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MARCH/APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Bijay Guzman (29) & Brandon Aguilar (1)



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

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VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Mar 30: Keith & Phyllis Siebert Apr 6: Curtis & Karen Jones

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Apr13: Gene Shamburger & Ken Pate

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 3.19.2023

BIBLE CLASS: 155
AM ASSEMBLY: 183
PM ASSEMBLY: 149
WEDNESDAY: 147
CONTRIBUTION: \$10.308

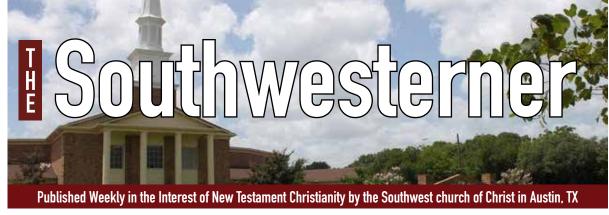
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ELDERS: Brett Gerhardt David Hopkins Mark Speir

PREACHER: Cody Westbrook ASSOC. PREACHER: John Garza



Steven Lloyd, Director Trent Kennedy, Assoc. Director



JESUS, OUR WAY TO GOD

John Garza

By His death on the cross, Jesus made possible the forgiveness of sins, and consequently, we are no longer the objects of God's wrath (Rom. 5:9). Yet, as wonderful as being justified by the blood of Jesus may be, we need more than this. We need the kind of close relationship that existed between God and Adam before the fall, but if a close relationship is to exist between God and ourselves, we must understand who God is and feel confident in approaching Him.

When we consider the nature of God, as revealed in the Bible and creation, we see One with unlimited power, wisdom, and holiness. One who is the creator of all things, sustainer of all things, and knower of all things. One who is eternal, immortal, and invisible (Jer. 23:23-24). In contrast, we are mortal and limited in knowledge. We are the created ones and sustained by Him (Acts 17:24-28). Therefore, the difference between God and us is so great that it ought to overwhelm us with amazement (Ps. 139:1-12). In fact, in the Scriptures, whenever man came close to approaching God in His Glory, it was terrifying! (Ex. 3:6; 20:18-21; Heb. 10:31). Therefore, how can we hope to comprehend God

and approach Him in a close relationship during this life? Jesus is our Way to do so!

He does this, first, by helping us comprehend God. John wrote in his gospel that Jesus manifested God to us (John 1:18). He is the only One who has truly seen Him (John 6:46), and He is God Himself! (John 1:1-2, 14). Therefore, it is in seeing Jesus that we can comprehend the Father (John 14:7; Col. 2:9). Additionally, as the propitiation for our sins, Jesus made it possible for us to approach a supremely holy and just God (1 John 2:1-2; 4:10), This is because He is our High Priest in heaven (Heb. 4:4). One who is both God and man, He fully understands our difficulties (Heb. 4:15), and consequently, Jesus makes it possible for us to approach God with great confidence (Heb. 4:16).

Yes, through Jesus, we can both comprehend God and approach Him, making it possible to have a close relationship with our Heavenly Father. Therefore, we are able to have a special relationship with Him. We are His children (Gal. 3:26; 1 Tim. 3:15), His temple (2 Cor. 6:16; Ex. 29:45), and we serve as His special people (1 Pet 2:5, 9-10).

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March 26, 2023

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

- 1 JOHN 4:4

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAYER SONG DIRECTOR PRAYER SCRIPTURE	Jamie Harris Jamie Harris Chris Willcut Bryce Mayfield Keith Siebert	Jamie Harris Austin Cauley Roger McCown
POWERPOINT	Tim Gibson	Tim Gibson
SERMON	Behold Your Gods! 1 Kings 12:26-30	The Man with the Withered Hand
	Cody Westbrook	Cody Westbrook
LORD'S SUPPER	Taylor Stein Ken Pate Ed Grumbles Charles Cauley Branyon May	Taylor Stein Bill Siebert
	Bill Siebert Adolphus Wells Robert Wright Brandon Aguilar Weston Moses	
CLOSING PRAYER	David Nuckels	Declan McCarn

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

Ola Brown, Maria Del Donno, Edith Farris, Rosemary Garrett, Victor Gonzalez, Tom Hanks Jean Jackson, Nell McCown, Clarence Whetstone

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

TUESDAY: 10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Classes

WEDNESDAY: 7:00 PM Bible Class & Devotional

Songs: Seth Gibson
Devotional: Taylor Stein

Prayer: Cody Westbrook
PowerPoint: Cameron Willcut

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH: • Daughte

Daughters' of Dorcas Reorginazation Meeting (26th)

CONNECT Young Professionals' & College Devo (31st)

APRIL:

• 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (2nd)

• Lads2Leaders Convention (6th-9th)

• SWSBS Finals' Week (10th-14th)

• SW Annual Picnic & Egg Hunt (15th)

Avery Armagost Baby Shower (16th)

• SWSBS Break Week (17th-21st)

Carolyn Coward Baby Shower (22nd)

• SW Ladies' Workshop (29th)