



The *Southwesterner*

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WELCOME CATES FAMILY!



After months of prayer and searching for a College & Outreach Minister, we are overjoyed to finally have the Cates family with us this week! We are so thankful for the work that Kyle and Shenny have done with our college ministry for several years and the work they will do helping in this transition over the next couple months. Southwest has been blessed with a long history of ministry to ECU students, and we look forward to what Southern and Reilly will do in the years to come. We hope you will be praying for their upcoming move and the impact this work can have in our community.

Here's a little bit about Southern (from Southern) to help you learn about him and his family as they become part of our Southwest family.

"I have been serving in full-time youth ministry for the past four years and have a heart for helping others grow in Christ! My wife Reilly and I have been involved in ministry our whole lives and have two kids, Maybree (2) and Weston (9 months), who keep life fun and full!

Growing up in a family of ministers, deacons, elders, and teachers it was very early taught that the best lessons come from serving others! I started full time ministry in Texas. I am currently enrolled in Freed-Hardeman University pursuing my masters degree. College ministry is a new title, and we are excited to learn and grow to help and serve the college community, but the mission does not change. Whether it's a pipeline technician, underwater basket weaver, or full time minister we all have the same calling to make disciples and point others to Him. I am beyond excited to be apart of this congregation and work alongside you!"

It is a great time to be at Southwest, and we are excited to have the Cates family with us connecting as family, serving our community and sharing the love of Jesus. - Brian

"Because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." - Philippians 1:6

March 29, 2026



Elders

Jeff Butler

Greg Hatton

David Hendricks

Richard Howard

Brent Lowe

Butch Platt

Ministers

Brian Lewis

Southern Cates

Thorin Turner

Kyle Wilson

Secretary

Dana Chilcoat

Family Matters

Please Keep These People In Your Prayers:

Ardith Sumpter was moved to the Ada Care Center on Friday. She has been placed on hospice.

Sam Austin had a heart scope done on Friday.

Lea Crain fell last Friday night and broke her shoulder. She is back at Featherstone recovering, but is in a different room number now. Her new room number will be on this week's "Because We Care" list or you can call the church office.

Jerry Ann Henley fell recently and broke both her left leg and her right ankle. She was moved to Seminole on Thursday to continue post-surgery rehab.

The widowers and single men's breakfast will be Tuesday, **April 7th**, in the fellowship building. Coffee will be ready at 7:30am and breakfast will be served at 8:00am.

Greetings, On behalf of our entire church family, thank you so much for your thoughtful donation. The busted pipes caused flooding, ruined carpets, pews and damaged walls - but your support is turning things around. We are deeply grateful to you for helping us restore our building so that we may continue to worship God and be a light in our little community.

In Christian Love, Church of Christ, Sasakwa, OK

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

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

The Ladies Prayer Group will meet next on Sunday, **April 12th**, at 4pm in room 111.

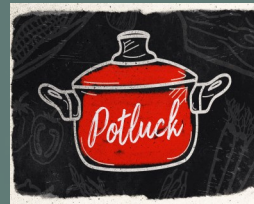
Texoma Truth Series will be **April 11th - 15th** at the Marietta Church of Christ. Please see the board by the welcome desk for more information.

All are invited
to the
wedding for

Janice Manuel & Ted Rutherford

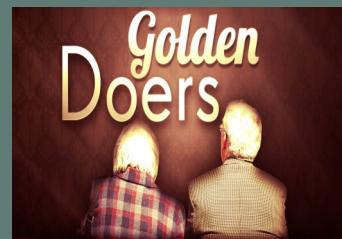
Thursday, **April 2nd** at 7pm at Southwest. There will be a reception to follow in the fellowship building.

No gifts please - Cards are welcome
"Your attendance will be the blessing that we need"



We will have a Congregational Fellowship Meal on Sunday, **March 29th**, in the fellowship building following our morning services. The meat is provided. 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.**

In conjunction with our meal, we will welcome our new College and Outreach minister, Southern Cates, and his family. We will have a money/gift card tree or if you would rather, you may do a pounding for them and bring household items. Please keep the gift cards local for their convenience.



Our next Golden Doers Lunch will be on Sunday, **April 12th**, in the fellowship building following our morning services. If you are 60 years or older, please come join us!

18 UPCOMING EVENTS

- 03/29 Congr. Fellowship Meal w/
Welcome Col. Minister/Fam.
- 03/30-04/03 Meals on Wheels
- 04/01 New College Minister Starts
(Southern Cates)
- 04/02 Rutherford/Manuel Wedding
- 04/05 Easter Sunday,
Youth Grp. Meal/Fellowship
- 04/06 Youth Group Bible Study
- 04/07 Widowers' Breakfast
- 04/09 Col. Grp. Meal/Devo (Graham)
- 04/12 Golden Doers Lunch,
Ladies Prayer Group,
Youth Grp. Meal/Fellowship
- 04/15 Pick Up/Sack Yel. Hse. Food
- 04/16 Col. Grp. Meal/Devo (Hensley)

SYN TEENS AND YOUTH

April 5th

Youth Group
Meal & Fellowship

April 6th

Youth Group Bible Study



April 9th

College Group Meal & Devo
(Graham)

April 16th

College Group Meal & Devo
(Hensley)

Birthdays of the Month

- 03/29 Kyle Hoff, John Lee,
Jeannie Wingard
- 03/31 Jake Williams
- 04/02 Cody Reynolds,
Ramona Scott
- 04/03 Jag Frye
- 04/04 Chelsea Butler,
Juanita Scroggins

Happy Anniversary

03/30 John & Melissa Eck

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.

Daily Bible Readings

2026 Daily Bible Readings

- 3/29 - 2 Samuel 4-8, Psalm 88
- 3/30 - 2 Samuel 9-12, Psalm 89
- 3/31 - 2 Samuel 13-15, Psalm 90
- 4/1 - 2 Samuel 16-18, Psalm 91
- 4/2 - 2 Samuel 19-21, Psalm 92
- 4/3 - 2 Samuel 22-24, Psalm 93
- 4/4- 1 Kings 1-3, Psalm 94
- 4/5 - 1 Kings 4-7, Psalm 95



Bible Classes

SUNDAY MORNINGS

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: 03/22/2026

Bible Study	120
AM Assembly	262
PM Assembly	135
Wednesday PM	190
Contributions	\$13,644
Budget	\$15,994

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Jared Hudson
Opening Prayer: Thorin Turner
Closing Prayer: TBA
Scripture Reading: Coen Estes
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Cody Frye
Communion: Sam Austin, Cody Frye,
Drew Graham, Ronnie Osborn, Cody Reynolds,
Mark Tinsley, Tommy Vass, Kerry White
Alternate Communion: James Bryant & Trever Manuel
Balcony Communion: Don Kite & Tommy Myers
Nursing Home Communion: Raymond Johnson
Attendance Counter/Safety Team: Hunter Nickell
Attendance Recorder (**Mar**): Tanner & Dalee Weston
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Kevin Graham
Service Coordinator: Matt Bryant & Caleb Estes
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: KerVon James & Justin Lane
Welcome Desk (**Mar**): Lillie Cadenhead & Amy Graham
Greeters (**Mar**): Mark & Cindy C. / Hunter & Jena N.

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Richard Howard
Opening Prayer: Joe Dirrim
Closing Prayer: Jacob Hubbard
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Hunter Nickell
Communion: Trent Barrett & Todd Martin
Service Coordinators: Matt Bryant & Caleb Estes

Wednesday PM:

Announcements/Prayer: Ried Duncan
Song Leader: Justin Lane
Closing Prayer: Jack Cadenhead
Devotional (8 Minutes): David Hendricks
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Keith Nail
Safety Team Camera: Nathan Lewis

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Prayer

Tell Me the Story of Jesus - 387

One Day - 353

Have You Seen Jesus My Lord - 904

We Saw Thee Not - 342

Thoughts From the Cross: Cody Frye

Hallelujah, What a Savior - 337

Communion

Jesus Let Us Come to Know You - 768

Contribution

I Stand Amazed - 147

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:39

A.M. Lesson: Your Will Be Done

Love Lifted Me - 453

Announcements

Jesus Is Lord - 180

Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Facing the Giant

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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ONLINE GIVING



Sunday

Bible Classes - 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.

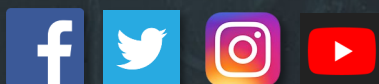
Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.

(Class does not meet during summer)

Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.



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