

“works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up...” (Eph 4:12). In other words, Southwest is special because of the Christian interaction that exists within the body.

My brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandfathers, grandmothers, nieces and nephews, let us never grow tired in our works of service! From the largest works to the smallest, all works of service made in Christ will impact our spiritual walk as well as the walk of those whom we are serving! May we continually seek opportunities to effectively and creatively meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those around us! May we continually better equip ourselves for works of service! May our bodies ache from the physical sacrifices that are made in order to help others! Let us find avenues that facilitate interaction with our Christian family so that the fellowship at Southwest may continue to grow. It is through this interaction that we become the salt and light of the world (Mathew 5)!

Remember, there is something special about the loving fellowship at Southwest and that something special is each of you!

C.J. Vires



- 1 Elders Meeting
- 2 Ladies Class
- 3 J.D.'s Class at Mexigos
- 4 College Devo at Pults
- 5 Father/son Breakfast
- 6 Community Service Day
- 7 AWTG Wilshire Fellowship Groups
- 8 Elders Deacons meeting at 3:30 p.m.
- 13 Mother/Daughter/friend/ Sister Brunch
- 14 Mothers Day
- 15 Elders Meeting
- 16 Ladies Class
- 17 Golden Doers Breakfast
- 20 Family Devo at Vass'
- 21 Wedding Shower for Chelsea Simpson
- 22 Graduation Banquet
- 22 Yellow House
- Monday Night for the Master
- Elders Meeting
- 28 Floyd's Class Fellowship
- 29 Office Closed
- 31 Wednesday night singing

**Stringtown Preaching Assignment:**  
**Sunday, May 21st**

Jim Begin  
John Ray

**Sunday, May 28th**  
Wade Sumpter, Jr.  
Richard Howard

**May Contribution Counters:**  
Tommy Vass, Wayne King,  
Coleman Pennington, Charles  
Yahola

Sunday AM	May 21st	May 28th
Opening Prayer	Bobby Johns	John Lee
Scripture Reading	Josh Vires	Eugene Cannon
Prayer - Bread	Daryl Pults	Raymond Johnson
North 2	Jerry Miller	James Byers
North 3	Wib Scroggins	Weldon Cravey
North 4	Jarrold Tollett	John Bynum
Prayer - Fruit	Kelley Benson	Greg Chilcoat
South 2	Tommy Vass	Jimmy Davis
South 3	Kyle Wilson	Caleb Estes
South 4	George Patterson	Kurt Gilliam
Alternate 1	Darrell Nemecek	Terry Fulton
Alternate 2	Josh Nail	Elmo Fulton
Balcony 1	Don Kite	Tommy Myers
Balcony 2	Jack Long	Byron Rowsey
Closing Prayer	David Rodriguez	Ken Roper
Song Leader	Richard Howard	Johnie Fredman
Bus Driver	David Hendricks	Kyle Wilson
Attendance Count	Jack Long	Keith Nail
Usher - North	Dakota Blackwell	Trey Denson
Usher - Center	Derek Cranford	Hunter Fulton
Usher - South	Devin Cranford	Kase Gilliam
Nursing Home	Tommy Paul	Alan Simpson
Nursing Home	Ken Roper	Wade Sumpter
Nursery Attend	Norma Littleton	Tonya Lillard
Sunday Night	May 21st	May 28th
Scripture Reading	Bradley Butler	Garett Hatton
Bread	John Lee	Dylan Hendricks
Fruit	Greg Hatton	Roy Long
Contribution	Garett Hatton	Jerry Miller
Opening Prayer	Daniel Jonka	Keith Nail
Closing Prayer	Roy Long	Justin Nail
Song Leader	Caleb Estes	Josh Vires
Bus Driver	Jade Benson	Alan Simpson
Wednesday	May 24th	May 31st
Bus Driver	Greg Chilcoat	Eugene Cannon
Announcements	Dusty Dennis	Jack Frye
Song Leader	Josh Vires	Richard Howard
Invitation	James Anderson	Jeff Butler
Closing Prayer	John Bynum	Greg Chilcoat

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**Sunday on:**

**SEARCH**  
OF THE LORD'S WAY

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.

# The Southwesterner



## Interaction: The Conduit of Christian Fellowship

A couple of weeks ago, I received a phone call from an alumna of the college ministry. The phone call was a welcomed and refreshing distraction from the chaos of the moment. It was good to hear the familiar and calming voice of an old friend.

The student graduated ECU and left Ada in 2004, nearly two years ago. Though the purpose of the phone call was primarily business, it soon turned spiritual. “What church are you attending? Are you active in the church? Are you seizing leadership opportunities? Are you growing spiritually?” I asked.

I was pleased, proud and humbled to hear the Christian maturity in each answer. “Yes, I am attending church regularly. Yes, I am involved in a number of ministries and activities. Yes, I have taught several classes and am currently teaching a class. Yes, I am finding opportunities to mature.”

Through the ebb and flow of questions followed by heart-felt answers, I was soon convinced that the individual was continuing a journey toward Christian maturity. Indeed, the young student of just a few years ago was maturing into an adult servant in the Lord’s kingdom.

But wait. Just as I thought the conversation was coming to a close, there was something else this maturing Christian wanted to say, “C. J., I think I was a spoiled at Southwest”.

“What do you mean?” I asked.

The paraphrased answer,...“There is just something special about the congregation at Southwest. You can feel the love there – the fellowships, the get-togethers, the meals, the activities. You can feel the genuine love and care for each other. I don’t know that I’ll ever experience that in another congregation.”

With my eyes clouded in tears and with shortness of breath, I could only answer with silence as my memory was flooded with the many acts of kindness, friendship and love that my family has also experienced at Southwest. Eventually, the silence gave way to a humble thank you for his call and his encouraging words. With mutual well wishes from each of us to the other and invitations to visit, the call ended.

“There is just something special about the congregation at Southwest.” The phrase echoed in my mind as I hung up the phone and dried the tears. What did this mean? What is it that makes Southwest special?

The conversation provided the answer: It is the Body of Believers. It is the individuals. It is their unwavering love for Christ and for each other. It is their tireless service. It is a body of individuals who use their talents to engage in

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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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