

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Bible Class

<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	<u>SONG LEADER</u>	<u>PRAYER</u>
Today: Johnny Spillman	Matt Phillips	Andy Santiago
Next Week 7 th Mark Minor	Walter Cruz	Adam Warner

Worship/Bible Study: Opening Prayers

<u>SUNDAY AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY PM</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
TBD	TBD	TBD
<u>Song Leaders</u>		
<u>SUNDAY AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY PM</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
Tristan Roy	TBD	Steve Tesh

Announcements: Todd Hinson
Security & Greeting: Jim Harrison & Gene Ruark. **Alt:** Johnny Spillman
Communion: Lead: Gene Southern **Servers:** Bradley Byrd, Joe Byrd, Walter Cruz & Mark Minor.

ARTICLE CONTINUED

...Sacrifice comes before reward. Struggle comes before victory. And humility comes before exaltation ([2 Cor. 4:17](#)).

So, what about you? Are you bearing your cross in this life, or are you spending your time possibly daydreaming about how your crown is going to fit? Brethren, we have work to do. Rest comes later.

Am I saying we’re not working? Of course not! I don’t know a harder-working congregation than this congregation. But there’s too much to do than to rest and be satisfied with our work. Remember, we have a cross to bear. Or to say it another way, “Must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free? No, there’s a cross for everyone, and there’s a cross for me.”

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Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?

Steve Higginbotham

In 1693, Thomas Shepherd wrote the song entitled “Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone.” Two of the verses of that song read as follows:

*Must Jesus bear the cross alone,
and all the world go free?
No, there’s a cross for everyone,
and there’s a cross for me.
The consecrated cross I’ll bear,
till he shall set me free,
and then go home my crown to wear,
for there’s a crown for me.*

I like that song for several reasons, but one is that it teaches that one’s cross comes before one’s crown. That fundamental truth seems to have been lost to many people, for how often do you hear of people giving up and leaving the church and Jesus himself when difficulty arises? But such hardships should come as no surprise. Jesus warned us, saying, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it” ([Matthew 16:24-25](#)).

When we allow hardship and hurt feelings to derail us, or at least slow us down, it demonstrates that we have forgotten that we must bear a cross before we are privileged to wear a crown. Work comes before rest.

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Elders

Todd Hinson
Andy Santiago
Steve Tesh

Deacons

Joe Byrd
Mark Minor
Mark Roy
Gene Southern
Johnny Spillman
Shawn Thomason
Adam Warner
Keith Warner
Randy Warner

Church Staff:

Wes Garland – Minister
Brooke Garland – Secretary

NCSBS Staff:

Mike Glenn – Director
Tim Canup – Full Time Instructor
Stephanie Ransom – Secretary

Service Times

Sunday

10 AM - Class
10:50 AM - Worship
6 PM - Worship

Wednesday

7 PM - Class

PRAYER LIST / ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Thursday will be our new converts/foundation Zoom Class #2 with Wes Garland for anyone who is interested. It will begin at 7 PM. See Todd or Wes if you need the link.

VBS Needs: sheets or materials to cover “marketplace” stalls. Neutral colors or striped patterns. If you need them back, please put your name on it. (Sign up for VBS t-shirts if you’d like one) This Saturday will also be a workday. We will start at 9 AM. Come when you can!

Please keep Justin Little in your prayers this week as he travels to Eastern Europe and will be staying for 10 days. He will return on June 8th.

Terry Martin- Pray for him as he begins taking cancer treatments.

Marcy Brown (friend of the Garlands) had open-heart surgery and is doing well. Pray for a speedy recovery.

Catlin Wiggins (also a friend of the Garlands) recently found out about a tumor she has. She has 4 young children. Pray for good test results and a speedy recovery.

Brandy Beulin’s mother has been battling cancer on and off for years. She will be having a biopsy soon. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Continual Prayer List

John Ransom, DJ Harrison, Roger Allen, Gary Wadford, Manchel Tesh, Kara Kee, Sherrill Stewart, Don Minor, Mary Burke, Austin Workman, Daphne Pickup, Peggy Holder, Linda Ellison, Mike Huey, Cathy Hutchins, Marsha Patterson, Marie Harper, Tony Minor, Tim Allen, Ernie Kirkland, David Shoaf, Rick Clemmons, Jim Harrison, Brian Queen, Becky Allen, Eddy Craft, Betty Doss & Elizabeth McCloud.

Youth Corner

Teens

- Every Tuesday Night- Teen Devo in Annex. See Allan Knight for details.

12 & Under

- Pew Packers will resume 6/7/26.

Bible Trivia

Last week: olives

A wise person should show by his behavior that his works are done in what? James 3:13

WELCOME VISITORS

We are thankful that you joined us today! If you have ANY questions, please ask one of us.

If you are interested in a Bible study, we would LOVE to study with you!

PLEASE FILL OUT A VISITOR'S CARD AND GIVE IT TO ONE OF US!

Food Pantry Items for Southwest Elementary

June/July: School Supplies: pencils, markers, crayons, pencil sharpeners, paper, rulers, erasers, glue sticks, etc.

Brother Mark Simons will be our speaker this morning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 7th – 10th VBS. Theme: The Name Of Jesus. Please make plans to attend!
- June 20th Wedding Shower for Holly Hauser. 2 PM – 4PM. Registered on Zola. If you can help with decorations, food, etc. Please let Mindy know.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

- June 1st-5th – VBS @ Broad Street. Various speakers for the adults each night.
- June 18th -20th Gospel Meeting with West Jefferson.
- June 21st – 23rd Northwest Meeting. Theme: Giving Thanks for Unity. Speaker: Billy Smith.

May/June Birthdays

May 31st Dora Lundgren
1st Gaye Carothers & Eden Warner
4th Jody Everett
5th Jolene McKenzie

June Anniversaries

More to come!



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CHAPEL MONDAY – THURSDAY
IN THE ANNEX @ 9AM