

# SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

March 2026



**Southwestern Christian Church**

2525 Lyle Rd. Weatherford, Ok 73096

## PLACES TO ENGAGE

Rooted Groups - At the Gee's and at the Crow's

Grow Groups: Wednesday Night @ 6:30pm for all ages

Women's Study @ 7am Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study @ 6am Thursdays

Sunday School Classes @ 9am

## ENGAGE

A Journey through Luke

## FROM THE PASTORS

Church history is one of those topics that is not always easy to understand. We know we go to church and there are different denominations, but what does it all mean? The Independent Christian Church really gained ground when America was the New World. Barton Stone and Thomas Campbell are credited with starting this Restoration Movement with the basis being in the Bible and is the movement that spawned our denomination here at SCC



## PLACES TO SERVE

Music and Media Ministry

Youth Ministry

Children's Ministry

## Other Happenings

Youth Meal for the Church - 28<sup>th</sup>

Palm Sunday - 29<sup>th</sup>

Good Friday Service - April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Easter - April 5<sup>th</sup>

# FROM THE PASTORS CONT.

From Mike

Fear, he is a liar  
He will take your breath  
Stop you in your steps  
Fear, he is a liar  
He will rob your rest  
Steal your happiness  
Cast your fear in the fire  
'Cause fear, he is a liar

Zach Williams wrote a powerful song a decade ago about the danger of believing fear instead of faith. As Williams croons, fear will incapacitate a person. It begins with eliminating air from the lungs and continues until there is no peace. The Apostle Peter writes to a Church that was facing persecution two millennia ago. His words: ...do not fear anything that is frightening.

Have no fear of them (those who persecute), nor be troubled... 1 Peter 3.6 and 14 In other words, fear is nothing new. It's been around since Genesis 3. You remember Genesis 3, don't you? It's when mankind was banished from the garden - the garden God created for man. But because of sin, there were consequences. Transparency, innocence, and the absence of peace became the new normal. Surely, man was experiencing "death." What Peter calls "trouble" or Zach Williams defines as "robbing your rest" or "steal(ing) your happiness" was not God's hope for creation. Yet here we are. And there is no one else to blame! Fear shows its ugly head in numerous ways. Maybe it's the lies you hear in your head. Comparing yourself to someone else? Or convincing yourself you could never do something, at least not good enough.

Primarily, though, fear is about a lack of identity.

From Williams again: *When he told you you're not good enough When he told you you're not right When he told you you're not strong enough To put up a good fight When he told you you're not worthy When he told you you're not loved When he told you you're not beautiful You'll never be enough*

Do you hear all the lies? Do you know the origin of lies? Do you believe the enemy, rather than what God says? God says you're royalty, a holy nation, and His possession. Know it. Believe it. And live like it! One more passage you may study and let it become part of your DNA? This one comes from the letter of 1 John.

So we have come to know and to believe the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected in us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us.

God says you're good enough. Live as if you believe what God says. And quickly dismiss the enemy and his lies. Be blessed! Mike

From Amanda

Hey guys this month in Children's ministry we're starting a brand-new series called Upside Down! Jesus taught people to live in a way that's a little different, a little unexpected, and a little upside down from what the world says. For example, the world might say, "Be first! Be the best!" But Jesus says, "Put others first." That's pretty upside down! This month we are going to learn how to treat others the way that Jesus treats us. We are called to live different from the world and this month we are going to look at practical ways we can do that. Looking at the way Jesus treated others as we get closer to the cross. This month's memory verse is Philippians 2:3, I want to challenge families to memorize this together this month!