

SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Diane Evans (2), Rosemary Garrett (2),

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THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

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VACUUMING SCHEDULE

May 6: Aaron Anderson and Caleb Nash

May 13: Patrick and Josha Gooch

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

May 13: Kevin Molenaar and Alex Hernandez

May 27: Ralph & Brian 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 4.25.2021

BIBLE CLASS: 91
AM ASSEMBLY: 154
PM ASSEMBLY: 128
WEDNESDAY: 142
CONTRIBUTION: \$7,698

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ELDERS:

Brett Gerhardt

Bill Siebert

Mark Speir

PREACHER:

Cody Westbrook



Steven Lloyd, Director
Clay Bond, Assoc. Director



BLESSED ASSURANCE

Cody Westbrook

Many things in life are unsure. Few are guaranteed. Life can be difficult to manage with so many uncertainties, but Christians possess a precious blessing that those outside of Christ cannot have—assurance. Romans 5:1-5 Paul identifies 5 blessings of justification. Five blessings that belong only to those who have submitted themselves to the will of God and have been washed in the blood of Christ Jesus that they may stand holy in His sight. These blessings are given to point out the assurance which belongs to every Christian.

- **Peace:** Sin separates us from God (Isa. 59:1-2) and makes us His enemy (Rom. 5:10). But the blood of Christ cleanses us and restores the peace, broken by sin (Rom. 3:21-26). As a Christian we have peace with God, knowing that we are right in His sight (Rom. 5:1) and we have peace with ourselves, knowing that we are living in a way that pleases God (Phil. 4:6).

- **Access:** Through Christ Jesus “we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand” (Rom. 5:2). Literally, we continue to stand in the grace which we’ve been granted access to. What is the grace that Paul refers to? Justification. A legal term which denotes being absolved of all charges and declares just—just-if-I’d-never-sinned.

- **Joy:** Christians “rejoice in hope of the glory of God” (Rom. 5:2). Joy is abiding and independent of circumstances. We can “rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil. 4:4) because we know how the story ends. We have all spiritual blessings in Christ (Eph. 1:3) and we have a loving Father who fights in our corner (Rom. 8:28). We have every reason to have joy in abundance!

- **Glory in tribulation:** Jesus promised that persecution would come (Matt. 5:10-12). For the Christian, it is not a matter of if, but when. Yet we can glory in tribulation because of what it produces—patience, experience, and hope. Regardless of how hot the fire may become; we can glory and rejoice in suffering (1 Pet. 4:13).

- **Hope:** Hope is mentioned 3 times in our context. We rejoice in hope (5:2), hope is produced by suffering (5:3), and hope will not leave us ashamed (5:5). Our hope is an eternal life in Heaven with our Father (Rom. 8:18ff; John 14:1-3) and that hope is alive and well (1 Pet. 1:3).

In a world full of confusion and uncertainty, Christians can rest easy. We have peace, access (justification), joy, glory, and an enduring hope. No wonder we can sing with such conviction, “Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!”

Podcast — The Word of Life | online at swcofc.org/word-of-life

May 2, 2021

*“Love worketh no ill to his neighbour:
therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.”*

- James 1:2-4

WORSHIP

MORNING

EVENING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

SONG DIRECTOR

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

LORD'S SUPPER

CLOSING PRAYER

Jack Tisdale

Bill Siebert

Austin Cauley

Logan Summers

Carson Siebert

BLESSED ASSURANCE
ROMANS 5:1-5

Cody Westbrook

Ed Grumbles

Anthony Scherffius

Tom Genduso

Mark Fritsch

Winston Kinser

Greg Campbell

Josh Pesina

Daniel Hall

Sam Hatchitt

Charlie Cauley

Logan Summers

Jack Tisdale

Chris Willcut

Josh Pesina

GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Cody Westbrook

Ed Grumbles

Greg Campbell

Mark Speir

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

6:00 PM

Evening Worship

MONDAY:

8:30 AM

Focal Point Workshop (San Marcos)

TUESDAY:

Tuesday Morning Bible Study (*Focal Point*)
Southwest Night @ *Focal Point*

WEDNESDAY: 7:00 PM

Bible Class & Devotional
Songs: **Mark Speir**
Devotional: **Aaron Anderson**
Prayer: **Justin Parks**

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- *Focal Point Workshop* :Univ. San Marcos (1st-6th)
- 3rd Sunday Youth & Family Day (16th)
- Connect Dinner & Devo (25th)
- Questions & Answers (30th)

JUNE

- 2021 Graduation Celebration (H.S./College/Grad School)(6th)
- Camp Hensel (13th-18th)
- Servant's Academy (Week of July 27th)