

# SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## MARCH/APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

*Bijay Guzman (29)*



*Brandon Aguilar (1)*



## THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Mark Speir-mark.speir@gmail.com

## VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Mar 30: Keith & Phyllis Siebert

Apr 6: Curtis & Karen Jones

## WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Apr 13: 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).

Podcast — The Word of Life | online at [swcofc.org/word-of-life](http://swcofc.org/word-of-life)

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

Jamie Harris

Jamie Harris

PRAYER

Jamie Harris

SONG DIRECTOR

Chris Willcut

Austin Cauley

PRAYER

Bryce Mayfield

Roger McCown

SCRIPTURE

Keith Siebert

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

Taylor Stein

Ken Pate

Bill Siebert

Ed Grumbles

Charles Cauley

Branyon May

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:

- Daughters' of Dorcas Reorganization Meeting (26<sup>th</sup>)
- CONNECT Young Professionals' & College Devo (31<sup>st</sup>)

APRIL:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Lads2Leaders Convention (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>)
- SWSBS Finals' Week (10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>)
- SW Annual Picnic & Egg Hunt (15<sup>th</sup>)
- Avery Armagost Baby Shower (16<sup>th</sup>)
- SWSBS Break Week (17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>)
- Carolyn Coward Baby Shower (22<sup>nd</sup>)
- SW Ladies' Workshop (29<sup>th</sup>)