

While some will always regard the local church as a place only to be visited on Easter or called upon only when they need a church service, it is far, far more. While it is a place of comfort and companionship, it is also a university that graduates its members to a profession of praising God for eternity. While it is a place to get food or money, it is, most importantly, a place where souls can be fed the bread of life and treasures laid up in heaven. While it is a place where young people can find wholesome activities to occupy their time, it is, most importantly, the only place where God is glorified in Christ Jesus. While it is a place where homes are made better and husbands and wives learn how to build great families, it is, most importantly, a place where sinners are trained in righteousness.

There are temporal blessings for faithful members of the church, but the real aim is saved souls. The body of people who meet at a specific address on a certain street and who assemble in the same building every Sunday in your community is no ordinary body. It is the body of Christ to which each Christian is to be devoted, without exception.

--Floyd



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

**Stringtown
Preaching Assignment:
Sunday, February 12th**
Ken Roper
Wade Sumpter, Sr.

Sunday, February 19th
Pete Duncan
Jim Begin

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

Sunday AM	February 12th	February 19th
Opening Prayer	James Anderson	Jeff Butler
Scripture Reading	Tad McGalliard	Josh Vires
Prayer - Bread	Alan Simpson	Daryl Pults
North 2	Kurt Gilliam	James Myers
North 3	Dylan Hendricks	J.D. McNutt
North 4	Garett Hatton	Vernon Morgan
Prayer - Fruit	Bart Conley	Eugene Cannon
South 2	John Lee	Jerry Miller
South 3	Wayne King	Darrell Nemecek
South 4	Daniel Jonka	Josh Nail
Alternate 1	Roy Long	George Patterson
Alternate 2	Bill Morgan	Wib Scroggins
Balcony 1	Don Kite	Tommy Myers
Balcony 2	Jack Long	Byron Rowsey
Closing Prayer	Raymond Johnson	Bobby Johns
Song Leader	Johnie Fredman	Richard Howard
Bus Driver	Billy Palmer	Alan Simpson
Attendance Count	Don Blankenship	Scott Estes
Usher - North	Devin Cranford	Kase Gilliam
Usher - Center	Trey Denson	Noah Gilliam
Usher - South	Hunter Fulton	Tanner Gilliam
Nursing Home	Caleb Estes	John Lee
Nursing Home	Darrell Nemecek	Justin Nail
Nursery Attend	Jade Benson	Martha Begin
Sunday Night	February 12th	February 19th
Scripture Reading	Clint Bowker	Reese Howard
Bread	Jim Vercelli	Caleb Estes
Fruit	David Rodriguez	Dylan Hendricks
Contribution	Josh Nail	Garett Hatton
Opening Prayer	James Byers	Greg Chilcoat
Closing Prayer	Bart Conley	Jimmy Davis
Song Leader	Caleb Estes	Scott Roberson
Bus Driver	David Hendricks	Jade Benson
Wednesday	February 15th	February 22nd
Bus Driver	Cody Frye	Kelley Benson
Announcements	W.B. Borders	Jim Begin
Song Leader	Russell Neil	Youth Led Worship
Invitation	Jeff Butler	Youth Led Worship
Closing Prayer	Wade Sumpter	Youth Led Worship

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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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The Gift of the Local Church

Today I got a call from a person in the community who is "unchurched," i.e. not a member of any kind of religious fellowship. Frankly, it was quite sad because she had lost a loved one and she was asking if anyone could provide food for the family during their time of grief.

If you want to know how I dealt with this situation, see me. I may have to explain my decision. However, what I did or did not do is not the point. The point is that everyone needs a local church fellowship...if not now, then sometime later. Sooner or later, everyone will need to call upon some institution whose members are devoted to caring.

What continues to amaze me is how some take for granted the goodness of the local church. Someone will die in a family who neither graces the front doors of our assemblies for worship nor make themselves available to minister to others, but will receive services without restriction. Sometimes, a person whom we know to be slandering the church in the community will come to that same church and ask for food or money. Then, after love is offered, the fellowship of the good brethren who cared for them continues to be shunned and, in some cases, even spoken against. Every preacher who has been in the ministry for decades, as I have, can tell the same stories. It happens everywhere because eventually the lukewarm and the unchurched will need the services of the very fellowship that they've been avoiding like the plague.

Please, do not think that I'm bitter; I'm not and neither are my brethren. Jesus Himself faced the same kind of calloused ingratitude in His day. In John 6:26, Jesus said to men who briefly followed Him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled." The body of Christ today, as always, will be abused and unappreciated, but it will continue to love in return.



However, the message that needs to be heard is that the local church of the saved can only function and be of service to all people, if its own members appreciate its unequalled value and, from that sense of worth, sacrifice for it proportionately. For us, as Christians, familiarity with the local church can threaten our appreciation of it as the very centerpiece of God's plan to redeem man. It is possible that a few hundred times of saying "we're going to church!" can become, "we've GOT to go to church." Seeing the same brothers and sisters and going through the same religious routine, to some will gradually breed indifference.

My friends, I will stake my life and my eternity, on this one truth: The church is the bride of Christ (see 2 Corinthians 11:2) and any bride of Christ can NEVER be common.

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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 on:

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

Gospel of Christ

Channel 35 (Cable One Channel 21)
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Minister's File

God is good!

I'm sure you've noticed that we have slightly changed our order of worship. This is to keep us from being too rigid about matters that have no real consequence as to whether we worship "in spirit and in truth." Two songs, a prayer, two more songs, the Lord's Supper, and so on, can become a rut and is not a biblically prescribed form. Therefore, change in such orders of service teaches us a valuable lesson that where there is a generic command to assemble and an example to worship, then there is liberty about what order is used. However, at the same time, where there is a specific command, such as there is to sing, we are not allowed to alter or to substitute the practice, such as by adding musical instruments. Therefore, while the order of service may change, the elements of worship, where the Bible is quite clear about what should be done, remain the same.

I appreciate the support I've received about discontinuing the Power for Today radio program. It was a decision I struggled with for some time, but I ultimately think that because of my health limitations, I've made the correct choice.

It was great to witness Ben baptize into Christ his wife, Kristen. We appreciate them!

Last week I went to the hospital and unexpectedly found some of my brethren from Southwest. We had coffee together, laughed and visited. I thought afterward what a delight it is to meet my fellow-members out in the community and be able to stop and visit. I don't see how anyone would want to live without a great family like the one we have here. May God bless this great church at Southwest!

See ya'll Sunday. --Floyd

BREAD GROUPS

February 12th
Group #2

Jim & Martha Begin, George & Malinda Patterson, Robert & Mary Jo Whitwell, Brent & Diana Lowe, C.J. & Linda Vires, Bart & Mary Conley, Eric & Contessa Scism, Helen Priest, Wade & Ardith Sumpter, Ken & Wanda Roper, Donna Gibson



February 19th
Group #3

Glendel & Paula Hatton, Alvin & Hazel Jamar, Elmer & Betty Gerth, Jeff & Pam Butler, Bubba & Madonna Tidwell, Jimmy & Nancy Davis, Darrell & Conna Nemecek, Leona Strong, June Dixon,

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 12 Keith Nail
- 15 Elizabeth Coppak, Marissa Eaves, Bonnie Medlock
- 16 Lorene Lull, J.D McNutt
- 17 Fisey Jarrett, Bill Morgan

Sunday Sermons:

AM Sermon: How a Great Fellowship Receives the Word.

The apostle Paul had high regard for the church in Thessalonica. He even says that he was well pleased to impart to them his own life (see 1 Thess. 2:8). This fellowship therefore becomes a great example to us, the Southwest fellowship. Continuing my series about the local church of God's saved, this lesson will focus upon how the Thessalonian church received the word of God. From this chapter, 1 Thessalonians 2, Paul shows that they paid a price to receive it, examined the preacher to confirm it, accepted the authorship to empower it and welcomed the call to live it.

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2

PM Sermon: The Day Truth Fought Back

PRAYERS & UPDATES

- **Dean Green** had knee replacement surgery Monday at Valley View Hospital.
- **Darrell Geiger** had gall bladder surgery Friday and is home doing very well.
- **Glendel Hatton** is home with pneumonia.
- **Tony Hall**, minister at Lewisville church of Christ, is going for a new treatment in Houston.
- We have been asked to pray for **Dwayne Cobb** as "the devil is attacking his mind."
- **Continue to remember** Becky Myers, Pete Duncan, Mildred Clark, Mary Brecheen, Coni Turner and Joe & Tandy Hudson, Susan Smith, Lynn Harbin, Ima Jean Blankenship, Annetta Gibson, Janis McNutt, Lillie Ingram, Travis Wingard, Don Simpson and Fisey Jarrett as they struggle with their health.
- **Remember our Troops:** Tommy Gould and Carl Howard If you have someone you would like to be included on this list please contact the

NEWS & NOTES

Baptized: Kristen Finley was baptized last Thursday afternoon. We welcome her to our family.

Elders/Deacons Meeting will be Sunday afternoon in the old kitchen at 3:30 p.m.

Fellowship Groups: Due to numerous conflicts, the elders have changed the dates for the Fellowship Groups in 2006 to the second Sunday of each month. Fellowship groups will meet this Sunday night.

Monday Night for the Master will meet Monday, February 13th in the fellowship building at 6:00 p.m. Menu will be Mexican food, salads and desserts. **Golden Doers** will meet for breakfast Wednesday, February 15th, at 7:30 a.m. at the Aldridge Cafe.

Yellow House will be open February 20th to distribute food. Workers will be Robert & Mary Jo Whitwell, Ken & Wanda Roper and Gayle Johns.

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, should 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.

Asking for prayers: Clayton Gibson came forward asking for prayers. John Bynum also responded with this statement, "It has come to my attention that my intentions may have been unclear when I came forward. For clarity, my original intent was

Together with their families
Lauren B. Myers
And
Jayson H. Bucy
Invite you to share in the joy
And celebration of their marriage
On Saturday, the twenty-fifth
of February
Two thousand and six
At two thirty in the afternoon
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for repentance and prayers. I want to apologize if there was any confusion."

YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS

4th-6th Grade Devo will be in the Junior High class room at 5:30 February 15th.

Area Wide Teen Gathering: There will be an Area Wide Teen Gathering at Norman Sunday.

College devotional will be at the Bible Center Thursday night at 8:00.

College Trip: The college group will be conducting evening services at Wayne next Sunday, February 19th. We will leave at 5:00.

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

College Appreciation Banquet: Mark your calendars now for the appreciation banquet on

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Emma Jones, Lois
Shaw, Novella Blake,
Lena Hunt, Randy

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Bible Study	312	Wednesday PM	301
AM Assembly	421	Contribution	\$ 10,495
PM Assembly	296	Budget	\$8,800