

The Southwesterner

**Sunday**

Bible Classes: 9 a.m.
Morning Assembly: 10 a.m.
Evening Assembly: 5 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class: 10 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

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BEST CHRISTMAS EVER

Christmas will always be a special, almost magical time of the year for me. I'm either looking forward to it or enjoying it; always trying to make each one more valued than the last. Family, laughter, time off, eating and reflecting upon the blessings of God are ingredients of the season.

However the most important component that makes a Christmas an event to cherish is the attitude of real contentment. Am I aware of all the rich gifts that God has placed in my life?

Consider a story to illustrate the point. A man who wished to sell his house went to a friend who was in the real estate business. Describing the house and grounds to his friend he asked him to write an advertisement for the newspaper. His friend did as he requested and then he read what he had written. "Read that again," said the man wanting to sell his house. The real estate agent read it again. Upon hearing it the second time, the man declared, "The house is not for sale. All my life I've wanted a place just like the one you have described. But I never knew I had it until now. Why would I want to sell a house whose description sounds so great!"



I'm convinced that for most all of us, what we have in life is much greater than how we perceive it. During this holiday season, I challenge you to work on an attitude that will make it the best Christmas ever. Be content because without it all the food, gifts and laughter are going to be quite empty and bland.

In Luke 3:14 we read of soldiers coming to John the Baptist and asking about how they were to repent. They wanted to be charter members of the kingdom of God. In describing the change they needed to make, John said, "Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse anyone falsely, and be content with your wages."

John was teaching that these soldiers' contentment would be what would keep them from taking money from another by force. In other words, contentment would help them deal with certain temptations to do wrong.

In Heb. 13:5, it's written, "Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU." Spiritually speaking we need to work on contentment, if we don't already have it, because a lack of it can rapidly lead us to sin. It's the discontented person who gets into trouble.

To have contentment there are valuable truths we must accept. One is that contentment should be about possessing the basic necessities of life. In 1 Timothy 6:8, it's written, "If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content."

When we are content with only the necessities for our lives, then we are content indeed. It's when we start adding to the necessities that we get into trouble. It's the

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Equipping the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the Body of Christ. Eph. 4:12

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Announcing GBN

It has finally become a reality. For the past year or more the elders of the Highland Church of Christ in Dalton, Georgia have been raising funds and working on a 24-hour satellite television station for the Lord's church. On November 26, 2005 that goal was realized. On that day, The Gospel Broadcasting Network went live. This is an exciting opportunity for the Lord's church. GBN will continuously broadcast programs such as In Search of the Lord's Way, The Spiritual Sword, Truth for the World, The Gospel of Christ, and others. They will also be presenting evangelistic programs such as the God's Kingdom video series. In addition, there will be programs produced by World Video Bible School, Apologetics Press, and children's programming, and many others.

"The primary thrust of the network is:

- To establish in viewers of all ages a strong belief in the existence of God through a heavy concentration of Christian evidences,
- To establish in viewers the conviction that God has revealed Himself and His will to man through the Bible; and
- To encourage the proper response to God's Word—obedience to the plan of salvation and adherence to the New Testament pattern of worship, work, and Christian living.

In many places brethren are threatened by false teaching. A saturation of sound Bible teaching via GBN may help strengthen them to withstand error and to stand for the truth. In areas where the church is practically nonexistent and brethren are striving to grow in the faith, GBN's programming may be viewed, possibly videotaped, to edify these Christians and assist them in their evangelistic efforts."

(Quoted from the GBN website)

Brethren, this is an effort worthy of our support. If you have certain types of satellites you can receive GBN now. For those with cable or satellite television, let us all contact those companies and ask them to carry GBN. The more requests they have the more likely it will be they will honor our requests. For more information or to see GBN's programming on the Internet you may go to their website, <http://www.gbntv.org/>. Please request GBN from your television provider, keep this effort in your prayers, and encourage others to request it so the gospel can be spread to as many souls as possible through this effort.

Riddle Answer: A habit

Special Contribution Sunday, December 18th

BREAD GROUPS

BREAD Groups will not meet until January 8th.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 25 (A) Bill & Ramona Scott
- 26 (A) George & Malinda Patterson
- 27 (A) Daniel & Jezula Jonka
- 28 Lindi Lavielle
- 29 Darla Hendricks
- 30 Ralph La Crone, Ruby Low

Sunday Scripture Reading

Psalms 119:169—176

Sunday Sermons:

A.M.: "God In You" David Rodriguez
P.M.: "Remedy For Sin" David Rodriguez

For The Record

Bible Study	296	Wednesday PM	125
AM Assembly	379	Contribution	\$ 7,490
PM Assembly	235	Budget	\$8,700

PRAYERS & UPDATES

- ?? **Pete Duncan** had surgery Wednesday on his eye at the OU Medical Center.
- ?? **Don Simpson** had injections in his hip Tuesday in Oklahoma City.
- ?? **Bill Perry** has a growth in his lung. He will be seeing a doctor this week to determine if surgery is possible.
- ?? **Travis Wingard** is having tests December 16th.
- ?? **Jennifer Lillard** is in Valley View Hospital with bronchitis.
- ?? **Ray Walker's** sister, **Reba Hendrix** is in Oklahoma City Hospital and is not doing well.
- ?? **Ann Wilson** had tests run Tuesday.
- ?? **Joe Pearson** is home and doing well.
- ?? **Mildred Clark** is struggling with an infection and is waiting to schedule surgery.
- ?? **Bernice Hill** is now recovering at home.
- ?? Our sympathy goes to **David Dirrim** and his family on the death of his mother. Her funeral was in Claremore Monday.
- ?? **Continue to remember** Mary Brecheen, Coni Turner and Joe & Tandy Hudson as they struggle with RSD. Lynn Harbin, Gary Littleton, Ima Jean Blankenship, Annetta Gibson, Janis McNutt as they battle cancer. Lillie Ingram, Travis Wingard, Don Simpson and Fisey Jarrett as they struggle with pain.

NEWS & NOTES

A new brother in Christ: Please keep Craig Hudson in your prayers. He was baptized Monday, December 12th at DCC, Holdenville by Ron Ingram. His address is Craig Hudson #451063, DCC, 6888 East 133rd Rd., Holdenville, OK 74848 for anyone wishing to send a card of encouragement.

New Life Behavior classes will be taught every Friday at 7:00 p.m. Anyone dealing with struggles and problems of everyday life, addictions, family hardships, uncontrollable bad habits, marriage failures, money problems, or just searching for a purpose in life, come sit in and get involved in this life changing course. Learn why and how to use the power of God to overcome your struggles in life and find peace and happiness. Class will be taught by Ron Ingram in the first class room in the west end of the church building.

Fellowship Groups will not meet Sunday, December 18th.

Class Fellowship for Floyd Kaiser's class will be December 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Daryl and Carolyn Pults. Bring finger foods and a gift.

Yellow House will be open to hand out food December 22nd. Worker will be Alvin Jamar, Elmer & Betty Gerth, Leona Strong, and Jessie Glover.

Christmas Dinner: We will be preparing a Christmas dinner for the less fortunate in our community December 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship building. We are going to need greeters and cooks. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer for those who would like to help. For more information contact Kelley Benson or Scott Roberson.

Bible Classes: Even though we will meet as usual on Sunday, December 25th, any Bible Class that would like may meet in the auditorium, Floyd will have a special study along with singing.

Office will be closed December 26th and January 2nd for the Holiday's.

Monday Night for the Master will meet Monday, January 9th in the fellowship building at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Class will dismiss for the holidays and will resume January 10th.

New Magazine – Dr. Brad Harrub is producing a new magazine on Christian evidences. It is entitled, "Think" and is designed to be read and understood by the general population. It will debut in January 2006. To subscribe or for more information you may go to www.focuspress.org or call (615) 324-5870.

YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS

Holiday party for the teens will be December 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship building. Bring your favorite party food and a white elephant gift.

New Year's Lock in will be December 30th at 9:00 p.m. in the fellowship building. Sign up sheet is in the foyer for those who can provide food.

New Bible Classes

Sunday Morning	
II Thessalonians	Jim Begin Auditorium Class
I Samuel	Floyd Kaiser Fellowship Bldg
Defining the Faith	Dusty Dennis New Kitchen
Revelations	Ron Ingram Class Room C
The Church	Johnie Fredman Old Kitchen

Wednesday Evening

Romans	Floyd Kaiser Auditorium
Leadership	C.J. Vires New Kitchen

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Lois Shaw, Novella Blake, Lena Hunt, Randy Wilson, Bonnie Medlock, James Coffey, Lorene Lull, Jennifer Lillard, Anna B. McCoy, Floretta Cockrell, Austin Blackwell, Loretta Broadway, Bessie Bryant, Esther Davis, Jerry Hatton, Pauline Henderson, Delma Jones, Ellis Julian, Ruby Low, Ruby McFarland, Mary Pennington, Bernice Rogers, Darrell Tarron, Nadine Vogt, Charles Whittington

luxuries we think we have to have but don't, which rob us of thankfulness. True contentment is not about expensive houses or furniture or cars or vacations. It's about being aware of the value of the basic matters of life, things like food and clothing and shelter from the elements.

In Philippians 4:11-13 there is presented certain indispensable truths about contentment.

"Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

Notice that contentment doesn't depend upon one's surroundings for Paul writes that he has discovered it "in any and every circumstance". He was content in humble circumstances and even while going hungry.

Notice that he describes contentment as an attitude that is learned, i.e. it doesn't come by chance or by accident.

Notice that most of all it happens "through Him who strengthens." Contentment is one blessing God generously offers. Let Him take charge of your life and you will have it!

Merry Christmas, Floyd

Sunday AM	December 18th	December 25th
Opening Prayer	Wade Sumpter	Ken Roper
Scripture Reading	Josh Nail	Dylan Hendricks
Prayer - Bread	Alan Simpson	Dub Borders
North 2	Daniel Jonka	Scott Roberson
North 3	J.D. McNitt	Bill Morgan
North 4	Justin Nail	Tommy Vass
Prayer - Fruit	James Anderson	Alvin Jamar
South 2	Jerry Miller	John Lee
South 3	Eric Scism	Wayne King
South 4	Garett Hatton	Wib Scroggins
Alternate 1	Elmo Fulton	Gary Hamilton
Alternate 2	George Patterson	Clint Bowker
Balcony 1	Wendell Sherrell	Jarrold Tollett
Balcony 2	Jack Long	Tommy Myers
Closing Prayer	Jarrold Tollett	Jim Vercelli
Song Leader	Richard Howard	C.J. Vires
Bus Driver	Jade Benson	Greg Chilcoat
Attendance Count	Scott Roberson	Wendell Sherrell
Usher - North	Dylan Hayes	Alex Vercelli
Usher - Center	Dakota Blackwell	Noah Gilliam
Usher - South	Eli Paul	Dawson Hendricks
Nursing Home	Alvin Jamar	Greg Hatton
Nursing Home	Elmer Gerth	Jim Vercelli
Nursery Attend	Cindy Geiger	Annetta Gibson
Sunday Night	December 18th	December 25th
Bread	W.B. Borders	John Lee
Fruit	Brian Thomas	Jimmy Davis
Contribution	Jim Vercelli	Roy Long
Opening Prayer	Raymond Johnson	Kelley Benson
Closing Prayer	Kyle Wilson	Scott Stewart
Song Leader	Richard Howard	Scott Estes
Bus Driver	Keith Aitley	Billy Palmer
Wednesday	December 21st	December 28th
Bus Driver	David Hendricks	Cody Frye
Song Leader	Dylan Hendricks	Kelley Benson
Invitation	Bobby Johns	Jim Begin
Closing Prayer	Elmer Gerth	Butch Platt

December Contribution Counters:
 Richard Howard
 Greg Chilcoat
 Kyle Wilson
 Tommy Paul

Stringtown: Preaching Assignment:
Sunday, December 18th
 John Ray
 Alvin Jamar
Sunday, December 25h
 Wade Sumpter Jr.
 Norman Duncan



Sunday on:
 KTEN Channel 10, 6:30 a.m.
 KOCO Channel 5, 8:00 a.m.

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