### SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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#### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:**

Courtney Westbrook (18), Bill Garnett (19) Cheryl Cook (20), Ava Harris (20) Hannah Surles (20), Brett Gerhardt (24) Wendy Gibson (24), Jean Jackson (24) Martha Moffett (24)



#### THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt - brett.gerhardt15@gmail.com

#### **VACUUMING SCHEDULE**

Oct 22: David & Elaine Hopkins
Oct 29: Jerry & Edie Hopkins
WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Oct 29: Brian & Ralph Felps

#### WORSHIP & STUDY OPPORTUNITES

SUNDAY: Bible Classes 9:30 AM, Worship 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM TUESDAY: 10:00 AM (Sept.-May), Men's & Ladies' Bible Classes WEDNESDAY: Bible Classes, 7:00 PM

# RECORD FOR 10.11.2020

BIBLE CLASS: 89
AM ASSEMBLY: 157
PM ASSEMBLY: 138
WEDNESDAY: 123
CONTRIBUTION: \$8,549

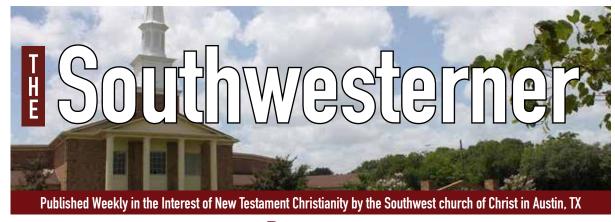
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ELDERS: Brett Gerhardt Bill Siebert Mark Speir

PREACHER:
Cody Westbrook



Steven Lloyd, Director Clay Bond, Assoc. Director



# BOLDNESS

#### **Cody Westbrook**

Solomon said, "The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion" (Pro. 28:1). Scripture enjoins and illustrates the practice of boldness in the lives of Christians, but what exactly is it? Thayer defines the term as "freedom in speaking, unreservedness in speech; free and fearless confidence, cheerful courage, boldness, and assurance." Note some examples of boldness in scripture.

Boldness is seen in the courageous way the early church publicly proclaimed the Gospel. Acts 4:31 says the Christians at Jerusalem "...spoke the word of God with boldness." Paul preached boldly at Damascus and Jerusalem (Acts 9:27-29). He and Barnabas spoke boldly in the Lord at Iconium (Acts 14:3) and he did the same in the synagogue at Ephesus (Acts 19:8), Thessalonica (1 Thess. 2:2), and many other places (2 Cor. 3:12).

Paul characterized his writing as bold. Romans 15:15 says, "Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points..." In 2 Corinthians 7:4 he said, "Great is my boldness of speech toward you..." He even wrote of boldness to describe his

olomon said, "The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion" own conviction and desire to courageously glorify Christ in His body by life or death (Phil. 1:20).

Boldness is also utilized in our approach to God. Hebrews 4:16 says that we may come "boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." We can also look to eternity with boldness. John wrote, "Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world" (1 John 4:17).

Boldness does not require a loud voice or a certain personality. It has more to do with courage and conviction than it does with style. One can be bold in proclaiming or defending truth of God from a pulpit, with pen and paper, or in a personal bible study. One can be confident, or bold, with a loud voice and outgoing personality, or with a quiet volume and reserved personality. Whoever the person and whatever the setting, God's people can, and must, be confident and firm in their faith and conviction, and courageous to stand for the truth, regardless of consequence. That is boldness.

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# October 18, 2020

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

- Micah 6	5:8
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WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAYER	Gary Goodpaster Gary Goodpaster	Gary Goodpaster
SONG DIRECTOR	Branyon May	Charlie Cauley
PRAYER SCRIPTURE	Brett Gerhardt David Crouchet	Patrick Gooch
SERMON	Is Christianity Socially Outdated? Ephesians 5:25-33	Who am I to Judge?
	Cody Westbrook	Cody Westbrook
LORD'S SUPPER	Daniel Hall Patrick Gooch	Daniel Hall
	Caleb Nash	Josh Pesina
	Josh Pesina Elijah McNiel	
	Alternates: Adan Hernandez Anthony Scherffius	
CLOSING PRAYER	Dan Cook	David Crouchet

### NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

Ola Brown, Edith Farris, Rosemary Garrett, Jeannette Hansen, Rosemary James, Charlene Johnson, Caroline & Jon Little, Nell McCown, Ginny Oswald, Angela Young

A complete prayer list is available on the credenza, our website, and on the Lightpost app.

Please contact the church office to make requests

## **ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

SUNDAY:	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Bible Class Morning Worship		
	4:45 PM 5:15 PM 6:00 PM	Bible Bowl Practice Daughters of Dorcas Meeting (H.S. Classroom) Evening Worship		
MONDAY:	9:00AM	SWSBS Finals' Week		
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Classes		
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional Songs: Seth Gibson Devotional: Michael Wesolowski Prayer: Dan Cook		
FRIDAY:	6:00 PM	REACH Dinner & Devo (Siebert's)		
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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### OCTOBER:

- Daughters of Dorcas Meeting (18<sup>th</sup>)
- SWSBS Finals' Week (19th-21st)
- REACH Devo 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade (23<sup>rd</sup>) Keith & Phyllis Siebert's Home
- SWSBS Break Week (22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>)
- SWSBS Special Studies Seminar (29th-30th)
- SW Annual Fall Festival (30<sup>th</sup>)