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IN NEED OF A DOCTOR

The article below is from our Summer Series speaker, Scott Franks, from Oakdale Church of Christ.

In Mark 2, the Pharisees are perplexed when Jesus eats with "tax collectors and sinners." Honestly, I get where the Pharisees are coming from. This is a confusing message, what Jesus is doing. I warned my kids about bad influences. I didn't want them hanging out with immoral people. God's people are supposed to be consecrated – set apart – from the world. But the very Jesus we follow, the perfect example, was a friend of sinners. So how can we follow him even there? How can we be a friend of sinners and not get pulled down ourselves? Jesus uses an analogy that has helped me understand what my attitude, my perspective should be: "On hearing this, Jesus said to them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'" (Mark 2:17 - NIV)

Doctors exist for sick people. Doctors will not refuse to see you because you are sick. Doctors don't stand at the hospital doors and refuse to let you in until you are completely healthy. It's tempting to take this story and say, "See! We should love everyone and accept everyone just the way they are. Don't be like those judgy Pharisees making people feel bad about themselves." But that's not the lesson in this story. It's not that simple. When Jesus called himself a doctor, what did he call those people he was eating with? Sick. Jesus was saying they are sick, they are not healthy, they are not ok.

You've probably heard someone say, "Jesus loves you just the way you are." I get what they are trying to express, but Jesus never said that. Yes, Jesus loves you. Period. He loves you in whatever condition you are in when you come to him. But he loves you too much to let you stay how you are. He doesn't love your sin. He doesn't love that you are trying to find happiness in earthly pleasures that won't last. The good doctor loves you, and because he loves you, he's not going to let you remain sick.

When you go to the doctor, you can't grab the scalpel and insist that you know better and he is not allowed to hurt you or make you uncomfortable. You have to let him work on you and follow his orders to get better. That's how we can find common ground with everyone: We all need the good doctor. It's not insulting to tell someone they need a doctor when you have the same need. It's not offensive to suggest they need to make some changes when you share that you are working in your own life to make the same changes, that you have a weakness in the same place.

In the church you are surrounded by people who readily admit we are soul sick, we need the doctor, and we're still working on ourselves, still learning how to follow him, still needing grace for when we fail. There's no way we're going to look down on you if you have failed, but we'll also be honest with you about sin. We take it seriously, and we love you too much to leave you in it.

June 22, 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

Geneva Denson fell and broke three bones in her ankle and had surgery on it Tuesday at Mercy Hospital Ada. The surgery went well. Geneva would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers and everything during this time. Please keep her in your prayers.

Kelley Hughey's grandson, Jaylon, appendix ruptured and he had to have surgery last Thursday at OU Children's Hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.

Jeannie Wingard was taken to the Oklahoma Heart Hospital after having some chest pains. They ran multiple tests on her and is back home now. Please keep her in your prayers.

Susan Pickle will be having back surgery on July 2nd. Please keep her in your prayers.

Barbara Houston has been struggling with her health. She has some tests scheduled for July 3rd. Please keep her in your prayers.

The new **Power for Today** study booklets for July through September are here. They are in the racks at both double door entries and there are some at the welcome desk.

For those that have asked Alan Eck for a copy of his outline on his class of the "Plan of Salvation," there are some copies at the welcome desk for anyone who would like one.

If you need a Special Contribution envelope for a special donation that you are giving, the envelopes are now located in a rack on the welcome desk.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Please continue to pray for...

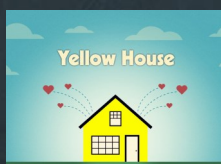
Lea Crain, Lynnette Bryant, Dona Phippen, Barbara Cannon, Susan Pickle, Glenda King, Pat Morgan, Jana & Stacey Stewart, Ken & Wanda Roper, Myrtie Clarke, Nash Gilliam, Betty Gerth, Barbara Hataway, Sherry Price, Barbara Lewis, Randy Hall, Ronald Trent, Sue Silkey, Shirley Love, Katie Meaders, Johnnie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

Happenings

Church Events & Announcements

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

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. 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.



The breakfast for our widowers and single men will be Tuesday, **July 1st**, in the fellowship building. Coffee will be ready at 7:30am and breakfast will be served at 8:00am.

**KNOWING
GOD**
SOUTHWEST SUMMER SERIES

JUNE 25
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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 22nd

Youth Group
Meal & Fellowship

June 29th

Youth Group
Meal & Fellowship



June 20th - 22nd

College Group Annual
Broken Bow Float Trip

Birthdays of the Month

- 06/22 Kali Dennis
- 06/25 Jackie Duncan,
Stacey Lewis
- 06/26 Tate Denson,
Shenny Wilson
- 06/28 Tom Denson

Happy Anniversary

- 06/22 Leonard & Carolyn Preble
- 06/24 Kyle & Shenny Wilson

PRAY FOR OUR

SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Heaven Allen Hunter Wilson
Michale Perry Clay Wilson Jr.
Josh Higginbottom
Frank Holsapple Jr.



2025 Daily Bible Readings

- 6/22 - Jeremiah 23-25, Psalm 19
- 6/23 - Jeremiah 26-29, Psalm 20
- 6/24 - Jeremiah 30-32, Psalm 21
- 6/25 - Jeremiah 33-36, Psalm 22
- 6/26 - Jeremiah 37-39, Psalm 23
- 6/27 - Jeremiah 40-44, Psalm 24
- 6/28 - Jeremiah 45-48, Psalm 25
- 6/29 - Jeremiah 49-50, Psalm 26

Bible Classes

SUNDAY MORNINGS

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: 06/15/2025

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| Bible Study | 162 |
| AM Assembly | 254 |
| PM Assembly | 110 |
| Wednesday PM | 168 |
| Contributions | \$11,971 |
| Budget | \$15,738 |

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Ronnie Osborn
Opening Prayer: Brent Lowe
Closing Prayer: Justin Lane
Scripture Reading: Trenton Hensley
Lord's Supper Thoughts: TBA
Communion: Matt Bryant, Jag Frye,
Jet Frye, Tim Hensley, KerVon James,
Todd Martin, Kerry White, Kyle Wilson
Alternate Communion: Drew Graham & Trever Manuel
Balcony Communion: Ried Duncan & Tommy Myers
Nursing Home Communion: Raymond Johnson
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: James Bryant
Attendance Recorder: Sam & Sarah Austin
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Keith Nail
Service Coordinator: Quaid Clark & Trevin Vass
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Casey Farrar & Mark Tinsley
Welcome Desk (June): Amy Graham & Kenzie Qualls
Greeters (June): Glinda B. & Ashlee G. / Kelley H. & Chuck L.

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Tyler Jones
Opening Prayer: Drew Adams
Closing Prayer: Hunter Nickell
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: James Bryant
Communion: Sam Austin & John Eck
Service Coordinator: Quaid Clark & Trevin Vass

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Nathan Lewis
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Cody Frye
Closing Prayer: David Lewis
Summer Series Lesson
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Jared Hudson
Safety Team Camera: Jared Griffin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Amazing Grace - 129

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:7

Prayer

We Praise Thee, O God - 2

There Is a Habitation - 860

Living for Jesus - 676

Thoughts From the Cross: TBA

When My Love to Christ Grows Weak - 350

Communion

I Am a Sheep - 533

Contribution

How Great Thou Art - 76

A.M. Lesson: Wash & Be Clean

Years I Spent in Vanity - 381

Announcements

He Keeps Me Singing - 615

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: They Do Not Know

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)

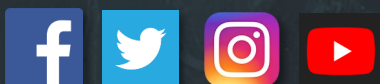
Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

Worship & Classes Online

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