



# The Southwesterner

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## WHAT DO YOU ASK WHEN YOU LOOK IN THE MIRROR?

One of my favorite questions that I've read in recent years was from the book *Practicing the Way*: "Are we becoming more loving?" As Christians, we should always be increasing in love. In this week's Encouragement Note, Jim Martin writes about another great question from a former NFL linebacker. It is an important question to consider as we want to grow. - Brian

Former Chicago Bear, Mike Singletary, is a powerful motivational speaker. He said that every night before he goes to bed, he looks into the mirror and asks himself one question:

### "Did you get better today?"

Is there anything you left undone today? Is there someone whom you need to call and apologize? Do you need to tell someone "thank you" for being in your life. This really got my attention as I think about my own life. I have been thinking about this question ever since I heard him say it.

### "Did you get better today?"

As Singletary suggests, some days I need to apologize. Some days I need to confess that I have complained way too much. On other days, I need to focus more on saying "Thank you" to the people who have made a difference in my life.

Far too many of us go through a day and focus on our scarcity:

- If only I had more money.
- If only my spouse would do better.
- If only I had a better job.
- If only the kids would straighten up.
- If only others might recognize my value.

Far too many people end the day with "If only . . ." Yet, ending the day like this invites blaming, projecting, and perhaps jealousy. I like the question, "Did you get better today?" This invites you and me to take responsibility, be intentional, and to focus on our growth. I want to shaped more into the image of Jesus each day. I want my day to reflect this.

### What do you ask when you look into the mirror?

*"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror." - James 1:22-23*

November 16, 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

**Ardith Sumpter** was admitted into ICU. Please keep her and Wade in your prayers.

**Our sympathy** goes out to Ried and Donna Duncan and their family on the passing of Ried's mother, Barbara Duncan, who passed away last Friday morning. Her funeral service was held Saturday, November 15th, in Leander, TX. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**Dear Southwest Church Family,** It is with heart-felt love that we say Thank You to all of you that showed your love, care, & concern for my mom, Dona Pippen, & our family during the past few years & after her passing also. All of the numerous acts of kindness were treasured by her & the family. All the prayers, cards, calls, texts, plants, memorials, kind words, visits, hugs, & paper goods & other items, & delicious food that were all brought to the house were all so appreciated. A special thank you to David & Brian for honoring mom like they did, to Thorin & Tyler for taking out of their time to run the sound booth, & to those that prepared the wonderful funeral meal for our family. This congregation was special to my mom & is special to us also.

In Christian Love, Greg & Dana Chilcoat & Family



**Yellow House** will hand out food on Monday, **November 24th**, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are: Kim Simpson, Carolyn Pults, Janna Byrd, Chuck Love, Tommy Myers, Cindy Geiger, Debra Provence, and Scott & Sharon Estes. *The food for the Yellow House will be picked up and sacked on the morning of Wednesday, **November 19th**.* Please see Chuck Love if you will be unable to help.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

*"Pray without ceasing."*

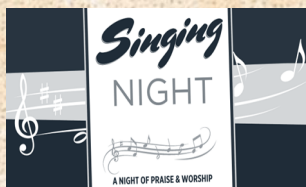
Continue to pray for list...

Mary Lee, Barbara Cannon, Lea Crain, Susan Pickle, Glenda King, Jana & Stacey Stewart, Ken & Wanda Roper, Myrtie Clarke, Nash Gilliam, Betty Gerth, Barbara Hataway, Sherry Price, Barbara Lewis, Randy Hall, Ronald Trent, Sue Silkey, 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** will meet next on Sunday, **November 23rd**, at 4pm in room 111.



**We will have** a congregational singing night on Wednesday, **November 26th**. There will not be any Bible classes on that evening. Everyone will meet in the auditorium.

**The church office** will be closed on **November 27th and 28th** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Area Wide Singing** at Little Church of Christ is Sunday, **November 30th**, at 5pm. See the board by welcome desk for more information.

**We will have a Congregational Fellowship Meal** on Sunday, **November 30th**, in the fellowship building following our morning services. Please bring soups, chili, and desserts. The bread will be provided. After our meal we will have an afternoon service at 12:30pm in the auditorium. We will NOT have a 5:00pm service.

**We will pass out Christmas Baskets** on Tuesday, **December 16th**, from 4pm - 7pm at the Yellow House for some families from a couple of our community's schools. *If you know of a family or shut-in in need of a basket, please let Mark Clark or Hunter Nickell know by Friday, **December 5th**.* Monetary donations are welcome for those that would like to donate for the food purchased. **Monetary donation deadline is also **December 5th**.** If you would like to help pass out the baskets, please sign up at the welcome desk.



Please sign up at the Welcome Desk to attend or volunteer.



Please bring finger foods to share.

See Carli Turner for questions.



# 18 UPCOMING EVENTS

11/16 Youth Grp. Meal/Fellowship  
 11/19 Food Pick-Up/Sack f/Yel. House  
 11/20 College Group Meal/Devo  
       at SBC (Dennis)  
 11/23 Ladies Prayer Group,  
       Youth Grp. Meal/Fellowship  
 11/24 Yellow House  
 11/26 Congregational Singing Night  
 11/27-28 Office Closed (Thanksgiving)  
 11/30 Congregational Fel. Meal  
 12/02 Widower's Breakfast  
 12/04 Col. Christmas Party (Hatton)  
 12/06 Pancakes with Santa  
 12/07 AWTG (Chickasha)



## TEENS AND YOUTH

**November 16th**  
 Youth Group  
 Meal & Fellowship

**November 23rd**  
 Youth Group  
 Meal & Fellowship



**November 20th**  
 College Group Meal & Devo  
 at the SBC (Dennis)  
**December 4th**  
 College Group Christmas Party  
 (Hatton)

# Birthdays of the Month

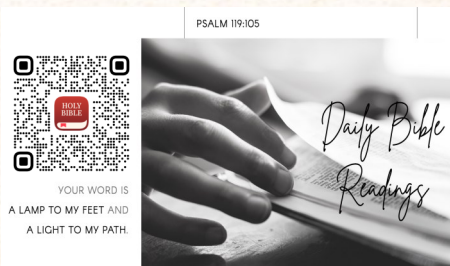
11/16 Mark Willis,  
       Jan Young  
 11/17 Hunter Wilson

# Happy Anniversary

11/21 Caleb & Randi Estes

## PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

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



## 2025 Daily Bible Readings

11/16 - Philippians 1-2, Psalm 11  
 11/17 - Philippians 3-4, Psalm 12  
 11/18 - Colossians 1-2, Psalm 13  
 11/19 - Colossians 3-4, Psalm 14  
 11/20 - 1 Thess. 1-2, Psalm 15  
 11/21 - 1 Thess. 3-4, Psalm 16  
 11/22 - 1 Thess. 5, Psalm 17  
 11/23 - 2 Thess. 1-3, Psalm 18

## Bible Classes

SUNDAY MORNINGS

### Adults

David Hendricks  
 Covenants

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: 11/09/2025*

<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>AM Assembly</b>	<b>301</b>
<b>PM Assembly</b>	<b>148</b>
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>\$17,048</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$15,738</b>



## SERVING THIS WEEK

### Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Richard Howard  
Opening Prayer: Cody Frye  
Closing Prayer: Dusty Dennis  
Scripture Reading: Coen Estes  
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Jared Hudson  
Communion: Sam Austin, Brad Butler,  
Caleb Estes, Jared Hudson, Cale Hudson,  
Keith Nail, Cody Reynolds, Mark Tinsley  
Alternate Communion: Jared Griffin & Stefan Iorga  
Balcony Communion: Chuck Love & Tommy Myers  
Nursing Home Communion: Raymond Johnson  
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: James Bryant  
Attendance Recorder (**Nov**): Sam & Sarah Austin  
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Kevin Graham  
Service Coordinator: Quaid Clark & Tyler Jones  
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Ried Duncan & John Eck  
Welcome Desk (**Nov**): Clarie Dennis & Kim Simpson  
Greeters (**Nov**): Sam A. & Cindy G. / Greg & Diana H.

### Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Ronnie Osborn  
Opening Prayer: Hunter Nickell  
Closing Prayer: David Lewis  
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: James Bryant  
Communion: Joe Dirrim & Drew Graham  
Service Coordinators: Quaid Clark & Tyler Jones

### Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Drew Adams  
Announcements/Opening Prayer: David Hendricks  
Closing Prayer: David Dirrim  
Devotional (8 Minutes): Kyle Wilson  
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Trever Manuel  
Safety Team Camera: Nathan Lewis

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

O Lord We Praise Thy Name

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:22-23

Prayer

Praise the Lord / How Great Thou Art

How Sweet, How Heavenly

Goodness of God

Thoughts From the Cross: Jared Hudson

Cornerstone

Communion

I Sing Praises

Contribution

To Christ Be True

A.M. Lesson: Walk By the Spirit

Bring Christ Your Broken Life

Announcements

God of Our Fathers

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: The New Life

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

**Shepherd November:** Butch Platt

**Supporting Shepherd & Wife:** Brent & Diana Lowe

**November 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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