



- 1 JD's Class 5:30
- 2 College Devo Pults'
- 3 Father/son Breakfast
- 5 College Trip Allen
- AWTG-Central
- New teachers
- 7 Ladies Class 10:00 AM
- 9 Youth/College Devo 8:00pm
- 11 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
- College Devo
- 16 Golden Doers Fish Fry at 12
- 17 College Trip to Wayne
- 19 Yellow House
- 20 Ladies Class 10:00 AM
- 21 Youth Led Service
- 22 4th-6th grade Devo
- 23 College Devo
- 25 Family Devo
- 27 MNFM
- 28 Ladies Class
- 29 5th Wed Night Singing

1. Singing was authorized in the New Testament (see Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16).
2. Singing was practiced by the church in the New Testament (see Acts 16:25, 1 Corinthians 14:15, James 5:13).
3. "The testimony of early Christian literature is expressly to the absence of instruments from the church for approximately the first thousand years of Christian history." Everett Ferguson, A Biblical Ecclesiology for Today: The Church of Christ, p. 272.

Now, understanding just these three points, what spiritual practice is the safest; with or without instruments in worship? If you knew that Jesus' Second Coming was happening next Sunday, would you be more or less secure worshipping without a musical instrument?

The same consideration can be applied to other issues that threaten to divide the church. The organization of the church, requirements for elders, baptism, repentance, how money is raised, fellowship and many other issues each test the resolve of each Christian to abide in what one knows to be safe or to commit one's eternal soul to only what MAY work out.

What risks are you willing to take?
--Floyd

**Stringtown
Preaching Assignment:
Sunday, March 12th**
Ken Roper
Wade Sumpter Sr.
Sunday March 19th
John Ray
Bobby Johns

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



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.

Sunday AM	March 12th	March 19th
Opening Prayer	Eugene Cannon	Dusty Dennis
Scripture Reading	Jarrold Tollett	Kyle Wilson
Prayer - Bread	Glendel Hatton	Jack Frye
North 2	Daniel Jonka	Darrell Nemecek
North 3	John Lee	Vernon Morgan
North 4	Roy Long	Josh Nail
Prayer - Fruit	Pete Duncan	Scott Estes
South 2	James Myers	George Patterson
South 3	Bill Morgan	Wib Scroggins
South 4	Wayne King	Jarrold Tollett
Alternate 1	JD McNutt	Jim Vercelli
Alternate 2	Jerry Miller	Tommy Vass
Balcony 1	Jack long	Byron Rowsey
Balcony 2	Tommy Myers	Wendell Sherrell
Closing Prayer	Daryl Pults	Tommy Paul
Song Leader	Scott Estes	Johnie Fredman
Bus Driver	David Hendricks	Greg Chilcoat
Attendance Count	James Byers	Cody Frye
Usher - North	Scottie Paul	Alex Vercelli
Usher - Center	Eli Paul	Andrew Vercelli
Usher - South	Devin Riley	Nicky Vercelli
Nursing Home	John Ray	Alan Simpson
Nursing Home	Ken Roper	Wade Sumpter
Nursery Attend	Joan Elliot	Sharon Estes
Sunday Night	March 12th	March 19th
Scripture Reading	Justin Nail	Trevin Vass
Bread	Jimmy Davis	Gene Albright
Fruit	John Bynum	Clint Bowker
Contribution	James Byers	Don Blankenship
Opening Prayer	Roy Long	Keith Nail
Closing Prayer	Justin Nail	Russell Neill
Song Leader	Raymond Johnson	Scott Estes
Bus Driver	Jade Benson	Kelly Benson
Wednesday	March 15th	March 22nd
Bus Driver	Billy Palmer	Eugene Cannon
Announcements	Bobby Johns	Raymond Johnson
Song Leader	Dylan Hendricks	Cody Frye
Invitation	WB Borders	Pete Duncan
Closing Prayer	Tommy Paul	Russell Neill

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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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Arriving Safely

When driving, every precaution should be heeded if one wants to arrive safely. One needs to operate the car according to the laws of the state. Speed limits, for instance, are not posted to spoil our fun or waste our time; these laws are for our safety. One needs to fasten seatbelts, put children in restraints and keep air bags in working condition. All vital features of the car, such as brakes, lights and windshield wipers should be operational and dependable.

When all these aspects of driving are taken into consideration and acted upon, arrival to the destination, though not guaranteed, is much more likely to safely occur. It is a simple principle that one is far more likely to achieve an aim by means of thoughtful care than reckless disregard. No reasonable person would argue against this point.



Think about this: If thoughtful care is required for safe travel from one point upon this earth to another, how much more should equal or surpassing care be given to each person's journey into eternity? Is there any journey more serious?

In Ephesians 5:15-16 it is written, "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil." The Hebrew writer gives this admonition, "Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience." (Hebrews 4:11). Peter wrote, "Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you" (2 Peter 1:10).

That there are considerable disagreements in the church today about what is necessary for salvation is without question. Eventually these conflicts will come around to asking, "Is baptism necessary to be saved? Does one have to worship without a musical instrument to arrive at eternal life? Can one be saved who belongs to a church not organized by the pattern of the New Testament? Can the church fellowship denominations and still be the true church?"

While asking these questions, and many others, is noble minded; they should be asked as a sincere pursuit of truth and not as trying to determine how much liberty one has before salvation is lost. The single aim of the saved must be to "please God" (1 Thessalonians 4:1).

According to the Bible, which consistently teaches that Christians are to be "careful" and "diligent" about their religion, asking about how much we can get by with and still be saved should NOT be our primary concern. Instead, we need to be asking, "According to the New Testament, what is going to give me the safety I want?" To treat as unimportant any Christian doctrine taught in the Bible is tantamount to not obeying speed zones, stop signs and seatbelt laws while thinking that one has done everything to be safe. Each person's aim should be to make eternal salvation as safe as possible by not compromising any guideline. The gravity of what is at stake ought to compel us to exacting obedience.

Since instrumental music seems to be such a lightning rod for controversy, take that issue as a case-in-point.

Here are the facts:

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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!

Our hearts go out to Delma Jones' and Jerry Droke's families. Both of their funerals were last Saturday.

When two funerals happen on the same day, it becomes an all-day job for those preparing meals and those who sing. You all did a great job and the families reported to me that your work was deeply appreciated. Thank you for your ministries!

The fellowship of Southwest becomes stronger every day. It's a wonderful problem when the person who has to lockup the building is forced to wait so long for the crowd to clear.

In addition to the fellowshipping taking place at the building, it's heartwarming to hear of so many small groups at Southwest members who get together during the week. I know of some of these groups personally, but recently I also heard of some that I hadn't known about. The best fellowshipping of any congregation is the kind that is not planned by the leadership. Rather, it is the fellowship that comes naturally because of a strong sense of family.

Sometimes brethren don't know how to serve in the church. Well, allow me to make two suggestions: Hospital and Nursing Homes.

A good friend in Texas is not expected to live but a short while. I anticipate going there to conduct a funeral within a few days. The good news: she is a Christian and faithful unto death! May we all provide those we leave behind when we die the comfort of a faithful life. It will make all the difference in the depth of the grief they feel.

For The Record

Bible Study	310	Wednesday PM	269
AM Assembly	374	Contribution	\$ 11,716
PM Assembly	228	Budget	\$8,800

BREAD GROUPS

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 Blankenship, Raymond & Jane Johnson.



March 19th
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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 14 Christy Smith, Linda Vires
- 16 Glen Chapman, Ashley Vercelli, Jonathan Wingard
- 17 Daryl Pults

AM Sermon: A Great Fellowship in Anticipation
Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Whenever a major event approaches, like a wedding or a vacation, we work diligently to be prepared. When all is done, we rest in peace knowing that all is ready and the event will not be met with any surprises. Well, this is one of the principle features that separate the fellowship of God's people from the lost of the world. The Christian fellowship is composed of those who are prepared for the Second Coming. The lost simply continue with life as if nothing is ever going to change. They'll be saying, "Peace and safety!" when all the while destruction comes closer.

PM Sermon by David Rodriguez

PRAYERS & UPDATES

- **Tristen O'Neal** is having tests run.
- **Esther Davis** is in Oklahoma City hospital and hoped to come home Wednesday.
- **Floretta Cockrell** has been moved to Ada Retirement Center.
- **Randy Wilson** will have tests run on his colon and gall bladder Friday.
- **Jennifer Lillard** is back at Jan Frances Nursing Home.
- **Barbara Bobo**, sister of **Shirley Perry**, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- **Sue Hendren**, friend of Ann Wilson, has been taken back to the hospital.
- **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, Rowdy Isbill, and Todd Gollihare. If you have someone you would like to be included on this list please contact the office.

NEWS & NOTES

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

Fellowship Groups will meet this Sunday.

Monday Night for the Master will meet Monday March 13th in the fellowship building at 6:00 p.m. The menu will be sandwiches, chips and desserts.

Golden Doers Fish Fry will be Thursday, March 16th in the fellowship building. Fish and hush puppies will be provided. Bring fixings to go with it.

New Life Behavior Class, taught by Ron Ingram, will be held each Friday in the old kitchen from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Elders forms are in the foyer. The elders would like members to fill in their choices and hand it to one of them by this weekend. Please, get the approval of any person you choose to submit.

YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS

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

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

*You are warmly invited by
Bobbi L. 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
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Allison Elaine
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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, Ellis Julian, Ruby Low, Ruby McFarland, Mary Pennington, Bernice Rogers, Darrell Tarron, Nadine Vogt, Charles Whittington