

SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Rhonda Kinser (11), Raoul Ferris (12)

Jim Scott (12), Lindsay Petrosky (15)

Tessie Soto Latimor (15), Dan Cook (16)



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt-brett.gerhardt15@gmail.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

July 14: Alan Putnam & Gene Shamburger

July 21: Chris W., Charlie & Austin C.

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

July 21: David Crouchet & Rafael Rodriguez

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 7.4.2022

BIBLE CLASS: 128
AM ASSEMBLY: 200
PM ASSEMBLY: 135
WEDNESDAY: 150
CONTRIBUTION: \$11,747

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ELDERS:

Brett Gerhardt
Bill Siebert
Mark Speir

PREACHER:

Cody Westbrook



Steven Lloyd, Director
Clay Bond, Assoc. Director



PRAYING FOR SODOM

Cody Westbrook

We live in a wicked world. Being surrounded by such wickedness is often exhausting and we struggle to know how to react (cf. 1 John 5:19). Sometimes we cry out like Habakkuk, asking God how long He will allow such sinfulness to go on (Hab. 1). Sometimes we search for answers like Asaph, trying to make sense of the battle between good and evil (Ps. 78). There are any number of understandable reactions to the wickedness of this world, but have you considered approaching God in prayer on their behalf?

Genesis 18 provides the account of Abraham's intercession on behalf of Sodom. When the Lord informed him of His plans to destroy that sinful city, Abraham cried out to God on their behalf (Gen. 18:23-33). His plea suggests some important principles for us to remember and apply. Here are two.

1. Remember the righteousness of God (Gen. 18:23-25). Abraham asked the infamous question, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked?... Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" This passage reminds us that God is righteous, which means He always does what is right, and He is just, which means He always does what is fair. Though we may not understand "why" in every instance, we

know that God does, and He will always do what is right.

2. We should desire the salvation of every soul (Gen. 18:26-32). Abraham's request of the Lord was that He spare the city should He find righteous souls dwelling within. Ultimately the Lord did not find even 10 righteous souls dwelling in Sodom and thus they were destroyed. But think for a moment about Abraham's insistence. At minimum, it tells us that Abraham cared enough to make the effort. He teaches us that our attitude should be "Lord, may the wicked humble themselves and open their hearts to the truth, and may a door be opened for me to teach them the gospel."

Jesus commanded us to pray for our enemies (Matt. 5:44). Paul instructed Timothy to pray for government leaders (1 Tim. 2:1-2), even the wicked ones. Instead of watching the news and stewing in anger and disgust over the ways world, we should approach God in prayer. We should pray that our leaders will lead in accordance with righteousness. We should pray that our enemies may become our brethren. We should pray that the wicked will repent and that God will give us opportunities to teach them the gospel. Are you praying for Sodom?

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July 10, 2022

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.”

- 2 TIMOTHY 4:2

WORSHIP

MORNING

EVENING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jamie Harris

Jamie Harris

PRAYER

Jamie Harris

SONG DIRECTOR

Austin Cauley

Charlie Cauley

PRAYER

Adan Hernandez

Ryan Brewer

SCRIPTURE

Taylor Stein

POWERPOINT

Tim Gibson

Tim Gibson

SERMON

**THREE CROSSES
AT CALVARY
LUKE 23:39-43**

**PREACH THE WORD
2 TIM. 4:1-5**

LORD'S SUPPER

John Baker

John Baker

Steven Petrosky

Steven Petrosky

Tom Genduso

Bill Siebert

Keith Siebert

Gary Goodpaster

Jerrold Johnson

Bill Siebert

Harrell Moffett

Jim Scott

Gene Shamburger

Jordan Franklin

CLOSING PRAYER

Declan McCarn

Adrian Coward

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

Ola Brown, Maria Del Donno,
Edith Farris, Rosemary Garrett,
Nell McCown, 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

7:00 PM

SWSBS 44th Annual Commencement

MONDAY:

9:00 AM

Backyard Bible School

WEDNESDAY:

7:00 PM

Bible Class & Devotional

Songs: **Seth Gibson**

Devotional: **Matt Gibson**

Prayer: **Jim Scott**

PowerPoint: **Tim Gibson**

THURSDAY:

6:30 PM

TNT Youth Devo & Activity

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

- SWSBS 44th Annual Commencement (10th)
- Back Yard Bible School (11th, 18th, 25th)
- TNT Youth Devo & Activity (14th, 21st, 28th)
- 3rd Sunday Youth & Family Day (17th)
- Area-Wide Young Professionals' & College Devo (22nd)

AUGUST

- Final Back Yard Bible School (1st)
- TNT Youth Devo & Activity (4th)
- 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (7th)
- SWSBS 45th Orientation & Classes Begin (8th)