

This is probably the most incredible of all reasons for wanting a king. After all, had they not witnessed God doing for them what they were now requesting that a man do? Was it not God who, in this generation, miraculously acted upon the Philistines until they were persuaded to deliver the Ark of the Covenant to the very doorstep of Israel (see 1 Samuel 5 & 6)? Was it not God who caused a great thunder that so frightened the Philistine army that it was routed by Israel in one day (see 1 Samuel 7:10)? Why would they reject so powerful a King as God Himself?

The answer probably takes us back to the first reason for wanting a king, they wanted to be like nations. They wanted a man as king, a man they could see rather than God whom they could not see, but had to believe. They wanted a real face instead of real faith. They wanted the palaces, the robes, the crowns and all the other material trappings of a physical king instead of the sacrifices and holiness demanded of a king who is also the Living God.

Human nature has not really changed, has it?  
-Floyd



- 1 JD's Class 5:30
- 2 College Devo Pults'
- 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 Fellowship Group MNFM
- 13 Ladies Class 10:00 AM
- 14 Golden Doers Breakfast
- 15 4-6 Grade Devo 5:30 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 26th**

John Ray  
Wade Sumpter Jr.  
**Sunday, March 5th**  
Bobby Johns  
Jim Begin

**March Contribution Counters:**  
David Hendricks, Bobby Franks, Weldon Cravey, Jim Vercelli

Sunday AM	February 26th	March 5th
Opening Prayer	Kelley Benson	W.B. Borders
Scripture Reading	Eugene Cannon	David Hendricks
Prayer - Bread	Raymond Johnson	Bobby Johns
North 2	Jarrold Tollett	James Byers
North 3	Jim Vercelli	Jimmy Davis
North 4	Tommy Vass	Caleb Estes
Prayer - Fruit	Greg Chilcoat	Larry Darbison
South 2	Kyle Wilson	Elmo Fulton
South 3	Charles Yahola	Terry Fulton
South 4	Gene Albright	Kurt Gilliam
Alternate 1	Clint Bowker	Dylan Hendricks
Alternate 2	Don Blankenship	Garett Hatton
Balcony 1	Wendell Sherrell	Cody Frye
Balcony 2	Paul Ballard	Don Kite
Closing Prayer	Brent Lowe	John Lee
Song Leader	C.J. Vires	Raymond Johnson
Bus Driver	Cody Frye	Kyle Wilson
Attendance Count	Caleb Estes	Greg Chilcoat
Usher - North	Dawson Hendricks	Matthew Lowe
Usher - Center	Dylan Hayes	Justice O'Neal
Usher - South	Kervon James	Eli Paul
Nursing Home	Josh Nail	George Patterson
Nursing Home	Keith Nail	Tommy Paul
Nursery Attend	Mary Barrett	June Dixon
Sunday Night	February 26th	March 5th
Scripture Reading	Garett Hatton	Josh Nail
Bread	Roy Long	Caleb Estes
Fruit	John Lee	Dylan Hendricks
Contribution	Daniel Jonka	Garett Hatton
Opening Prayer	Pete Duncan	Greg Hatton
Closing Prayer	Cody Frye	Daniel Jonka
Song Leader	Josh Vires	Richard Howard
Bus Driver	Alan Simpson	Keith Ailey
Wednesday	March 1st	March 8th
Bus Driver	Eugene Cannon	Greg Chilcoat
Announcements	Dusty Dennis	Jack Frye
Song Leader	Daniel Jonka	Josh Vires
Invitation	Kelley Benson	Jim Begin
Closing Prayer	Scott Roberson	Ken Roper

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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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**Give Us A King!**

No person was ever more committed to the spiritual and physical success of Israel than the prophet Samuel. Having literally grown up in the temple and having become a medium through whom the word of the Lord came, he was the principle agent by which Israel learned of their sins, repented and recovered national dignity as God's people. All his days after becoming a prophet, Samuel traveled a circuit and judged Israel (see 1 Samuel 7:15-17).

As the case is with any mere man, Samuel also became old and his capacity to serve Israel began to diminish. So that Israel would not be without leadership, he turned to his sons to judge the people and thus lessened his responsibilities (1 Samuel 8:1, 2).

There was a problem, however. His sons were not of the same spiritual character as their father. Scriptures reveal that they "did not walk in his [Samuel's] ways, but turned aside after dishonest gain and took bribes and perverted justice" (8:3).

With the partial retirement of Samuel and an absence of solid leadership to take his place, it is somewhat understandable what happened next. The elders of Israel approached Samuel and asked that he appoint for them a king.

Even though the circumstances made this an understandable request, the underpinning reasons were worldly. After foretelling the elders of the distressing consequences of having a king, they replied, "No, but there shall be a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations, that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles" (8:19, 20).



It is interesting to analyze the reasons behind their demand.

FIRST, THEY WANTED TO BE "LIKE ALL THE NATIONS."

Even though millenniums have come and gone, the same pull of God's people back to the ways of the world continues. The greatest battles we wage in the church today are the ones having to do with the tendencies of some to remold the church to be more like the community of the lost it came out of.

The tendency to adapt the church to appeal to more people, though noble in its aim, is considerably dangerous. The very word "church" means the "called out." It is defined as the fellowship of those who have left the "nations" behind and have accepted the doctrines and practices that are natural to the kingdom of God. This is our attraction and our confidence, not how much we are like the world but how different we are!

SECOND, THEY WANTED A KING WHO "MAY JUDGE US." In other words, they wanted their conduct to be measured by a man instead of God. This is the basis for God telling Samuel, "They have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them"(8:7).

There is only one thing wrong with living by the measure of men instead of God: it never takes us where we want to be! In Proverbs 14:12 it is written, "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." When we let man's morality judge our conduct in the church, we are in serious trouble. Man has never gotten it right, and never will.

THIRD, THEY WANTED A KING WHO WOULD "GO OUT BEFORE US AND FIGHT OUR BATTLES." They did not want a king to provide leadership, but a bully to intimidate their enemies. They wanted someone to fight their battles so they would not have to.

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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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**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!

We are attempting to update our commitment forms so that we can be assured that each member is being utilized in the work of Southwest. Please pick up one in the foyer and return it as soon as possible. There is a box in the foyer where they can be deposited.

Because of the freezing weather this past Sunday, our attendance was considerably down and our contribution was about half of what it needed to be. As our contribution might decrease, sadly, our expenses remain the same. If you were not able to attend Sunday because of the weather, please make up your contribution this weekend. Thank you!

I'm currently reading a book, Going Public with Your Faith, which makes some interesting points about how the methods of evangelism have changed over the past few decades. Generally, people today are not as interested in learning truth as they are in building relationships. Therefore, the authors of this book assert that successful evangelism must be conducted in that arena. Building a positive and godly relationship with those outside the church is how many are led to the Savior in our day. It is exciting to realize that in the arena of relationships, we can all be evangelists. Even secular work, such as helping a neighbor, can become sacred!

The elders are making forms available for you to submit names for the eldership. Please, before you submit a name, make sure that the person you submit desires to serve. Talk to him yourself and get his permission.

Have you seen our website (www.swcocada.com) recently? Thanks to Susan Ragland, it looks great! 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	65	Wednesday PM	279
AM Assembly	195	Contribution	\$ 4,921
PM Assembly	0	Budget	\$8,800

**BREAD GROUPS**  
February 26th  
Group #4

Bobby & Gayle Johns, W.B. & Loretta Borders, Pete & Jackie Duncan, Tommy & Joni Vass, Steve & Daniela Iorga, Gene & Maxine Albright, Bruce & Karan Huddleston, Kevin & Amy Graham, Keith & Renee Nail, Billy & Claire Palmer, Scott & Sharon Estes



**March 5th**  
Group #5

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

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 26 **Dusty Dennis, Jacob Neill, Raymond Johnson, Pam Butler**
- 27 **Robert Kelley**
- 28 **Justin Dansby, Austin Blackwell, Misty Werhan**
- 29 **(A) Ellis & Corene Julian**
- 1 **Dylan Hendricks**
- 2 **Mary Pennington**
- 3 **Bruce Wright, Don Sweat, (A) Tommy & Becky Myers**
- 4 **Hannah Lowe**

**Sunday Sermons:**

**AM Sermon: A Great Fellowship Can Excel Still More**  
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

As we've already seen in this series, the 1<sup>st</sup> Century fellowship at Thessalonica was exceptional in many ways. This is why Paul had such a high regard and love for them. They earned it! However, Paul doesn't want them to become too self-satisfied. He desires that they know there is always need for improvement. This Sunday morning we will examine two ways Paul teaches them that they may "excel still more" (4:1, 10), in their holiness and in their love. What a great reminder for our Christian fellowships today!

**PM Sermon by David Dirrim**

**PRAYERS & UPDATES**

- **Delma Jones** is in Valley View Hospital. She had a stroke and is very ill at this time.
- **Don Ellis** is in Valley View Hospital.
- **Jenny Lee** went home from the hospital.
- **Randy & Ann Wilson** have the flu.
- **Jenny Choate's** grandmother is doing better after chemotherapy.
- **Todd Gollihare**, son of Don & Darlene, will leave for Iraq on March 1st. They have asked for our prayers.
- **Nancy Harris** has asked for prayers on behalf of her daughter, Melissa, as she struggles with drugs.
- **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, Carl Howard, David Kemp and Rowdy Isbill. If you have someone you would like to be included on this list please contact the office.

**NEWS & NOTES**

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

Menu will be beans, cornbread and dessert.

**Ladies Day Meeting** will be Sunday afternoon March 5th at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship building.

**Finding Your place in the Body** lists will be in the foyer. The elders have asked each member to fill one out so we can update our servers list. They can be returned to the foyer or brought to the office.

**Think Magazine:** There is a sign up sheet in the foyer to subscribe to the "Think Magazine" by Brad Harrab.

**Eddie & Pattie Mitchell**

Would like you to join them as they renew their vows, in celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, February 25, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. Southwest church of Christ 505 West 17th, Ada Reception immediately following.

MR. & MRS. JAMES T. DAVIS  
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**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.

**YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS**

**J.D.'s Class** will meet March 1st at 5:30 at Mexigo's.

**Father/Son Breakfast** will be March 3rd in the fellowship building at 6:30 a.m.

**Family Devotional** will be at the Hendricks home. February 26th after evening services. See David or Darla for food.

**College Devotional** will be Thursday March 2nd at 8:00 p.m. at the Pults' home.

**College Group** will be going to Allen for services Sunday evening, March 5th. We will leave at 5:15 p.m.

**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