

# SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

*Alex Moser (21), Caroline Little (22)*  
*Charles Houston (23), Sue Shamburger (23)*  
*Keith Siebert (24), Adan Hernandez (25)*  
*Gary Goodpaster (26), Nelda Savage (26)*



## THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Mark Speir-mark.speir@gmail.com

## VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Dec 24: Bill & Midge Siebert  
Dec 31: Jo Wallace & Cindy Herzog

## 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 12.13.2020

BIBLE CLASS: 81  
AM ASSEMBLY: 107  
PM ASSEMBLY: 110  
WEDNESDAY: 85  
CONTRIBUTION: \$9,981

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## ELDERS:

Brett Gerhardt  
Bill Siebert  
Mark Speir

## PREACHER:

Cody Westbrook



Steven Lloyd, Director  
Clay Bond, Assoc. Director



## LET US COME TOGETHER!

### Cody Westbrook

According to John 17:20-23 one thing the Lord had on His mind during the ordeal of His death was our unity. Jesus wanted us to be united in purpose and in mind so that the world would look at us and know that the Father had sent the Son. Jesus knew the value of unity. He knew that a splintered body accomplishes nothing. He knew that the sense of community that is sewn into the fabric of fellowship would be important to our spiritual well-being, and that ultimately Heaven would be won or lost in large part to the unity and fellowship of brethren. Acts 2:42-47 is an important passage that illustrates how seriously the early church viewed our Lord's desire.

Notice the pattern. The church "continued steadfastly" (Acts 2:42) meaning they were "strong toward" or "persistent" in five areas: doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayers. Additionally, "all who believed were together..." (Acts 2:44). The grammatical force suggests that they kept themselves together. They also continued daily "with one accord" (Acts 2:46) and possessed

"gladness and singleness of heart" (Acts 2:46) indicating a concentration of their collective desires on a single purpose. These emphasis on unity absolute jumps off the page in these passages.

Now, notice the purpose. Acts 4:31-37 indicates, among other things, that needs arose among the brethren. Those needs were met. Remember that the Jews had come to Jerusalem for Pentecost and stayed later than expected. They became Christians together and they continued learning and growing together and taking care of one another. This unity continued to bear fruit as they endured persecution in Acts 3-5 and again in Acts 7.

The early church recognized the value of being together and we should too. There is no substitute. May we work to be of one mind and one purpose, serving the Lord and one another as the unified body of Christ

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December 20, 2020

*“When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?”*  
- Psalm 8:3-4

**WORSHIP**

**MORNING**

**EVENING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brett Gerhardt

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**PRAYER**

Brett Gerhardt

**SONG DIRECTOR**

Austin Cauley

Charlie Cauley

**PRAYER**

Roger McCown

Tom Genduso

**SCRIPTURE**

Josh Pesina

**SERMON**

**DIE SO YOU MAY LIVE**  
**ROMANS 6:8-14**  
Cody Westbrook

**WHAT GREAT FAITH!**  
Cody Westbrook

**LORD'S SUPPER**

Aaron Anderson  
David Crouchet  
Daniel Hall

Aaron Anderson  
Jamie Harris

Jamie Harris  
Adan Hernandez

**Alternates:**  
Jerry Hopkins  
Rafael Rodriguez

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Kevin Molenaar

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

**WEDNESDAY:** 7:00 PM Bible Class & Devotional  
Songs: **Seth Gibson**  
Devotional: **Aaron Anderson**  
Prayer: **Gary Goodpaster**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**DECEMBER:**

- SWSBS & Staff Winter Break (21<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Congregational Singing (30<sup>th</sup>)

**JANUARY:**

- SWSBS Classes Resume (4<sup>th</sup>)
- SWSBS Finals' Week (18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>)
- SWSBS Break Week (25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>)