

Here we have the agony of eternal damnation. This is the most fearful of all agonies, for with this agony, there is no comfort and no end. It's like feeling the pain of being burned but far worse--the agony of hell never diminishes!

A couple of years ago when I suffered back problems and had to be hospitalized for pain management, I thought about my hope that eventually the medication would kick-in and my discomfort (not quite to the level of agony) would be relieved. I was going to get better. It was then my thoughts went to the agony of eternal hell. I couldn't imagine, at that point, what it would be like to have no hope!

Here is the real suffering of hell: HOPELESSNESS. One can endure about anything, if there is hope. With hell, there is none.

With the presence of so much mental agony and agony of death about us, it's easy to forget that nothing can compare with the agony of being spiritually lost.

Please, my friend, if you've not obeyed the gospel because your pride or indifference has held you back, do something about it. Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins. There's a time coming when nothing you've done in life will matter more.

—Floyd



- 1 JD's Class 5:30
- 2 College Devo Pults'
- 3 Father/son Breakfast
- 4 College Trip Tecumseh
- 5 Youth Devo
- 6 Wedding Shower Davis - Sumpter
- 7 Ladies Class 10:00 AM
- 9 College Devo
- 12 Elders Deacons Meeting 3:30 Fellowship Group
- 13 MNFM
- 14 Ladies Class 10:00 AM
- 15 Golden Doers Breakfast 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 Bucy Wedding
- 26 Family Devo
- 27 MNFM
- 28 Ladies Class

Stringtown Preaching Assignment:
Sunday, February 19th
 Pete Duncan
 Jim Begin

Sunday, February 26th
 John Ray
 Richard Howard

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

Sunday AM	February 19th	February 26th
Opening Prayer	Jeff Butler	Kelley Benson
Scripture Reading	Josh Vires	Eugene Cannon
Prayer - Bread	Daryl Pults	Raymond Johnson
North 2	James Myers	Jarrod Tollett
North 3	J.D. McNutt	Jim Vercelli
North 4	Vernon Morgan	Tommy Vass
Prayer - Fruit	Eugene Cannon	Greg Chilcoat
South 2	Jerry Miller	Kyle Wilson
South 3	Darrell Nemecek	Charles Yahola
South 4	Josh Nail	Gene Albright
Alternate 1	George Patterson	Clint Bowker
Alternate 2	Wib Scroggins	Don Blankenship
Balcony 1	Tommy Myers	Wendell Sherrell
Balcony 2	Byron Rowsey	Paul Ballard
Closing Prayer	Bobby Johns	Brent Lowe
Song Leader	Richard Howard	C.J. Vires
Bus Driver	Alan Simpson	
Attendance Count	Scott Estes	Caleb Estes
Usher - North	Kase Gilliam	Dawson Hendricks
Usher - Center	Noah Gilliam	Dylan Hayes
Usher - South	Tanner Gilliam	Kervon James
Nursing Home	John Lee	Josh Nail
Nursing Home	Justin Nail	Keith Nail
Nursery Attend	Martha Begin	Mary Barrett

Sunday Night	February 19th	February 26th
Scripture Reading	Reese Howard	Garett Hatton
Bread	Caleb Estes	Roy Long
Fruit	Dylan Hendricks	John Lee
Contribution	Garett Hatton	Daniel Jonka
Opening Prayer	Greg Chilcoat	Pete Duncan
Closing Prayer	Jimmy Davis	Cody Frye
Song Leader	Scott Roberson	Josh Vires
Bus Driver	Jade Benson	

Wednesday	February 22nd	March 1st
Bus Driver	Kelley Benson	
Announcements	Jim Begin	Dusty Dennis
Song Leader	Youth Led Worship	Daniel Jonka
Invitation	Youth Led Worship	Kelley Benson
Closing Prayer	Youth Led Worship	Scott Roberson

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 Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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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Being in Agony

The young lady, only a teenager, was writhing in pain when we helped her into the backset of my car. The hospital was only about 10 miles from the camp where about 80 young people and staff had assembled for a week of Christian fellowship and Bible study at a church summer camp in South Louisiana.

Without any medical staff at camp and being a good distance in the wilderness, we simply didn't know what to do when she started experiencing abdominal pains that grew worse by the hour. As night fell, a trip to the nearest emergency room was the only option.

At the hospital, it was difficult even keeping her on the exam table as she thrashed about from the unrelenting pain. I felt so helpless!

After about an hour, her parents arrived from Baton Rouge and took my position by her side so that I could return back to camp. Later, we discovered that she had an obstruction in her intestines and had to have emergency surgery. She made a full recovery.

As a young minister, this was my first experience of trying to help someone in such anguish. I learned a lesson that ministry to a person in severe pain is fairly useless. There are neither words nor comfort of presence that can relieve true agony.

Searching the scriptures, there are several texts that deal with the subject of agony.

First, there is Luke 22:44 where it's written of Jesus while in the Garden of Gethsemane, "And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground."



Here is the kind of agony that is mental rather than physical. If one had examined Jesus' body, nothing would've been found wrong. However, the mind cannot always so easily be examined. Jesus was in mental agony because He knew, being Divine as well as human, what lay ahead. He knew of the coming torment and death. The anxiety was so great that His body could hardly stand the strain as it began to hemorrhage and His sweat became as drops of blood.

Don't dismiss mental agony as only being "in one's head." The pain of depression, grief and anxiety can be cruel beyond description.

Second, there is the agony of Jesus' death. In Acts 2:24 it's written, "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power."

Through the years, I've been present at the death of numerous persons. It's an experience one never quite gets accustomed to. With some, there's been pain that one might think comes close to the agony Jesus bore on the cross. With others, the passing is quite peaceful. However, without exception, at death, there is a brief encounter with one's own mortality and a glimpse into an existence that is purely spiritual.

Finally, there is the agony described in a story reported in Luke 16, of the deaths of two men, one saved and one lost. In verse 24, the lost soul cries out, "I am in agony in this flame."

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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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Minister's File

God is Good!

Last week I attended a funeral service that Johnie conducted for Georgia Patterson, a precious lady to whom he ministered through the hospice program. This is the second funeral I've seen him conduct. The professionalism and compassion he shows is considerably beyond his limited experience. (In cause I'm called home before I expect, I now know whom I want to do my funeral.) We are blessed to have the Fredmans at Southwest!

The next meeting between the elders of Central and Southwest was postponed until the last Saturday of this month. Let's pray about this!

We appreciate the good job Scott Roberson has done with the benevolence program. We will miss his dedication to this vital area as he has chosen to step down as deacon.

The Golden Doers met this morning. Although I usually miss this fellowship because I forget (and, not quite "golden" yet), I'm always edified when I do remember and attend. Southwest owes so much to these great brethren who've given so much to the work of the Kingdom.

Let's pray that we might receive rain. As many of us were raised on a farm or ranch, we appreciate how much some livelihoods depend upon God-given moisture.

See ya'll Sunday. The Lord willing. --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 by March 1st. We would be glad to continue mailing you the

For The Record

Bible Study	289	Wednesday PM	301
AM Assembly	367	Contribution	\$ 8,085
PM Assembly	188	Budget	\$8,800

BREAD GROUPS

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, Annetta Gibson, Larry & Bobby Darbison



February 26th
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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

18	(A) Lewis & Lea Crain
19	Corene Julian
21	Shelley Meaders
22	Eula Labass
23	Floretta Cockrell, Jill Frye

Sunday Sermons:

AM Sermon: The Measure of Faith in a Great Fellowship
Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3

Have you ever longed for another? Maybe a military husband who's been shipped overseas? Maybe a son or daughter who's gone to college? Maybe your best friend you've had to move away from? If you've experience such a separation, you know what it means to long for another. Well, this is what Paul felt as the preaching of the gospel took him away from the fellowship at Thessalonica. He longed for them. Therefore, to ease his concern and longing, he dispatched Timothy to travel there and report back about their condition. While there, Timothy was to find out about the single measure of their spiritual well being, their FAITH. Through the ages, this still remains the single most important aspect of how well a fellowship of the saved is faring.

PM Sermon: The Power of a Receptive Mind
PM Scripture Reading: John 7:10 - 20

PRAYERS & UPDATES

- **Norman (Pete) Duncan** had tests run Monday in Oklahoma City. He will not have to have surgery and the problem can be treated with medication.
- **Mary Manuel** is very ill at home.
- **Jessie Ballard**, son of Betty & Bill Ballard, entered St. Anthony Hospital Monday for 5 days of chemotherapy. He will eventually go to Texas for some stem cell treatment.
- **Don Ellis** is in Valley View Hospital.
- **Jenny Lee** is having complication from her surgery and is in Valley View Hospital.
- **Mary Brecheen** has asked for our prayer in behalf of her sister, Lou Hester. She is having health problems.
- **Roy Northcutt**, friend of John Lee, wife, Alta had a stroke and is not doing well and has asked for our prayers.
- **Randy & Ann Wilson** are struggling with their health.
- **Sharon McWilliams**, mother of Steve McWilliams is in Mercy Hospital.
- Our sympathy goes to **Leona Strong, Gary and Vicki** and their family on the death of Leona's brother, Donny Thacker. His service is pending at this time.
- **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 office.

NEWS & NOTES

Congratulations to June Dixon on the birth of a granddaughter, Marissa Lousie. She was born Sunday morning to Stephen and Alisha. She weighs 6lb 15oz and was 19 1/2 in long.

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

Deacon Resigned: Monday night Scott Roberson resigned as deacon. We thank him for his service.

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

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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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.

Monday Night for the Master will meet Monday, February 27th in the fellowship building at 6:00 p.m.

Thank You!!! Thank you for the cards and prayers for me during my surgery. Sandra Skaggs

Dear Southwest Family, You are the most loving and generous family. Thank you so much for the wonderful outpouring of gifts and especially love to Allison and Aaron. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful fellowship. We love you. Jim & Nancy Davis and Wade & Cheryl Sumpter.

Finding you place in the Body lists will be in the foyer. The elders have asked each member to fill one out so we can update

YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS

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 Sunday, February 19th. We

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Emma Jones, 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