

SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

May 2026



Southwestern Christian Church

2525 Lyle Rd. Weatherford, Ok 73096

PLACES TO SERVE

Music and Media Ministry - Contact Matt or Tony for more information
Youth Ministry - Contact Matt for more information
Children's Ministry - Contact Amanda for more information

UPCOMING DATES

Church Workday - May 9th
Mother's Day - May 10th
Camp Workday - May 29th
Camp Starts - May 30th

THE HEART OF
WORSHIP

FROM THE PASTORS

The Sermon on the Mount should be a foundational sermon for us as Christians. Jesus preached it on a mountainside for anyone who would listen to him and it was the foundation to his ministry here on earth. From uprooting traditions, to flipping things upside down and backwards. This sermon changed everything for us, and shows where the true value of the Kingdom of God is. The Beatitudes, teaching on different kinds of sin, teaching us to keep our treasure in Heaven, anxiety, the golden rule, keeping our foundation in God, and more shows us what Christ came to teach us. The Kingdom does not make sense in any worldly way, yet it is perfect and we should be working to bring these same things into our lives and into the world today.



PLACES TO ENGAGE

Rooted Groups with the Gee's and Crow's
Wednesday Night Grow Groups @ 6:30pm
Women's Study Tuesday Morning @ 7am
Bibles Biscuits and Bros @ 6am moved to the church
Sunday School Classes @ 9am

FROM THE PASTORS CONT.

FROM MIKE

Don't Miss The Point

Recently, those in attendance at the Wednesday Grow Group were asked to consider John 3:16. It's likely that many of us could quote the verse. However, the discussion was "to see the verse" from a different perspective.

The English Standard Version reads, *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

Most often, those aware of the verse might consider the setting of a Pharisee (in this case, Nicodemus) approaching Jesus at night. John 3 records a dialogue between Nicodemus and Jesus. During the conversation, Jesus answers the Pharisees question(s), before stating what we read in verse 16.

All too often, the focus on the verse is the last phrase. ...*that whoever believes in him (God) should not perish but have eternal life.* In other words, created beings are interpreted as the primary focus of the verse. However, if one focuses on God being the subject of the verse, he or she might interpret another part of the verse. In fact, moving past the first part of the verse would not be completely honest.

For God so loved the world. That's the phrase to which I speak. In the first part of the verse, there's no doubt as to the subject. God loved the world. And He loved the world in such a way that He gave his only Son. When one reads further e.g. verse 17 and following, this reading appears to be the best way to interpret what Jesus says to Nicodemus.

In summary, the Gospel is primarily about God's love for mankind, rather than man's love for God. What an amazing love!

Keep studying!

Mike

FROM AMANDA

As we step into the summer season, life often shifts into a different rhythm. Schedules change, vacations are planned, kids are home more, and routines feel a little less structured. While summer brings rest and joy, it can also quietly pull us away from the habits that keep us grounded in our faith.

So as a church family, let's be intentional.

Summer isn't a season to take a break from God it's a season to experience Him in new and refreshing ways. Whether you're traveling, spending time outdoors, or simply enjoying a slower pace, remember that God goes with you wherever you are. His presence isn't confined to a building or a schedule.

Make space for Him in the midst of the change:

- Gather together for worship whenever you can.
- Pray as a family: around the table, on the road, or under the open sky.
- Look for moments to talk about what God is doing in your life.
- Serve and love others, even in the small, everyday opportunities.

The memories you create this summer can be more than just fun, they can be spiritually meaningful and deeply formative for your family.

Let this be a season where your faith grows stronger, your relationships grow deeper, and your joy in the Lord grows fuller.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9

Have a blessed, joy-filled summer. Stay connected, stay encouraged, and stay rooted in Christ.