



# The *Southwesterner*

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## HOLINESS AND THE GOOD LIFE

The article below is from our Summer Series speaker, Tim Lewis, from North MacArthur Church of Christ.

The good life is impossible without holiness. Holiness is essential. It isn't something optional or extra, reserved for the spiritual elite. We expect our spiritual leaders to be holy. The preacher and the elders should be holy. Little old ladies should be holy. But what about teenagers and young adults? Is holiness out of reach for the average disciple? According to the clear teaching of the New Testament, every Christian is called and chosen to be holy. Here are just a few examples of what the New Testament says about the holiness of every believer:

*To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours. (1 Cor. 1:2)*

*For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man, but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit. (1 Thess. 4:7)*

*For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. (Eph. 1:4)*

*So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Tim. 1:8-9)*

*But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (1 Pet. 1:15-16)*

*Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. (Heb. 12:14)*

The call to holiness is issued to every Christian without exception! Are you a Christian? Then God has called you to be holy! You must be holy because God is holy. You must be holy in all you do. Holiness is not just a Sunday morning state of mind. It is not a fleeting feeling but a daily commitment to be like God in all we do. Holiness is an attribute that should affect your thoughts, words, and actions. God's chief concern is holiness. While the call to personal holiness is costly, demanding, and a little intimidating, we are not left to figure it out or to achieve a level of holiness without divine assistance. Hebrews 2:11 says, "Both the one who makes men holy, and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers."

Jesus died to make you holy. Without him, holiness would be impossible. With him, anything but holiness should be unthinkable. You can be holy. You must be holy. Without holiness no one will see the Lord!

Tim Lewis

July 27, 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

Please keep these people in your prayers:

**Chris Kaiser** had surgery, for an infection, on Thursday at St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City.

**Please remember** Jake Nail in your prayers. If there is not significant healing on his foot that was burned, he will have to have grafts next week.

**Darlene Anglin**, Renee Nail, Tonya Lillard, and Becky Lillard's aunt, will be going to MD Anderson hopefully sometime this week.

**Susan Pickle** will have another surgery on her back on July 29th.

**Jeff Cooper** is now home recovering and is doing much better.

**Glendell Hatton** is at home recovering and is doing well.

**Barbara Cannon and Dona Phippen** were both moved to Ada Care Center on Thursday.

**Our sympathy** goes out to Connie McKinney on the passing of her cousin, Daymond Dale Ennis.

**Brian Wingard's** surgery went great and all the prayers were appreciated. Travis and Jeannie Wingard

**Dear SW family**, Thank you so much for all the calls, visits, texts, and mostly your prayers over the past 2-3 months. We love you! The Young Family

**Church Family**, We want to thank you for the prayers, visits, encouragement, food, and support given to us. We also want to thank you for the support during the funeral and afterwards. All of us have felt the love of the church and feel blessed. James Bryant and Family

**1 Thessalonians 5:17**

*"Pray without ceasing."*

Please continue to pray for...

Barbara Cannon, Dona Phippen, Lea Crain, 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 **installation of our new deacons** will be Sunday, **July 27th**, toward the end of our morning services.

The **Ladies Prayer Group** will meet next on Sunday, **July 27th**, at 4pm in room 111.

**College Group Note:** There are sign-up sheets at the welcome desk for this year's Howdy Week and also for those that would like to host the Thursday night meal and devotionals. See Kyle for questions.

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



The **School Supply Giveaway** for our community will be Saturday, **August 9th**, beginning at 5:00 p.m. We will also be serving a meal.

You can help by donating any of the following items:

- 24 Count Crayola Crayons
- 10 Count Crayola Washable Markers
- Children's size scissors
- Regular Size Glue Sticks
- Pink Erasers
- Wide Rule Packages of Notebook Paper

You may also donate money toward the purchase of additional supplies. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk for anyone able to help hand out supplies or in the kitchen on the 9th.







- 7/26 God's Girls
- 7/27 Deacon Installation  
Ladies Prayer Group,  
Youth Group Meal/Fellowship
- 7/28 AWTG (Northridge - OKC)
- 7/29-8/1 Eagles Camp (Blanchard)
- 7/30 Summer Series - Tim Lewis
- 8/3 Elders, Deacon, Ministers Meet,  
Youth Group Meal/Fellowship
- 8/4 AWTG (Eastside - Midwest City)
- 8/5 Widowers' Breakfast
- 8/6 Summer Series - Jess Florence
- 8/9 School Supply Giveaway
- 8/10 Ladies Prayer Group
- 8/13 Summer Series - Jacob Hawk,  
Youth Grp at Blanchard Service
- 8/20 Summer Series - Jeff Jones
- 8/24 Ladies Prayer Group
- 8/27 Summer Series - Chris Sutterfield
- 8/31 Congregational Fellowship Meal



## TEENS AND YOUTH

### July 27th

Youth Group  
Meal & Fellowship

### July 28th

AWTG at  
Northridge (OKC)

### July 29th - August 1st

Eagles Camp  
(Youth Group Boys)  
at Blanchard

### August 4th

AWTG at  
Eastside (Midwest City)



- 07/27 Glendel Hatton
- 07/29 Brent Lowe
- 07/31 Mason Dansby, Avi Nickell
- 08/01 Patrick Qualls
- 08/02 Kara Bryant, Pat Morgan,  
Bubba Tidwell



- 07/27 Vernon & Pat Morgan
- 07/31 Tim & Dee Hensley,  
Raymond & Jane Johnson

## PRAY FOR OUR

## SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

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



## 2025 Daily Bible Readings

- 7/27 - Esther 6-10, Psalm 54
- 7/28 - Daniel 1-3, Psalm 55
- 7/29 - Daniel 4-6, Psalm 56
- 7/30 - Daniel 7-9, Psalm 57
- 7/31 - Daniel 10-12, Psalm 58
- 8/1 - Haggai 1-2, Psalm 59
- 8/2 - Zechariah 1-4, Psalm 60
- 8/3 - Zechariah 5-8, Psalm 61



## 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: 07/20/2025*

<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>AM Assembly</b>	<b>249</b>
<b>PM Assembly</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>\$11,202</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$15,738</b>

# SERVING THIS WEEK

## **Sunday Morning:**

Song Leader: Kerry White  
Opening Prayer: David Hendricks  
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Osborn  
Scripture Reading: Kerry White  
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Raymond Johnson  
Communion: Joe Dirrim, Jet Frye,  
Jag Frye, Cale Hudson, Raymond Johnson,  
Hunter Nickell, Cody Reynolds, Trevin Vass  
Alternate Communion: Trent Barrett & Mark Clark  
Balcony Communion: Matt Bryant & Todd Martin  
Nursing Home Communion: Richard Howard  
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: James Bryant  
Attendance Recorder (July): Dee H. & Karan H.  
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Will Lampkin  
Service Coordinator: Caleb Estes & Jared Griffin  
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Ried Duncan & John Eck  
Welcome Desk (July): Brent & Diana Lowe  
Greeters (July): Cody & Tiffany F. / Alan & Kim S.

## **Sunday Evening:**

Song Leader: Beau Griffin  
Opening Prayer: Thorin Turner  
Closing Prayer: Scott Estes  
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: James Bryant  
Communion: Brad Butler & Chuck Love  
Service Coordinator: Caleb Estes & Jared Griffin

## **Wednesday PM:**

Song Leader: Kyle Wilson  
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Dusty Dennis  
Closing Prayer: Joe Dirrim  
Summer Series Lesson  
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Cody Frye  
Safety Team Camera: Kevin Graham

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Surround Us, O Lord

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:26-27

Prayer

Just As I Am (I Come Broken)

There's Something About That Name - 222

It Is Well with My Soul - 490

Thoughts From the Cross: Raymond Johnson

When We Meet in Sweet Communion

Communion

Give Thanks - 68

Contribution

Jesus Hold My Hand - 412

A.M. Lesson: Leading Through Service

I Surrender All - 662

Announcements

The Steadfast Love of the Lord - 123

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Rebuild

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

**Shepherd July:** Greg Hatton

**Supporting Shepherd & Wife:** Butch & Denise Platt

**July Contribution Counters:**

Drew Adams, Kevin Graham, Drew Graham

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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.

(Class does not meet during summer)

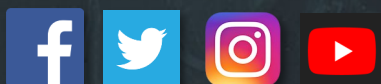
## Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

## Worship & Classes Online

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