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CONTRAST

Historically in churches of Christ, we have not paid much attention to religious holidays that are on the calendar. Their observance is not a command in scripture, but there are many that are still familiar to us. Two of the most prominent religious holidays that have survived centuries of change in our world are Christmas and Easter. If you still have a paper calendar somewhere, they are likely indicated on those days. Even in a culture that might not acknowledge Jesus the other 363 days each year, there is a little more awareness of Him on those 2 days.

The birth and resurrection of Jesus are time that are filled with hope. They are evidence of the sovereignty of God. They are displays of His power. They are proof of His plan. But before there can be a resurrection, there has to be a death. That is a day that feels hopeless. It is a time that seems unjust. Followers turn on Jesus. The religious rulers who tried to trap Him so many times seem to have won.

The contrast of these events is one of the things that has always amazed me the most about this story. From the perspective of our world birth is a time of new life and celebration. There is excitement. There are endless possibilities. The future is bright. Death is the opposite. There is a finality. Time has run its course. It's hard not to think that way. It must have been difficult for that confused group who followed Jesus. Unlike them, we know that chapter 16 is coming and that everything is about to change forever. Jesus knew that he would have to suffer the mockery, beatings and death of Mark chapter 15 even before He even came here as that baby in the manger. But He came anyway. And His story did not stop there. Death gave way to life. Death still gives way to new life today. That new life is a reason to celebrate everyday!

- Brian

April 13, 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

Our sympathy goes out to Bruce and Sheri Dennis and their family on the passing of Bruce's father, Leon Dennis, who passed away Thursday night. His funeral service will be 11am Friday, April 18th, at Westside church of Christ in Norman. Please keep Bruce, Sheri, and their family in your prayers.

We want to say Thank You to the ladies that clean out and plant the beautiful plants in our flower beds in front of the fellowship building. Your hard work is noticed and is very much appreciated!

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

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 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 next **Meals on Wheels** week will be **April 28th - May 2nd**. Those that will be helping this time are: Bill Young, Don Kite, Dub Borders, Chuck Love, and Wendell Voto.

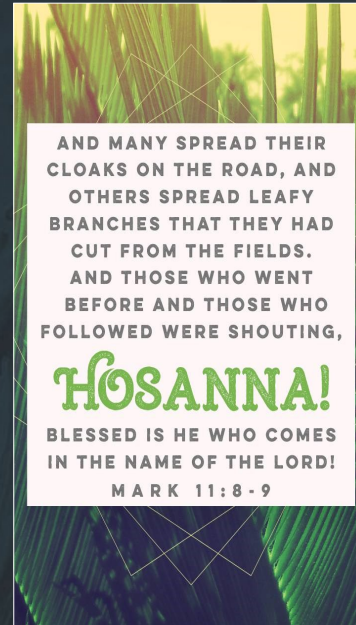
Highland Church of Christ in Tecumseh will be hosting a gospel meeting titled "*Relationship Status, What is it with Jesus?*" on **April 30th - May 4th**. If you are interested in attending, please see the board by the welcome desk for more information.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for...

Geneva Ailey, 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 13th

Youth Group
Meal & Fellowship

April 17th

Youth Group
Home Bible Study



April 17th

College Group Meal & Devo
(TBA)

April 24th

College Group Meal & Devo
(Dirrim)

Birthdays of the Month

- 04/15 Katie Meaders
- 04/16 Bill Blackwell,
Mark Coleman,
Todd Denson, Tyler Jones,
Sylvia Treadaway
- 04/19 Amy Clark



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

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

- 4/13 - 2 Kings 12-14, Psalm 104
- 4/14 - 2 Kings 15-17, Psalm 105
- 4/15 - 2 Kings 18-19, Psalm 106
- 4/16 - 2 Kings 20-22, Psalm 107
- 4/17 - 2 Kings 23-25, Psalm 108
- 4/18 - Isaiah 1-4, Psalm 109
- 4/19 - Isaiah 5-8, Psalm 110
- 4/20 - Isaiah 9-12, Psalm 111



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: 04/06/2025

Bible Study	195
AM Assembly	277
PM Assembly	302
Wednesday PM	157
Contributions	\$19,807
Budget	\$15,738

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Kyle Wilson
Opening Prayer: Mark Clark
Closing Prayer: Cody Frye
Scripture Reading: Kerry White
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Butch Platt
Communion: Jet Frye, Jag Frye,
Mark Tinsley, Ronnie Osborn, Cody Reynolds,
Sam Austin, Drew Graham, Jared Griffin
Alternate Communion: Tim Hensley & Quaid Clark
Balcony Communion: Trenton Hensley & Tommy Myers
Nursing Home Communion: Raymond Johnson
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Brad Butler
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Keith Nail
Service Coordinator: Todd Martin & Matt Bryant
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Drew Adams & Caleb Estes
Welcome Desk (Apr): Clarie Dennis & Dalee Weston
Greeters (Apr): Cody & Trixy R. / Darla H. & Cindy G.

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Jack Cadenhead
Opening Prayer: Joe Dirrim
Closing Prayer: Mark Coleman
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Brad Butler
Communion: Justin Lane & Casey Farrar
Service Coordinator: Matt Bryant & Todd Martin

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Nathan Lewis
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Greg Hatton
Closing Prayer: David Lewis
8 Minute Devotional: David Hendricks
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Tanner Weston
Safety Team Camera: Kevin Graham

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Here I Am to Worship

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:60-62

Prayer

Count Your Many Blessings

Lord Reign in Me

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Thoughts From the Cross: Butch Platt

Come Share the Lord

Communion

In Moments Like These

Contribution

In Christ Alone

A.M. Lesson: See the Savior

Jesus Is Coming Soon

Announcements

Prince of Peace

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Runaway

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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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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