



# SOUTHWEST

## Church of Christ

### The Gathering

*"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord"*

**March 29, 2020**

**Welcome**

Behold Our God  
How Great Is Our God  
How Great Thou Art

**Reading – Quayne Baccas**

Draw Me Close

**Prayer**

Overwhelmed  
Worthy is the Lamb

**Lord's Supper – Ryan Porche**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**"Stuck"—Brian Mashburn**

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**BSA:**

Keeley Bahn, Rm. 461

**NWTH:**

Pauline Bavousett, Rm. B404

**Prayer List:**

Leon and Jo Allen, Terry Bavousett, Sam Bell,  
David Brown, Larry Collier, Tim Croft, Katie Holloway,  
Brenda Laird, Robert Moody, Barbara Moore, Joe Norman,  
Bonnie Thompson, Ed Watkins, Wade Wells, Carl Williams

### **ANNIVERSARIES 25+**

Mar. 25	Bill and Joan Knox	59 yrs.
April 3	Joe and Debbie Morrison	27 yrs.

### **THANK YOU**

We received a thank you note from Jackie and Carolyn Nall.

### **40 for 40 Challenge:**

- **40 for 40 Challenge:** If you are participating in the 40 for 40 challenge, please bring your sack/s to the Office Entrance Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm and drop them off. We'll be happy to bring them inside and get them to where they will be used. Thank you for giving!

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **55 Alive:** Canceled for April.
- **SWCC Community Garden Clean Up Day:** Postponed until further notice.
- **2020 NRA Whittington Men's Retreat:** Due to the mandatory restrictions recently implemented, this event is off for now. Those who have already paid should contact Cindy in the Church Office (352-5647).
- **Everyone—Sign Up to See Beth Moore Live in Amarillo:** Beth Moore will be bringing her "Living Proof Live" event to Amarillo on July 24-25. If you are interested in attending with others from Southwest and would like to purchase your ticket with a group discount, **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY to sign up and pay online (\$25) so we can know how many tickets to purchase.** Tickets are \$65 each (a \$20 discount). Contact Gina Jenkins (681-0843) or Elise Hairston (681-4387) if you have any questions.
- **Marriage Strong Class:** Registration is now open for our next Marriage Strong group! Marriage Strong is an 8-week conversation series in a small group environment. It's designed to equip our marriages for the hard work of staying on a healthy path. This experience is thoughtful, convicting, empowering, hopeful, and highly practical! If your marriage is ready for a health boost, we cannot recommend Marriage Strong enough! We have delayed the beginning of this group due to the Covid-19 virus. Stay-tuned to our website for updates, and sign-up on our website if you're interested!

### **Showers:**

- **Baby Shower:** You are invited to join us for a Baby Shower honoring Landon (son of David and Vanessa Brown) and Morgan Brown on Sunday, April 19 at the home of Jeri Farris (4013 Oakhurst). They are expecting a girl. Selections are at Target and Amazon.
- **Wedding Shower:** Join us for a Wedding Shower in honor of Madison Moore, bride elect of Brenden Pearson on April 26 from 2pm-3:30pm at the home of Debbie Rhodes (7413 Bayswater Rd.). Madison is the daughter of Brian and Pam Moore and the granddaughter of Dick and Jane Rice. Selections are at Bed Bath & Beyond and Target. Please join us as we shower them with our love.



## Small Groups

In light of current information regarding the Covid-19 virus, Sunday classes, Wednesday classes, and all Small Groups are canceled for the remainder of March. We will re-assess on March 30<sup>th</sup> and continue to communicate with you. For now, please continue to engage with our 2020 Bible Project. Stay in touch with your Small Group through video calls (Skype, Facetime, etc.), and look for safe ways to serve each other and your neighbors.



Check your email to see updates and information on how the Student Ministry will be ministering to the students and families during these challenging times.



## Childrens Ministry

We love you and want you to enjoy this possible extra time with your family over the next few weeks. Take some time to play together. Talk. Listen. Read. Pray. We will be emailing children's ministry families the planned Bible lessons for class each week. These will include the lesson verses, key points, and discussion questions.

We have two Facebook options to connect with you. Our Facebook page @SWChildren, is open to anyone that 'likes' it and it will have postings and resources. The second Facebook opportunity is a private group named Southwest Children's Ministry Parents. In this group we can share ideas, struggles, prayers, pictures, and encouragement. Please email us if we can add you to this private group on Facebook.

We also want to share our information with you as well. As we try to balance our new daily schedules with family at home, we are available to you too. Email, call, or text us if we can help in any way. We want to do this with you.

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## Intensive Care

### **Family Service Center Work Schedule:**

Food and clothing groups will not be meeting until further notice. Thank you for all your help.

**2020 BIBLE PROJECT:** All are invited to our year-long Bible reading plan! We'll be reading through most of the Bible and watching videos from The Bible Project to enhance our experience. Please go to [www.southwest.org/2020bibleproject](http://www.southwest.org/2020bibleproject) today so you can see the plan and sign up for a weekly reminder.

- Mar 30: Read Judges 10-12
- Mar 31: Read Judges 13 & 14
- Apr 1: Read Judges 15 & 16
- Apr 2: Read Judges 17 & 18
- Apr 3: Watch Video; Read Judges 19-21

### Stuck

While how we are operating as a church family has literally changed overnight, one of the things that has remained steady is our commitment to our 2020 Bible Project.

And why not? The earth has been shaken by current events, but the Kingdom has not. The Story of God that we are examining is a powerful orientation on how we can weather these changes with steadfastness, faith, and hope. Besides its usefulness as an anchor for our soul, it is also a welcome distraction from the (understandable) focus on the coronavirus. Why not join us by following the 2020 Bible Project plan at [www.southwest.org](http://www.southwest.org)?

We are smack in the middle of the book of Judges currently, which records a major transition in the history of Israel. Before the book of Judges, they were led by Moses, who brought them out of slavery in Egypt, and then Joshua, who brought them into the land God was giving them. After the book of Judges, they will be led by Kings, beginning with Saul, David, and Solomon.

Judges basically records and explains this tumultuous and disturbing transition. The people of Israel get stuck in a repeating cycle. They would worship other gods, then God would punish them, then they would call out for mercy, God would deliver them (through leaders called "judges"), and then the cycle would repeat.

Sound familiar? It should. What this book shows the people of Israel doing is a mirror to what we all do at one time or another. We all can get stuck in negative, if not outright sinful, cycles like this. We forget God, we sin, we suffer consequences, we cry out to God, He helps, repeat.

What's the solution? How do we interrupt and break these deadly cycles, that inevitably result in downward spirals, deadening our spirits and souls, our hearts and minds?

Let's see.

Brian Mashburn