

“WHY BELIEVE IN GOD?” (PSALM 14:1-3)

I. BECAUSE IT’S FOOLISH NOT TO BELIEVE IN GOD.

II. BECAUSE NOT BELIEVING IN GOD LEADS TO A DEGENERATE LIFESTYLE.

III. BECAUSE ONE DAY YOU WILL MEET HIM.

April 19, 2026 • Ray Rose

TODAY’S GREETERS: Alec Boyle & Rocky Gaisford

SUNDAY AM BIBLE CLASSES

Adults - Auditorium <i>The Church (Don Siders)</i>	Cradle Roll - Rm 108 (Jennifer Waide)
Teens - Multipurpose Room <i>The Life of Paul (Doug Boyle)</i>	3’s & 4’s - Rm 107 (Susannah Waide)
	PreK-1st - Rm 105 (Carolyn Rehmel)
	2nd-3rd - Rm 103 (Tim Rehmel)
	4th-6th - Rm 102 (Beth Gaddie)

WEDNESDAY PM - APRIL 22ND

Greeter Song Scripture (Jude 1:17-21)	Frosty Munsell Caleb Key Connor Key
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WEDNESDAY PM BIBLE CLASSES

Adults - Auditorium
The Gospel of John (Ray Rose)

Ladies - Fellowship Hall
Biblical Geography (Fern Boyle)

Teens - Teen Room
Apologetics: Atheism (Alec Boyle)

PreK - 6th - BLAST Class (April 22nd: Carolyn Rehmel)

3’s & 4’s - Room 107 (Sharon Harold)

NEXT SUNDAY - APRIL 26TH

Greeters Announcements Songleader Scripture Reading/Prayer Lesson Communion Closing Prayer PM Songleader PM Prayer PM Lesson	Greyson Waide & Luke Rehmel Nicholas Endicott Ron Scott Alec Boyle Ray Rose Don Siders Roger Gaddie Luke Rehmel Dan Biby Greg Waide
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ELDERS: Doug Boyle & Greg Waide *Elder of the Month (Apr) - Greg

DEACONS: *Responsible for locking the building (Apr) - Tim R.

TIM FORD - Audio-Visual/Tech	TIM REHMELE - Education	ROGER GADDIE - Building/Communion Svc
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If you ever miss a robo-call, you can hear the most recent message again by dialing: 1-877-333-9336.

PULPIT MINISTER - Ray Rose **SECRETARY** - Jennifer Waide

Secretary Hours: Mon, 8:30-12:30; Wed-Fri, 8:30-4:30 (Lunch 12-1) Notary services are available.

 All services are interpreted for the deaf.	SUNDAY SERVICES: Bible Classes 9:30 am AM Worship 10:30 am PM Worship 5:00 pm WEDNESDAY: Bible Study 7:00 pm	Ladies' Birthday Lunch (Monthly) 11:30 am, 2 nd Tuesday of each month	Men's Breakfast (Monthly) 8:30 am, 3 rd Tuesday of each month	May 12th Place TBD	April 21st Willow Inn Café
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CHURCH LIFE

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God’s Special Providence

During the Civil War, a few days before the battles around Richmond, Virginia, Dr. R.L. Dabney, Andrew Jackson’s chief of staff, preached a sermon in which he took a very strong Calvinistic position on special Providence. In the sermon, he told the men that they didn’t need to “dodge in battle, since every shot, shell and bullet sped on its way under the guidance of a special Providence, and hit just where and just whom the loving Father, who watches the fall of the sparrow, and numbers the hairs on the heads of the saints should direct.”

A few days later, as circumstances would have it, a group including Dr. Dabney reported to General Jackson while he was under heavy fire. Jackson instructed the men to dismount and take cover. Dabney quickly sought cover behind a very large and thick oak gatepost, where he sat as straight as he could with his back against the post. Major Hugh Nelson, a gallant soldier and devout churchgoer, had heard Dabney’s sermon on providence, and couldn’t help taking a jab at the preacher. He saluted Dabney and calmly said, “Dr. Dabney, every shot, shell and bullet is directed by the God of battles, and you must pardon me for expressing my surprise that you should want to put a gatepost between you and special Providence.” The doctor rapidly retorted, “No! Major, you misunderstand the doctrine I teach. And the truth is I regard this gatepost as a special Providence, under present circumstances” (Botkin 190-191).

Although I disagree with Dabney’s Calvinistic doctrine, I agree with his common sense decision to get behind a gatepost during the heat of battle. I would have done the same. Believing in providence does not rule out seeking shelter behind a gatepost when the bullets are flying. I am reminded of the motto of the Revolutionary War soldiers: “Trust in God, but keep your powder dry.” I believe that is sound theology, don’t you?

As Christians, we should be very thankful for God’s special providence. We should be grateful for the gateposts of protection and provision that He has given us. We should find great comfort in the fact that He is watching over us and listening to our prayers. Peter wrote, “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?” (1 Peter 3:12-13). In like manner, Paul declared, “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose... What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” (Rom. 8:28, 31-2).

The next time that you see a gatepost, think of God’s special providence and thank Him for all that He does for you as His child. If bullets are flying, take cover while you do so.

Wade Webster via Southaven church of Christ, Southaven, MS
BULLETINDIGEST.com (Sep 2013)

PRAYER LIST:

Jack & Fran Goodpasture...They are moving to an assisted living facility in OKC and will be leaving Enid tomorrow. *If you are able, the family would appreciate help loading the U-Haul tomorrow morning from 9-11 am.*

Donna Goswick...She had cataract surgery on one eye last week and will have the other eye done this Wednesday.

Beth Gaddie...She will have cataract surgery on her right eye on Thursday.

Daniel Osburn...He has a bone infection and may lose his foot if it doesn't heal.

Emilio Aldaco.....He would like prayers that his car will stop having issues.

Victor Torres....He is having pain in his ankle and sees a doctor this week.

Jessica Schmidt....She left on Thursday for her senior trip to New Mexico.

Larry Blue.....Larry will be moving to Georgia soon and getting married. He wants God to be first and the head of the marriage. Also, he requests prayers of blessing for his son.

Nicholas Endicott.....Please pray that God's will be done in Nicholas' life.

Endicott Family.....Pray for their well-being and relationships with God.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

John & Louann Waller (Parents of Lisa Mitchell's son-in-law)...They have found cancer in John's prostate and also in Louann's lung. Louann has just completed treatment for breast cancer.

Mona Stiles (Former member)...She has cancer in one lung and on her thyroid. She is beginning radiation treatments.


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| Dennis Biby | Jerry Bradford | Lucas & Laura Cochran | Faye Gash |
| The Gritzes | Scott Key | The Kliewers | Yee Kow Lee |
| Jimmy McCrate | Dwayne McLerran | Curtis Sampson | Garry Osburn |
| Wilma Shell | Cassidy Stephens | Rachel Stephens | Leatha Summers |
| Rory Waide | Misty Walker | Lucille Wilder | Tina Wilder |



April 19th
Ron & Kay Scott

DAYS IN GOD'S WORD
(April 5-11)

Number of days: 110
Slips turned in: 17



SUN PM SCHEDULE:

TONIGHT - 3rd Sunday Singing

26th - Greg Waide
May 3rd - Ray Rose
May 10th - Ray Rose
May 17th - 3rd Sunday Singing

OUR RECORDS

Week of April 12, 2026

Bible Class.....	61
AM Worship.....	80
PM Worship.....	48
Contribution.....	\$2,568
Wed PM.....	54

MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

- MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:**
- HBS
- Southern Africa Bible College
 - Elio Vergara - Panama
 - Aaron Taylor - Bear Valley Bible Institute
 - Alex Coloma - MSOP/Philippines Church Plant
 - Annslea Pitts - Trips to Jamaica & Finland
 - Jonathan Crowell - World Bible Institute
 - Future Teacher Training Camp
 - Garriott Road Prison Ministry

ORDER OF WORSHIP - Apr 19, 2026

- AM** ANNOUNCEMENTS - Luke Rehmel
ELDER'S WELCOME/PRAYER - Greg Waide
Psalm 2
- SONGLEADER - Greyson Waide
Here I Am To Worship
Glorify Thy Name
Servant Song
The Steadfast Love Of the Lord
Our God, He Is Alive
- NIB**
77
694
123
23
- SCRIPTURE READING/PRAYER - Travis Key
Psalm 14:1-3
- LESSON - Ray Rose
"Why Believe In God?"
- 381 **Years I Spent In Vanity**
382 **Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?**
- LORD'S SUPPER - Tim Rehmel
250 **The Great Redeemer**
- CLOSING PRAYER - Dan Biby
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- 12 PM - Potluck Lunch
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- PM** 3RD SUNDAY SINGING - FELLOWSHIP HALL
PRAYER - Roger Gaddie

Fern Boyle is planning a Bible Bowl on the book of John, using the NKJV. This event is open to everyone (all ages and not just church members) and will take place on Saturday, May 30th, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. If you would like to help with planning and organizing, talk to Fern. Printed copies of John for study are available upon request. There will be five 20-minute test sessions, and participants will be divided by age. Questions will be written by Andrew Boyle. They will be in multiple choice format and based on knowledge of the text, not interpretation. Prizes will be awarded for the highest scores. If you would like to participate, please see Fern.

Please pray for this event, that participants grow in knowledge, understanding and fellowship.


GARAGE SALE - This Friday & Saturday, Apr 24-25

309 N Glenwood Drive

- ◆ Proceeds will be used for various projects around the church building.
- ◆ Donated items can be dropped off starting Tuesday.
- ◆ If you have hangers that can be borrowed for this occasion, that would be appreciated! (Please label them for return.) Sacks are also needed.
- ◆ See Jan Tinsley with any questions!

POWERFUL PRAYER WARRIORS,

Please pray specifically for these three students this week:



JACE WIEDEN
Son of Cody & Rachel Wieden

JALYIAH KNOX
Granddaughter of Ronda Knox

ZOELLA HASSARD
Granddaughter of Frosty Munsell

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Worship the LORD with reverence
And rejoice with trembling."
Psalm 2:11

~ POTLUCK LUNCH TODAY @ 12 NOON ~



Sweet 16 TODAY!
Rylee Wieden!

21 on TUESDAY!
Greyson Waide!

2 on TUESDAY!
Hank Wieden!

WEDNESDAY,
Fran Goodpasture!


THURSDAY,
Darin Burchell!

FRIDAY,
Yee Kow Lee!

Monthly Men's Breakfast
This Tuesday, April 21st
8:30 am @ Willow Inn Café

"SEE YA LATER"
Honoring Ron & Kay Scott
Wednesday, May 6th
Following Bible classes
8 pm, Fellowship Hall

NEWER CHURCH VAN
The total given in the March 29th
5th Sunday Special Collection
was \$715.00.
Total raised overall: \$22,828.28



Everyone is invited to the wedding of Tucker Fuxa and Christy Gilmore on June 27, 2026. Invitations are on the Welcome Center. Feel free to take one. RSVP online as listed on the invitation or by calling or texting Tucker.



~ WEDNESDAYS ~
5:30-6:30 PM

THIS WEEK'S MENU
(April 22nd):
Menu TBD

Clean-Up Crew:
Samuel, Jonathan & Jan

Security Team Meeting
TONIGHT
Following PM services
Multipurpose Room



PLEASE NOTE:

In an effort to cut down on the time spent going through announcements and prayer requests before classes on Wednesday nights, the elders have asked that prayer requests be submitted to the office in advance.

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE:

April 19	1 Kings 4-6
April 20	1 Kings 7
April 21	1 Kings 8
April 22	1 Kings 9-10
April 23	1 Kings 11-12
April 24	1 Kings 13-14
April 25	1 Kings 15-17
April 26	1 Kings 18-19

LOVED ONES IN FACILITIES:

ZANE JOHNSTON
(Mother of Carolyn Rehmel)
The Commons, Rm 108