



# The *Southwesterner*

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## RECEIVING GUIDANCE

As we finish up VBS, I was thinking about the more than 85 of you that have volunteered to help in some way. There has been so much planning, decorating, teaching, acting, singing, snack making, serving, clean up and all kinds of things going on. One role that seems pretty straightforward is the group leader. We might think of that person as a guide.

Without a guide, some of the kids during the week would probably just move to whichever station seemed the most fun to them. They might spend all the time with games or snacks and miss the stories and crafts altogether or vice versa. That's where the guide comes in to redirect. Some kids are better at listening to that guidance than others. Some adults are too. For some of us who have lots of opinions or are confident in choosing our own direction, receiving guidance can be a challenge. In sports, we might call that being uncoachable. As Christians, we first and foremost want to be guided by God. We want to be coachable. Sometimes we get in our own way.

In his book, *Knowing God*, J.I. Packer considers several ways that we make it difficult for ourselves to receive God's guidance. Packer describes these common pitfalls to receiving God's guidance:

**Unwillingness to think** - God made us thinking beings, and he guides our minds as in his presence we think things out – not otherwise.

**Unwillingness to think ahead** - Often we can only see what is wise and right (and what is foolish and wrong) as we dwell on its long-term issues.

**Unwillingness to take advice** - There are always people who know the Bible, human nature, and our own gifts and limitations, better than we do, and even if we cannot finally accept their advice, nothing but good will come to us from carefully weighing what they say.

**Unwillingness to suspect oneself** - We dislike being realistic with ourselves. 'Feelings' with an ego-boosting, or escapist, or self-indulging, or self-aggrandizing base, must be detected and discredited, not mistaken for guidance.

**Unwillingness to wait** - 'Wait on the Lord' is a constant refrain in the Psalms, and it is a necessary word, for God often keeps us waiting. He is not in such a hurry as we are.

Let God be your Guide this week. He will lead you in the way you should go. - Brian

*"For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me; you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge."* - Psalm 31:3-4 (ESV)

June 15, 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

**Lynnette Bryant** was taken to OU Medical Center on Saturday. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Barbara Houston** was taken to the ER at Mercy Hospital Ada on Saturday. She is back home now. Please keep her in your prayers.

**VBS Note:** There will be one final VBS class on Wednesday to provide feedback and improvement ideas for next year. Please see Casey Farrar for any questions.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with VBS this year. You are a blessing to our kids and to our entire church family!

The new **Power for Today** study booklets for July through September are here. For those that would like one, they are in the racks at both double door entries, and there are some at the welcome desk.

**The Ladies Prayer Group** meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 4pm. They will meet next on **June 22nd**.

## 1 Thessalonians 5:17

*"Pray without ceasing."*

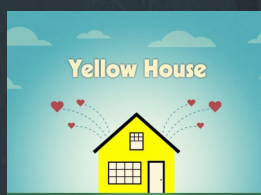
Please continue to pray for...

Lea Crain, Lynnette Bryant, Dona Phippen, Barbara Cannon, Susan Pickle, Glenda King, 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.

# Happenings

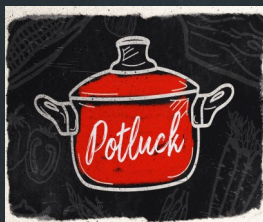
*Church Events & Announcements*

**Meals on Wheels** week will be **June 23rd - 27th**. Helpers this month will be: Bill Young, Don Kite, Dub Borders, Chuck Love, and Wendell Voto.



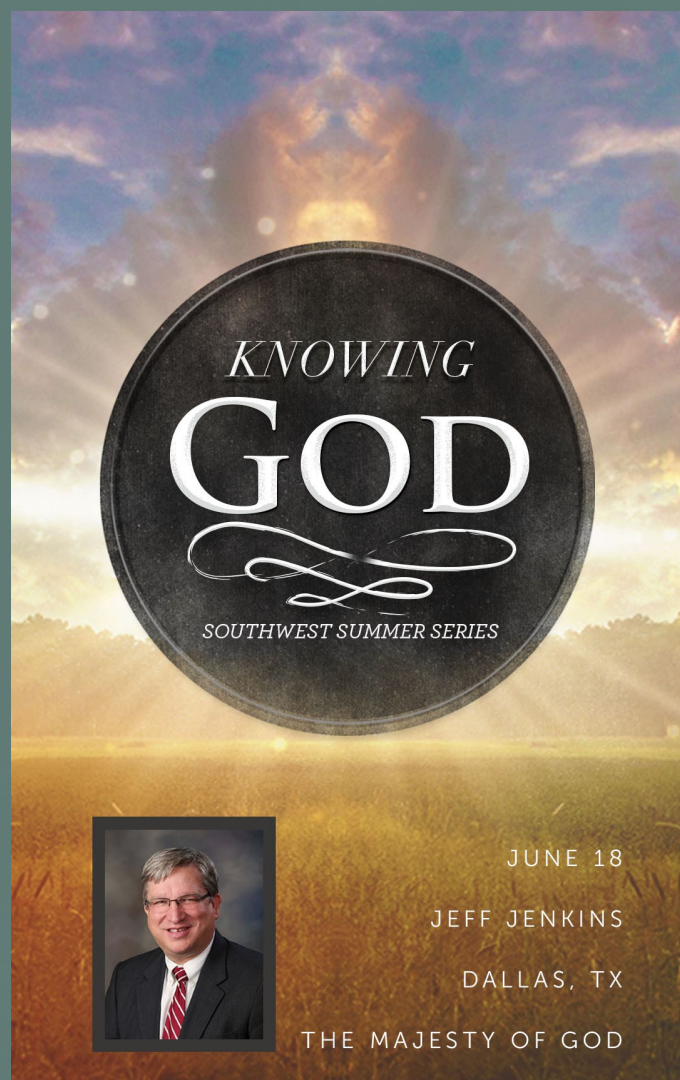
**The Yellow House** will hand out food on Monday, **June 23rd**, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are: James Bryant, Diana Hatton, Donna Duncan, Scott

Estes, Jan Manuel, Glenda Lillard, and Matt Bryant. **The food will be picked-up and sacked on the morning of Wednesday, June 18th**. If you are able to help, please contact Chuck Love.



**We will have** a congregational fellowship meal on Sunday, **June 29th**, in the fellowship building following our morning services. Please bring side dishes and desserts as the meat

is already provided. We will have our evening service at 12:30pm in the auditorium following the meal. There will not be a 5:00pm service.







### June at a Glance

- 01 Weston Baby Shower,  
Youth Meal/Fellowship
- 02 AWTG at North MacArthur
- 03 Widower's Breakfast
- 04 Summer Series Starts
- 08 Ladies Prayer Group,  
Youth Meal/Fellowship
- 09-12 Vacation Bible School
- 15 Father's Day
- 15-21 Reach Week at Pettijohn
- 18 Food Pick-Up for Yellow House
- 22 Ladies Prayer Group,  
Youth Meal/Fellowship
- 23 Yellow House, Meals on Wheels
- 29 Congregational Fellowship Meal  
with Evening Service at 12:30pm,  
Youth Meal/Fellowship



### TEENS AND YOUTH

#### June 15th - 21st

Reach Week  
at Pettijohn Springs

#### June 22nd

Youth Group  
Meal & Fellowship



#### June 20th - 22nd

College Group Annual  
Broken Bow Float Trip

## Birthdays of the Month

- 06/16 Cindy Coleman,  
Lindsay Jones
- 06/17 Maizey Maples
- 06/18 Erin Hubbard, Tanner Trekell
- 06/19 Lea Crain, Wilma Miller
- 06/20 Ti Silver McCoy,  
Jessica White
- 06/21 Leonard Preble

## Happy Anniversary

- 06/18 Greg & Diana Hatton
- 06/20 Chuck & Donna Love,  
Johnnie & Norma Sing
- 06/21 JP & Jamie Maples

**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.

Daily Bible Readings

### 2025 Daily Bible Readings

- 6/15 - Song of Solomon 5-8, Ps. 12
- 6/16 - Jeremiah 1-3, Psalm 13
- 6/17 - Jeremiah 4-6. Psalm 14
- 6/18 - Jeremiah 7-8, Psalm 15
- 6/19 - Jeremiah 10-13, Psalm 16
- 6/20 - Jeremiah 14-17, Psalm 17
- 6/21 - Jeremiah 18-22, Psalm 18
- 6/22 - Jeremiah 23-25, Psalm 19



### Adults

David McMillin

The Gospel of John

Jeff Butler

The Gospel of John

Room 100

David Dirrim

Adult Bible Class

Fellowship Building

Drew Adams

Characters of the Cross

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: 06/08/2025*

<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>AM Assembly</b>	<b>304</b>
<b>PM Assembly</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>\$20,022</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$15,738</b>

# SERVING THIS WEEK

## **Sunday Morning:**

Song Leader: Tyler Jones  
Opening Prayer: Trevor Manuel  
Closing Prayer: Thorin Turner  
Scripture Reading: Cody Frye  
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Drew Adams  
Communion: Drew Adams, TBA  
Joe Dirrim, Jag Frye, Drew Graham,  
Keith Nail, Cody Reynolds, Mark Tinsley  
Alternate Communion: Toker Dennis & Dusty Dennis  
Balcony Communion: Don Kite & Tommy Myers  
Nursing Home Communion: Brent Lowe  
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Brad Butler  
Attendance Recorder: Sam & Sarah Austin  
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Nathan Lewis  
Service Coordinator: Quaid Clark & Caleb Estes  
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Ried Duncan & John Eck  
Welcome Desk (June): Amy Graham & Kenzie Qualls  
Greeters (June): Glinda B. & Ashlee G. / Kelley H. & Chuck L.

## **Sunday Evening:**

Song Leader: Kerry White  
Opening Prayer: David Lewis  
Closing Prayer: Mark Clark  
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Brad Butler  
Communion: Sam Austin & Mark Clark  
Service Coordinator: Quaid Clark & Caleb Estes

## **Wednesday PM:**

Song Leader: Cody Frye  
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Kyle Wilson  
Closing Prayer: Brad Trekell  
Summer Series Lesson  
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Tanner Weston  
Safety Team Camera: Jared Hudson

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome  
There Is Sunshine  
Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:20  
Prayer  
Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus  
Above the Bright Blue  
Above All  
Thoughts From the Cross: Drew Adams  
Worthy Is the Lamb (Verse 1)  
Communion  
Worthy Is the Lamb (Verse 2)  
Contribution  
I'll Live in Glory  
A.M. Lesson: Wisdom and Power  
God Is Calling the Prodigal  
Announcements  
Do All in the Name of the Lord  
Prayer

P.M. Lesson: The Heart of the Matter

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

**Shepherd for June:** Jeff Butler  
**Supporting Shepherd & Wife:** Richard & Camille Howard

**June Contribution Counters:**  
Ronnie Osborn, Will Lampkin, Beau Griffin, Jared Griffin

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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.  
(Class does not meet during summer)

## Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

## Worship & Classes Online

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