

overseers, so treat them as an overseers.

Putting the elders in their place will be hard at times. It is not easy to submit yourself to another person when things aren't going your way but it's a must. There will be trying times but do not give up on them for they are also human like you. Understand that there will also be times when they will need your help and prayers. Understand that their responsibility is a great one and they need to be strengthened from time to time. Understand that you are there as sheep who know and follow their voice, John 10:27. Submit yourself to these men that are chosen by God to be your elders. Go ahead and put them in their place and you'll see what a wonderful work the shepherd and their sheep can accomplish.

So if you want to put the elders in their place then feel free to do so, but make sure that you find that place in the scriptures written in your Bible.

Love,
David

January	
26	College Devo
29	Combined College/Youth Devo
31	Ladies Class 10:00 AM
February	
1	JD's Class 5:30
2	College Devo
3	Father/son Breakfast
5	College Trip Tecumseh Youth Devo
	Wedding Shower Davis - Sumpter
7	Ladies Class 10:00 AM
9	College Devo
12	Elders Deacons Meeting 3:30
13	MNFM
14	Ladies Class 10:00 AM
15	Golden Doers Breakfast 4-6 Grade Devo 5:30
16	College Devo
19	Fellowship Group College Trip to Wayne
21	Ladies Class 10:00 AM
22	Youth Led Service
23	College Devo
25	Lauren Myers/Jayson Bucy Wedding
26	Family Devo
27	Yellow House MNFM
28	Ladies Class

Stringtown:
Preaching Assignment:
Sunday, January 29th
Richard Howard
Wade Sumpter, Jr.
Sunday, February 5th
Jim Begin
Bobby Johns

February
Contribution Counters:
Brent Lowe, Greg Hatton,
Kelley Benson, Kurt Gilliam

Sunday AM	January 29th	February 5th
Opening Prayer	Dusty Dennis	Jim Begin
Scripture Reading	Trevin Vass	Dylan Hendricks
Prayer - Bread	Daryl Pults	C.J. Vires
North 2	Alan Simpson	Gene Albright
North 3	John Lee	Clint Bowker
North 4	Robert Kelley	Don Blankenship
Prayer - Fruit	Greg Chilcoat	Kelley Benson
South 2	Wayne King	James Byers
South 3	Wib Scroggins	Jimmy Davis
South 4	John Ray	Caleb Estes
Alternate 1	Jimmy Davis	Elmo Fulton
Alternate 2	Patrick Kaiser	Terry Fulton
Balcony 1	Bill Morgan	Paul Ballard
Balcony 2	Kurt Gilliam	Cody Frye
Closing Prayer	Bart Conley	Ron Ingram
Song Leader	Raymond Johnson	Scott Estes
Bus Driver	David Hendricks	Kyle Wilson
Attendance Count	Tommy Paul	Don Byrd
Usher - North	Chase Bowker	Chase Bowker
Usher - Center	Matthew Lowe	Dakota Blackwell
Usher - South	Trey Denson	Derek Cranford
Nursing Home	Greg Hatton	Greg Chilcoat
Nursing Home	Jim Vercelli	Darrell Geiger
Nursery Attend	Jo Hughey	Debbie Bynum
Sunday Night	January 29th	February 5th
Scripture Reading	David Rodriguez	Bradley Butler
Bread	Elmer Gerth	Tommy Vass
Fruit	Ken Roper	Kyle Wilson
Contribution	Dusty Dennis	Charles Yahola
Opening Prayer	Cody Frye	Clint Bowker
Closing Prayer	Justin Nail	John Bynum
Song Leader	Scott Estes	C.J. Vires
Bus Driver	Cody Frye	Keith Nail
Wednesday	February 1st	February 8th
Bus Driver	Eugene Cannon	Greg Chilcoat
Announcements	Glendel Hatton	Jeff Butler
Song Leader	Dylan Hendricks	Brent Lowe
Invitation	Dusty Dennis	James Anderson
Closing Prayer	Aaron Sumpter	Wade Sumpter, Jr.

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“Putting The Elders In Their Place!”

Growing up I heard this phrase several times. There were times that people would tell a story about someone putting someone else in their place and it always seemed to be something negative or overpowering. It was kind of mentioned when you wanted to make yourself look like your were right about something! If you put someone in their place it meant that you “showed them who is boss!” Well, I hate to burst your bubble, but that is not where I am going with this. I want us to really pay close attention to this article as I use this phrase in a positive way.

For many years I have heard brethren of all ages complain, put down, destroy and belittle our church elders. Please understand that I have done this in the past and am regretful for it. I wish that I could go back and redo certain things in my life but I can't. Through that experience, I have learned to respect my elders in their position. Soon we are going to be seeking men qualified to take on this challenge. We will be looking for men that will fit the qualification mentioned in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. I know that a lot of us will be looking for good men to step up to the plate and take a role in leading this congregation. There is nothing wrong with that. In fact this is what the Bible is asking us to do. What I do want to remind all of us to do is really look at the scriptures. Find men that fit the qualifications given to us from the Father. Look at men that are already doing the work of an elder, not someone that is going to be in training as an elder. Understand that this is a very important responsibility in the Lord's church and it is not to be taken lightly. I also understand that there are a lot of good men in the congregation that “might make it”, as an elder, but what God is looking for is not someone that “might make it” instead He is looking for someone that is already doing the work. So be careful in choosing these men. Understand that these men are the ones responsible for your spiritual growth. Would you like someone qualified or would you like someone that you're not even sure is going to make it? There are brothers out there that do fit a lot of the qualifications; I ask that you do not settle for a lot of the qualifications but for them to fit all of them.

With that being said I want to move on to the next part of this article. Once we have placed these men in this position we must understand that these are the men that we as a congregation have chosen. Once you have made this decision you better back it up! Our elders and future elders need your support when times are good as well as when times are bad. Putting the elders in their place means we become faithful to these men. We follow them as our spiritual leaders as God would want us to do. We support these men because we will have chosen these men. If you want to put the elders in their place then give them the respect that God has given them. God has called them spiritual leaders, so treat them like spiritual leaders. God has called them shepherds, so treat them as if you were their sheep. God has called them

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

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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Minister's File

God is good!

Daryl Pults, on behalf of the eldership, challenged Southwest last Sunday with a new budget that is quite in line with last year's. Only a slight increase. However, there will be no special contributions this year on the fifth Sunday. Instead, you are being asked to give about the same amount as 2005, only spread over 52 Sundays.

There are few who understand the labor that goes into the budget. The elders and deacons, especially Brent Lowe, have spent many hours summarizing 2005's budget and formulating 2006's.

As we approach the selection of additional elders, please pray about it. If there is someone you think you would like to present to the congregation for their consideration, ponder that person's qualifications as they compare with the word of God. For the last two weeks we have put these qualifications on the back of the bulletin. If you missed these bulletins, simply read them from I Timothy 3 and Titus 1. If you are confident that someone you know would qualify, approach him and find out if he is interested before you say anything else. One of the qualifications is that a person "aspired to the office of overseers" (I Timothy 3:1).

One of the lectures I attended today was by Howard Norton who talked about the partnership that must exist for the gospel to be preached. There must be a partnership with God and with the brethren who are willing to work together toward one goal. Let us pray that God will be with our works and let us be humble and sacrificially labor together for the aim of the Great Commission.

See you Sunday.

Floyd

Attention Readers

We are updating our bulletin list. If you are not a member at Southwest and would like to continue getting the bulletin, please call the office at 1-877-332-3430 or you can send your mailing label on the front of the bulletin to Southwest church of Christ, 505 West 17th, Ada, Ok 74820 and we would be glad to continue mailing you the bulletin.

For The Record

Bible Study	282	Wednesday PM	313
AM Assembly	415	Contribution	\$ 8,150
PM Assembly	296	Budget	\$8,700

BREAD GROUPS

January 29th

Group #5

Daryl & Carolyn Pults, Floyd & Margaret Kaiser, Dean & Marlene Green, Tommy & Kim Paul, Alan & Kim Simpson, Russell & Kristin Neill, Kelley & Jade Benson, Lee & Sandra Skaggs, Randy & Ann Wilson, Ron & Lillie Ingram



February 5th

Group #1

Jack & Jill Frye, David & Darla Hendricks, Greg & Diana Hatton, Jim & Tina Vercelli, Richard & Camille Howard, Kyle & Shenny Wilson, Keith & Gayle Ailey, Don & Ima Jean Blankenship, Raymond & Jane Johnson

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 **Jimmie Nell Chiles, Bradley Butler. (A)**
Ken & Wanda Roper
- 2 **Carolyn Pults**
- 3 **June Dixon, Laura Pendergrass**
- 4 **James Myers**

Sunday Sermons:

AM Sermon: "How to Worship in Church"

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:27-34

Last Sunday I introduced the truth that when we come to church as a member of the Body, we are obligated to consider God, as the object of our reverence, and one another as equal members of the Whole. Our least consideration should be ourselves. The assembly is about what I, as a Christian, can contribute to God and to my brethren. The paradox is this; as that is done, I achieve my greatest fulfillment. Worship as the church then becomes enriching to me. This Sunday morning I will address the "nuts and bolts" of meaningful worship. My lesson will be summed up in four words, Prepare, Participate, Prioritize and Personalize.

P.M. Sermon: "Spiritual Maturity for God's Leaders."

PRAYERS & UPDATES

- **Becky Myers** is struggling with her health and has asked for your prayers.
- **Jesse Sanchez** has broken a rib and is recovering at home.
- **Sandra Skaggs** had knee replacement surgery at the new McBride Bone and Joint Hospital Monday and is doing fine.
- **Jenny Lee** had surgery Monday in Oklahoma City.
- **Coleman Pennington** is recovering at home following surgery.
- **Ralph Ingram** received a good report on his colonoscopy.
- **Mildred Clark** is recovering at home.
- **Tyler Hill**, grandson of Patsy Hill and nephew of Denise Platt, is in constant pain and will have a new procedure done on his neck. It is a delicate procedure and they are asking for your prayers.
- **Nathaniel Martinez**, grandson of Floy Howard and nephew of Richard Howard, has been moved to the Jim Thorpe rehab unit to begin therapy.
- **Gary Burlison**, father of Gina Fredman, will have surgery January 30th in Wichita.
- Our sympathy goes to **Christine Long** and her family on the death of her father, J.T. Rhea. His services was Monday in Borger, TX.
- **Jim Alexander** Family has requested our prayers, Jim has been badly burned.
- **Continue to remember** Mary Brecheen, Coni Turner and Joe & Tandy Hudson as they struggle with RSD. Susan Smith, Lynn Harbin, Gary Littleton, Ima Jean Blankenship, Annetta Gibson, Janis McNutt as they battle cancer.

NEWS & NOTES

Congratulations to Michael and Ashlee Holloway on the birth of baby Braxton Lee. He was born Thursday evening and weighed 6lbs,10oz and is 18.5 inches long. The proud grandparents are Butch and Denise Platt. Great grandmother is Patsy Hill and proud aunts are Heather O'Neal and Jennifer Platt.

Class Fellowship for the adult class taught by Floyd Kaiser will be at the home of John & Redena Lee

this Sunday evening following evening services.

Monday Night for the Master will meet Monday, February 13th in the fellowship building at 6:00 p.m. **Pictorial Directories** are here. You may pick them up in the foyer or come by the office. One per family please.

Memorial Contributions have been received in memory of Preston Thacker, brother of Leona Strong, from Byron & Janis Rowsey for the building fund.

Attention Ladies!!! All ladies, who are interested in helping with preparations for the Ladies Day, April the 1st, please meet in the fellowship building Sunday afternoon, January 29th at 4:00 p.m.

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 old kitchen.

YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS

Youth/College Devotional will be January 29th at the Bible Center.

College devotionals will be each Thursday night at 8:00 at the Student Bible Center.

College Trip: The college group will be conducting evening services at Tecumseh Sunday, February 5th. We will leave the church building at 5:00.

College Sunday night meal for February 12th & 26th will be provided by Renee Nail, Tonya Lillard, and Joni Vass.

College Appreciation Banquet: Mark your calendars now for the appreciation banquet on March 25th. All who have helped with the campus ministry are invited. You won't want to miss this

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Lois Shaw, Novella Blake, Lena Hunt, Randy Wilson, Bonnie Medlock, 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