

requests seem to rarely come to fruition, we are tempted to deny that God is even there, or perhaps that He simply does not care. Well, such is not the case. These trials are for a purpose.

Think about this: if you had no hardships in this life, how could you ever long for heaven? If there were no trials, how would you be made strong and prepared for glory? Where would your refinement be? If you were never challenged to forgive a sin committed against you, how could you ever truly appreciate God's mercy toward your own need for forgiveness? If you never experienced pain or failure, how could you ever assess the true worth of comfort and success? Without your own hardships, how could you ever minister to others? How would humility grow if you did not occasionally feel beaten down by circumstances?

How events, even some of the seemingly insignificant ones, mesh together is not really a concern that God has left to me. That's His business. My only concern it to walk by faith (see 2 Corinthians 5:17) and seize every blessing God's providence has to offer.



- 1 JD's Class 5:30
- 2 College Devo Pulits'
- 3 Father/son Breakfast
- 5 College Trip Tecumseh  
AWTG-Central
- 7 New teachers
- 9 Ladies Class 10:00 AM
- 11 Youth/College Devo 8:00pm
- 12 Allison Davis & Aaron  
Sumpter Wedding- 5:00 pm
- 12 Elders Deacons Meeting 3:30  
Fellowship Group
- 13 MNFM
- 14 Ladies Class 10:00 AM
- 15 Golden Doers Breakfast-7:30  
4-6 Grade Devo 5:30
- 16 College Devo
- 17 Golden Doers Fish Fry at 12
- 19 College Trip to Wayne  
Yellow House
- 21 Ladies Class 10:00 AM
- 22 Youth Led Service
- 23 4th-6th grade Devo
- 23 College Devo
- 25 Family Devo
- 27 MNFM
- 28 Ladies Class
- 29 5th Wed Night Singing

**Stringtown  
Preaching Assignment:  
Sunday, March 5th**

Bobby Johns  
Jim Begin

**Sunday March 12th**  
Ken Roper  
Wade Sumpter Sr.

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

Sunday AM	March	March
Opening Prayer	WB Borders	Wagon Cannon
Scripture Reading	David Hendricks	Jarrold Tollett
Prayer - Bread	Bobby Johns	Glendel Hatton
North 2	James Byers	Daniel Jonka
North 3	Jimmy Davis	John Lee
North 4	Caleb Estes	Roy Long
Prayer - Fruit	Larry Darbison	Pete Duncan
South 2	Elmo Fulton	James Myers
South 3	Terry Fulton	Bill Morgan
South 4	Kurt Gilliam	Wayne King
Alternate 1	Dylan Hendricks	JD McNutt
Alternate 2	Garrett Hatton	Jerry Miller
Balcony 1	Cody Frye	Jack long
Balcony 2	Don Kite	Tommy Myers
Closing Prayer	John Lee	Daryl Pults
Song Leader	Raymond Johnson	Scott Estes
Bus Driver	Kyle Wilson	David Hendricks
Attendance Count	Greg Chilcoat	James Byers
Usher - North	Matthew Lowe	Scottie Paul
Usher - Center	Justice O'Neal	Dakota Roberson
Usher - South	Eli Paul	Devin Riley
Nursing Home	George Patterson	John Ray
Nursing Home	Tommy Paul	Ken Roper
Nursery Attend	June Dixon	Joan Elliot
Sunday Night	March	March
Scripture Reading	Jim Nail	Wagon Cannon
Bread	Caleb Estes	Jimmy Davis
Fruit	Dylan Hendricks	John Bynum
Contribution	Garett Hatton	James Byers
Opening Prayer	Greg Hatton	Roy Long
Closing Prayer	Daniel Jonka	Justin Nail
Song Leader	Richard Howard	Raymond Johnson
Bus Driver	Keith Ailey	Jade Benson
Wednesday	March	March
Bus Driver	Greg Gilliam	Wagon Cannon
Announcements	Jack Frye	Bobby Johns
Song Leader	Josh Vires	Scott Roberson
Invitation	Jim Begin	WB Borders
Closing Prayer	Ken Roper	Tommy Paul

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KOCO Channel 5, 8:00 a.m.

**Gospel of Christ**

Channel 35 (Cable One Channel 21)  
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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**GOD IS THERE!**

*"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Roman 8:28*

A while back, on the History Channel, a TV station devoted wholly to historical matters, a program called "What If" was aired. It was about how different our world might be today if certain small, seemingly incidental, events had not occurred. For instance, if a single crucial letter had not been delivered or a small lead bullet had not missed its target, the whole fabric of modern history as we know it now would have been unwoven. Certain wars might not have been fought. Governments might not have been toppled.



The program bore out the undeniable message that our lives and our history are the results of a very complicated process of the interaction of countless events. The stopping of just one heart may be like a huge rock dropped in the lake of time, sending ripples throughout the ages.

As I contemplated the delicate nature of life, I suddenly felt peace with the knowledge that "God causes." The outcome of your life or mine is not entirely the product of random events. There is order and goodness in our world only because of an Architect.

When God answered Job about his world and the history producing it, He asked Job a series of questions. The intention of these questions, it seems, was to fortify Job's faith in God and Divine providence. He asked, "Do you know the time the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you count the months they fulfill, or do you know the time they give birth?" (Job 39:1, 2). As insignificant as the birthing of goats and deer might seem to us, such is still part of God's design.

In the New Testament, Jesus declared that not even a sparrow falls to the ground "apart from your Father" (see Matt. 10:29).

It is natural for humans to strive to manipulate the world and make it into what we want it to be. However, for Christians, as we do this we also relax in the knowledge that a Power is shaping and adjusting events far beyond the scope of our own strength and awareness. A Power is making the "what ifs" of history to work for our good.

As it seems that so many spiritual lives are shaken these days by trials of life, the question abounds, "Is God in control?" As we pray and our

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

**Minister's File**

God is good!

This has been a great week with Steve Iorga and Jerry Henley being baptized. An underlying note about both of these conversions is that someone other than a minister studied with them. James Anderson studied with Steve and Joan Elliot shared some scriptures with Jerry.

Please pray about the elder selection process we are about to enter. I have seen this be a disruptive period for the church. But, it doesn't have to be. Just keep these points in mind:

1. Elder selection is not about popularity but spirituality.
2. Just because a person is not selected to be an elder doesn't mean that he is not a good Christian or that the brethren disrespect him.
3. Each potential elder should prayerfully weigh the cost of service.
4. Groundless accusations against a brother, even one to be considered for the eldership, is a serious matter.
5. An elder should be selected only if the congregation is willing to follow.
6. After the process runs its course, we are obligated to follow and to encourage the resulting eldership (see Hebrews 13:17).

June Dixon has stepped down as the custodian of our facilities. For roughly thirteen years, she has served this congregation well. We respect and appreciate her dedication.

See ya'll Sunday, the Lord willing.

--Floyd

**For The Record**

Bible Study	296	Wednesday PM	243
AM Assembly	400	Contribution	\$ 10,405
PM Assembly	248	Budget	\$8,800

**BREAD GROUPS**

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.



March 12th

Group #1

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

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 5 Claire Dennis, Kim Paul, Charles Yahola, Emily Belt, (A) Randy & Ann Wilson
- 6 Ray Walker
- 7 Ardith Sumpter
- 8 Maxcine Albright
- 9 Jade Hayes
- 11 (A) Norman & Geneva Bullock
- 12 Kervon James
- 13 Aimee Nemecek

**Sunday Sermons**

**AM Sermon:** A Great Fellowship in Love and Hope  
**Scripture Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:9 - 18

After Paul tells how the ancient Thessalonian church was supposed to love each other, he described an important reason for their "togetherness." That reason is this: they would spend eternity together, as a congregation, in heaven with Jesus. Our care for one another is not just to make our time in this life easier, but it is also to prepare us for an event when, together, we will "meet the Lord in the air" (4:17).

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

**PRAYERS & UPDATES**

- **Jennifer Lillard** is in Valley View with an infection.
- **Our Sympathy** goes to **Jeannie Wingard** and her family on the death of her mother, **Delma Jones**. Delma passed away Sunday the 26th. Her services will be Saturday the 4th at 11:00 am at Southwest. Burial will follow at 2:00 pm in Elmore City.
- **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, Todd Gollihare. If you have someone you would like to be included on this list please contact the office.

**NEWS & NOTES**

**We Rejoice, Steve Iorga** was Baptized Sunday afternoon and **Jerry Henley** Tuesday afternoon. What a great blessing for them and us!

**Dear Southwest Family,** Thank you for your cards, visits and prayers during my hospital stay and recovery. I appreciate your concerns and especially your prayers. Love, Jeannine Montgomery

**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 are 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.

**Elders** forms are in the foyer. The elders would like members to fill in their choices and hand it to one of them within the next two weeks. Please, get the approval of any person you choose to submit.

**Elders & Deacons** meeting will be the 12th of March at 3:30 pm in the old kitchen.

**YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS**

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

**Pettijohn Springs Christian** camp applications need to be turned in to David by March 12th.

**Youth and College Devotional** will be March 9th at the Student Bible Center at 8:00 pm.

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

**College Sunday Night** meal for March 19th will be provided by Cathy Eaves and Diana Hatton.

*You are warmly invited by  
 Bobbi & Sherri, the children of  
 Sue & Bob Passmore  
 To the  
 Reaffirmation  
 of their wedding vows  
 On Saturday March 11th, 2006 at 2 O'clock  
 At the Stratford church of Christ.  
 If unable to attend and would like to send  
 a card, picture or memory to share with  
 Mom & Dad on their special day please mail it  
 to:  
 Bobbi Ardrey  
 9110 CR 1510  
 Ada, OK 74820*

MR. & MRS. JAMES T. DAVIS  
 REQUEST THE HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE  
 AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER  
*Allison Elaine*  
 To  
*Aaron Wade Sumpter*  
 SON OF MR. AND MRS. WADE SUMPTER, JR.  
 ON SATURDAY, THE ELEVENTH OF MARCH  
 TWO THOUSAND AND SIX  
 AT FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON  
 SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 SEVENTEENTH AND JOHNSTON  
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RECEPTION FOLLOWING  
 ADA ARTS AND HERITAGE CENTER

*You are cordially invited  
 To a Wedding Reception  
 In the honor of  
 Jamsey Horton & Reece Miller  
 At 6:00 PM  
 Friday March 17th, 2006  
 At  
 Ada Area Chamber of Commerce*

**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