

SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Charles Cauley (4), Edith Farris (4)
Julia Lloyd (4), Elijah Westbrook (4)
Adam Dilworth (6), David Hopkins (6)
Lauren Harris (8)



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt-brett.gerhardt15@gmail.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Jan 07: Tessie Soto & Tyler Latimor
Jan 14: Mark & Karen Speir

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Jan: Volunteers As Needed

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 12.20.2020

BIBLE CLASS: 71
AM ASSEMBLY: 111
PM ASSEMBLY: 80
WEDNESDAY: 85
CONTRIBUTION: \$9,137

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ELDERS:

Brett Gerhardt
Bill Siebert
Mark Speir

PREACHER:

Cody Westbrook



Steven Lloyd, Director
Clay Bond, Assoc. Director



SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR STUDYING THE BIBLE THIS YEAR

Cody Westbrook

Spiritual growth is impossible without God's word (1 Pet. 2:2). The bible tells us to study (2 Tim. 2:15) and meditate (Ps. 1) on God's word on a regular basis. Because bible study is so important, it is also important that we know how to study effectively. Here are some suggestions that may help your personal bible study in the year(s) to come.

Utilize a bible-reading plan. The benefits of reading the bible are many and Christians should dedicate time to read God's revealed will daily (c.f. Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; John 20:31; Ps. 119:97-104). There are a number of systematic bible-reading plans available. Some take you through the bible chronologically and others topically. Consider contacting WVBS to ask about their yearly bible-reading plan or accessing one through the bible app on your smart phone.

Memorize scripture. The only way to truly hide God's word in our hearts is to memorize it. Admittedly, memorization is easier for some than others, but everyone can do it. Start by memorizing one passage per day. Write it down on a piece of paper or an index card and take it with you wherever you go throughout the day. Read it routinely and recite it aloud. There are a number of different methods

and even websites and phone apps that will help with this process. Remember, the key to memorization is repetition.

Study topically. Choose a topic like love, joy, or peace. Get out a pen and a notepad, then open up the bible and look for passages that deal with that topic. Write the passages down and categorize them. Once you have finished that step, organize your notes to see the full picture of how the bible discusses the topic. Then commence meditation.

Study textually. Choose a text. It can be a small section, like a parable, an entire chapter, or a book. Read it several times (preferably aloud). Look for key words and phrases. Look for passages to memorize. Look for transition words like "therefore," and petition verbs like "urge" and "beg." Ask questions about the text. What is the historical background? What is the main idea of the text? What is main point being emphasized?

The New Year is now upon us, which means new goals, plans, and ambitions. But, the most important thing to consider this year, and every year, is spiritual growth. Consider employing these suggestions to help you grow spiritually in 2021.

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

January 3, 2021

“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;”
- Matthew 5:44

WORSHIP

MORNING

EVENING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jamie Harris

Jamie Harris

PRAYER

Jamie Harris

SONG DIRECTOR

Austin Cauley

Chris Willcut

PRAYER

Bill Siebert

Daniel Hall

SCRIPTURE

Dan Cook

SERMON

HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER
PSALM 118:1-4

HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER PART 2

LORD'S SUPPER

Cody Westbrook
David Crouchet
Greg Campbell
Wendell Evans

Cody Westbrook
Mark Speir

Carson Siebert

Alternates:

Justin Parks
Kevin Molenaar

CLOSING PRAYER

Adolphus Wells

Anthony Scherffius

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

Bible Class

10:30 AM

Morning Worship

6:00 PM

Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY:

7:00 PM

Bible Class & Devotional

Songs: **Jesse Moser**

Devotional: **Tom Genduso**

Prayer: **Mark Speir**

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY:

- SWSBS Classes Resume (4th)
- Come & Go Baby Shower: Alex & Jesse Moser (9th)
- Tuesday Morning Bible Class (12th)
- SWSBS Finals' Week (18th-21st)
- SWSBS Break Week (25th-29th)

FEBRUARY

- ARISE! Workday (23rd)
- ARISE! Spiritual Growth Workshop (25th-28th)