. If you are happy with your photo from our last directory, you're more than welcome to reuse that photo. There will be AM and PM slots for the following days: **April 27th, April 30th, and May 4th**. Sign-up sheets are at the welcome desk. See Garett Hatton for questions.

### Wedding Table Shower

We are having a "Table Shower" in honor of **Zane Stonecipher & Macy King's** upcoming wedding in April.

The table will be set up by the welcome desk in the foyer from **March 30th - April 13th**, for anyone who would like to leave them a wedding gift.

For questions, please see Jessica White.

# 18 UPCOMING EVENTS

## April at a Glance

- 01 Widower's Breakfast
- 02 WNFM Meal
- 03 College Meal/Devo (Hatton)
- 04 Cowboy Roundup
- 06 AWTG (Southwest)
- 10 College Meal/Devo (Nickell)
- 12 Easter Egg Hunt (Williams)
- 13 Golden Doers Lunch, Stonecipher  
Table Shower Ends, Ladies Pr. Grp,  
Youth Meal/Fellowship
- 17 College Meal/Devo (TBA)
- 18 Office Closed (Good Friday)
- 20 Youth Meal /Fellowship
- 21 Yellow House
- 24 College Meal/Devo (Dirrim)
- 27 Ladies Pr. Grp, Youth Meal/ Fel.
- 28-30 Meals on Wheels



## TEENS AND YOUTH

**April 6th**

AWTG

Here at Southwest

**April 10th**

Youth Group

Home Bible Study



**April 4th - 6th**

College Group Retreat at Pettijohn  
with Southeastern & Norman

**April 10th**

College Group Meal & Devo  
(Nickell)

# Birthdays of the Month

- 04/09 Jake Cooper,  
Sharon Estes,  
Josh Kiker,  
Sherry Price
- 04/10 Dallas Gould
- 04/12 Tonya White



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

**PRAY FOR OUR  
SERVICE MEN & WOMEN**  
Heaven Allen Hunter Wilson  
Michale Perry Clay Wilson Jr.  
Josh Higginbottom  
Frank Holsapple Jr.

PSALM 119:105

YOUR WORD IS  
A LAMP TO MY FEET AND  
A LIGHT TO MY PATH.

## 2025 Daily Bible Readings

- 4/6 - 1 Kings 11-13, Psalm 97
- 4/7 - 1 Kings 14-16, Psalm 98
- 4/8 - 1 Kings 17-19, Psalm 99
- 4/9 - 1 Kings 20-22, Psalm 100
- 4/10 - 2 Kings 1-3, Psalm 101
- 4/11 - 2 Kings 4-7, Psalm 102
- 4/12 - 2 Kings 8-11, Psalm 103
- 4/13 - 2 Kings 12-14, Psalm 104



## Adults

Jet McCoy

Auditorium

Jeff Butler

Ephesians

Room 100

David Dirrim

Adult Bible Class

Fellowship Building

Drew Adams

A Christmas Story

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, 2's & 3's: Room 114

Babies: Room 113

*For the Record: 03/30/2025*

<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>202</b>
<b>AM Assembly</b>	<b>291</b>
<b>PM Assembly</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>\$11,819</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$15,738</b>

# SERVING THIS WEEK

## Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Thorin Turner  
Opening Prayer: Dusty Dennis  
Closing Prayer: Jeff Butler  
Scripture Reading: David Lewis  
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Brad Trekell  
Communion: Brett Butler, Beau Griffin,  
Jared Griffin, Trever Manuel, James Bryant,  
Tuker Dennis, Tim Hensley, Mark Clark  
Alternate Communion: Keith Nail & Drew Adams  
Balcony Communion: Trenton Hensley & Chuck Love  
Nursing Home Communion: Quaid Clark  
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Josh Nail  
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Nathan Lewis  
Service Coordinator: Cody Frye & Garrett Hatton  
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Jag Frye & Justin Lane  
Welcome Desk (Apr): Clarie Dennis & Dalee Weston  
Greeters (Apr): Cody & Trixy R. / Darla H. & Cindy G.

## Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Youth Group  
Opening Prayer: Youth Group  
Closing Prayer: Youth Group  
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Josh Nail  
Communion: John Eck & Steve Black  
Service Coordinator: Cody Frye & Garrett Hatton

## Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Jack Cadenhead  
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Dusty Dennis  
Closing Prayer: Ried Duncan  
8 Minute Devotional: Greg Hatton  
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Hunter Nickell  
Safety Team Camera: Casey Farrar

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome  
Our God, He Is Alive  
Scripture Reading: Mark 10:45  
Prayer  
Faithful Love  
10,000 Reasons  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
Thoughts From the Cross: Brad Trekell  
Before the Throne (Verses 1 & 2)  
Communion  
Before the Throne (Verse 3)  
Contribution  
Ancient Words  
A.M. Lesson: Together and Alone  
Seek Ye First  
Announcements  
Still  
Prayer  
  
P.M. Lesson: All Hail King Jesus

An elder and his wife are available in room 107 during each invitation.

**Shepherd for April:** Brent Lowe  
**Supporting Shepherd & Wife:** Richard & Camille Howard

**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

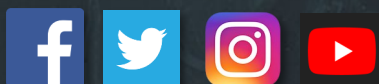
Ladies Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.

## Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

## Worship & Classes Online

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youtube.com/swcocada



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