



# The *Southwesterner*

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## CLAIM YOUR WINS

In the sermon last Sunday morning, we talked about the rich young man in Matthew 19. He had a clear idea of what he was doing right, but Jesus called his attention to a blind spot. Many of us have those. At the same time, some of us can be so focused on the places we fall short that we do not celebrate the things we are doing well. In his recent Encouragement Note, Jim Martin reminds us to claim our wins. Those wins are evidence of God's work in us. - Brian

The opening lines of Psalm 18 are raw, unfiltered worship. This is a picture of passion toward God.

"I love you, Lord; you are my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. I called on the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies."

You may need to hear these passionate words more than you may realize.

What if we gave the wins more attention:

**1. Claim the wins that God has already given you.** Note these words describing God: "strength, rock, fortress, savior, shield, place of safety." This is the language of someone who has seen God show up. Can you point to the ways that God has shown up for you? You have been serving people in his name, and he has worked through you in ways you may not even fully realize yet. Pay attention and celebrate it!

**2. Claim your own wins — because they are real.** Think about your wins.

- You made the difficult phone call.
- You showed up when you were exhausted.
- You greeted someone that you find genuinely hard to love.
- You gave credit where credit was due, even when part of you wanted to keep it.

These are not small things. These are the quiet, faithful acts that shape a life. The enemy of your soul wants you to catalogue every failure, every misstep, and every moment you fell short. Instead, give attention to what you are doing right. One way of managing yourself is by not forgetting the wins.

March 15, 2026



### 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

**Wade Sumpter** was moved to the nursing home facility where Ardith is at in Seminole. He has pneumonia and No Visitors are allowed at this time. Please keep both of them in your prayers.

**Our sympathy** goes out to Larry Darbison and his family on the passing of his sister, Joan Loftis, who passed away on March 3rd. She was a long-time resident of Reedley, CA. Her memorial services were held Saturday at the Dinuba Church of Christ. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**Congratulations** goes out to Jackie Castillo! He was baptized into Christ Thursday evening. We rejoice in his decision to become a Christian and welcome him to our family here at Southwest. He is the father of Greg and Dana Chilcoat's grandsons, Jayce and Jett.

**Southwest Church of Christ**, I want to Thank everyone for the many, many cards, the phone calls checking on me, and the special prayers. With love, Leatrice Crain



**The Yellow House** will hand out food on Monday, **March 23rd**, from 8-10am. Helpers are: Jan Manuel, Kelley Hughey, Tommy Myers, Scott & Sharon Estes, Donna Duncan, Bill Young, Greg & Diana Hatton, & Debra Provence. The food will be picked up and sacked on Wednesday, **March 18th**.

**1 Thessalonians 5:17**

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

Please continue to pray for:

Betty Gerth, Connie McKinney, Stephen Purvis, Lea Crain, Barbara Cannon, Susan Pickle, Glenda King, Jana & Stacey Stewart, Ken & Wanda Roper, Myrtie Clarke, Nash Gilliam, 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 VBS Planning Class** will be on the east side of the fellowship building every Wednesday night for the rest of this quarter until VBS starts.

**The new “Power for Today”** study booklets for April, May, and June are here! If you would like one, they are located in the racks by both double door entries and there are some on the welcome desk also.

**The Ladies Prayer Group** will meet next on Sunday, **March 22nd**, at 4pm in room 111.

**Meals on Wheels** week will be **March 30th - April 3rd**. Helpers will be: Tommy Myers, Kim Simpson, Bill Young, Don Kite, & Chuck Love.

**“Who Is Jesus?”** Gospel Meeting will be hosted by the Broken Bow Church of Christ on **March 22nd - 25th**. More information is on the board by the welcome desk.

**“Our God, He Is Alive!”** Gospel Meeting will be hosted by the Maysville church of Christ on **March 22nd - 25th**. More information is on the board by the welcome desk.



**We will have a Congregational Fellowship Meal** on Sunday, **March 29th**, in the fellowship building following our morning services. The meat will be provided, so please bring side dishes and desserts. **There will be an afternoon service at 12:30pm after the meal. There will NOT be a 5pm worship service.**

# 18 UPCOMING EVENTS

- 03/15 Youth Group Meal/Fellowship
- 03/16-20 Col. Grp. Spring Break Trip
- 03/18 Yel. House Food Pick-Up/Sack
- 03/22 Ladies Prayer Group,  
Youth Meal/Fellowship
- 03/23 Yellow House
- 03/26 Col. Grp. Meal/Devo at SBC  
(Byers/Graham)
- 03/28 Easter Egg Hunt
- 03/29 Congr. Fellowship Meal
- 03/30-04/03 Meals on Wheels
- 04/01 New College Minister Starts  
(Southern Cates)
- 04/02 Rutherford/Manuel Wedding
- 04/05 Easter Sunday
- 04/07 Widower's Breakfast



## TEENS AND YOUTH

### March 15th

Youth Group  
Meal & Fellowship

### March 22nd

Youth Group  
Meal & Fellowship



### March 16th - 20th

College Group Spring  
Break Trip to Colorado

### March 26th

College Group Meal & Devo  
at SBC (Byers & Graham)

# Birthdays of the Month

- 03/16 Todd Martin
- 03/17 Tim Hensley
- 03/18 Jennings Martin
- 03/19 Colton Hoff
- 03/20 Sarah Dirrim,  
Kevin Graham,  
Barbara Lewis
- 03/21 Jet Frye, Madonna Tidwell,  
Courtney Vanlandingham

# Happy Anniversary

03/15 Nathan & Macie Lewis

**PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN**  
 Hunter Wilson Heaven Allen  
 Michale Perry  
 Josh Higginbottom  
 Frank Holsapple Jr.

PSALM 119:105

YOUR WORD IS  
A LAMP TO MY FEET AND  
A LIGHT TO MY PATH

### 2026 Daily Bible Readings

- 3/15 - Judges 13-15, Psalm 74
- 3/16 - Judges 16-18, Psalm 75
- 3/10 - Judges 19-21, Psalm 76
- 3/11 - Ruth 1-4, Psalm 77
- 3/12 - 1 Samuel 1-3, Psalm 78
- 3/13 - 1 Samuel 4-8, Psalm 79
- 3/14 - 1 Samuel 9-12, Psalm 80
- 3/15 - 1 Samuel 13-14, Psalm 81



## Adults

Various Teachers

Bible People, Places, and Events

Jeff Butler

The Gospel of John

Room 100

David Dirrim

Adult Bible Class

Fellowship Building

Brian Lewis

Love & Respect

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: 03/08/2026*

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| <b>Bible Study</b>   | <b>144</b>      |
| <b>AM Assembly</b>   | <b>246</b>      |
| <b>PM Assembly</b>   | <b>124</b>      |
| <b>Wednesday PM</b>  | <b>160</b>      |
| <b>Contributions</b> | <b>\$15,889</b> |
| <b>Budget</b>        | <b>\$15,994</b> |

# SERVING THIS WEEK

## Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Richard Howard  
Opening Prayer: Trever Manuel  
Closing Prayer: Cody Frye  
Scripture Reading: Adam Hensley  
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Ried Duncan  
Communion: Matt Bryant, Ried Duncan,  
John Eck, Drew Graham, Keith Nail,  
Ronnie Osborn, Cody Reynolds, Mark Tinsley  
Alternate Communion: Tim Hensley & Stefan Iorga  
Balcony Communion: Don Kite & Tommy Myers  
Nursing Home Communion: Brent Lowe  
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Josh Nail  
Attendance Recorder (**Mar**): Tanner & Dalee Weston  
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Will Lampkin  
Service Coordinator: Todd Martin & Butch Platt  
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Jared Hudson & Nathan Lewis  
Welcome Desk (**Mar**): Lillie Cadenhead & Amy Graham  
Greeters (**Mar**): Mark & Cindy C. / Hunter & Jena N.

## Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Jack Cadenhead  
Opening Prayer: Thorin Turner  
Closing Prayer: Jacob Hubbard  
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Josh Nail  
Communion: Joe Dirrim & Chuck Love  
Service Coordinators: Todd Martin & Butch Platt

## Wednesday PM:

Announcements/Prayer: David Hendricks  
Song Leader: Cale Hudson  
Closing Prayer: Justin Lane  
Devotional (8 Minutes): Jeff Butler  
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Tanner Weston  
Safety Team Camera: Kevin Graham

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Prayer

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Lord, Reign in Me

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Only a Holy God

Thoughts From the Cross: Ried Duncan

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Communion

I Love You Lord

Contribution

Behold Our God

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:17-19

A.M. Lesson: Workers

God Is Calling the Prodigal

Announcements

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Renewing the Covenant

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

**Shepherd March:** Richard Howard

**Supporting Shepherd & Wife:** Greg & Diana Hatton

**March 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.



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