

SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Jamie Harris (25), Caleb Nash (25)

Joyce Taylor (26), Atlie May (27)

Gerald Smith (29), Darlene Stanley (30)



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt - brett.gerhardt15@gmail.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

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
10.18.2020

BIBLE CLASS:
AM ASSEMBLY:
PM ASSEMBLY:
WEDNESDAY:
CONTRIBUTION:

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ELDERS:

Brett Gerhardt
Bill Siebert
Mark Speir

PREACHER:

Cody Westbrook



Steven Lloyd, Director
Clay Bond, Assoc. Director



SIN DISTANCING

Cody Westbrook

The emergence of the COVID-19 Corona virus has changed our world in a number of ways. Though hard to believe, wearing masks, standing in line to enter the grocery store, and toilet paper at a premium have all become part of daily American life. Part of this great change is the practice of social distancing. Health officials tell us that we can prevent contracting and spreading the virus by maintaining a distance of 6 feet from each other, refraining from hugging and shaking hands, and limiting large gatherings. This practice is good for our physical health but it also has bears a striking parallel to our spiritual health.

First Thessalonians 5:22 says, "Abstain from every form of evil." The word "abstain" means "to avoid" and "keep your distance." This passage is found in a context dealing with teaching. "Do not quench the Spirit" and "Do not despise prophecies" (1 Thess. 5:19-20) refers to the miraculous spiritual gifts available in the first century, particularly the ability to speak forth God's Word. The inspired instruction was not to reject a "forth teller" of God's

word but rather to test him—"Test all things; hold fast what is good" (1 Thess. 5:21). One who passed the test was to be embraced, but one who failed and was proven to be false was to be rejected. The church was to "Abstain from every form of evil" (1 Thess. 5:22).

Spiritual gifts are no longer available but the principle of 1 Thessalonians 5:22 is just as applicable. Whether false doctrine, temptation, immorality, or whatever it may be, Christians ought to avoid and keep their distance. Too often, it seems, we try to get as close to sin as possible without touching it. Brethren, "Can a man take fire into his bosom and his clothes not be burned" (Pro. 6:27)? Drawing nearer to God should be our greatest desire. That, by default, will push us further away from wickedness. Social distancing will stop eventually. But sin distancing must be a permanent fixture.

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

October 25, 2020

“Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.”

- Psalm 119:114

WORSHIP

MORNING

EVENING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Goodpaster

Gary Goodpaster

PRAYER

Gary Goodpaster

SONG DIRECTOR

Austin Cauley

Steven Petrosky

PRAYER

Mark Speir

Elijah McNiel

SCRIPTURE

Tom Genduso

SERMON

**IS CHRISTIANITY
SOCIALLY OUTDATED?
EPHESIANS 5:25-33**

WHO AM I TO JUDGE?

LORD'S SUPPER

Cody Westbrook
Daniel Hall
Patrick Gooch
Caleb Nash

Cody Westbrook
Daniel Hall

Josh Pesina

Josh Pesina
Elijah McNiel

Alternates:
Adan Hernandez
Anthony Scherffius

CLOSING PRAYER

Roger McCown

Rafael Rodriguez

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

MONDAY:

SWSBS Break Week

TUESDAY:

7:00 PM

Tuesday Morning Bible Classes

WEDNESDAY:

6:00 PM

Bible Class & Devotional
Songs: **Charlie Cauley**
Devotional: **Jamie Harris**
Prayer: **Dan Cook**

SATURDAY:

4:30 PM

SW Annual Fall Festival

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:

- SWSBS Break Week (22nd-28th)
- SWSBS *Special Studies Seminar* (29th-30th)
- SW Annual Fall Festival (30th)

November:

- *SW Annual Ladies' Day*
- Bridal Shower for Lauren Molenaar (21st)