

SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Jacquelyn Fox (6), Kathy Scott (7)

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THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt-brett.gerhardt15@gmail

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Apr 6: Curtis & Karen Jones

Apr 13: Alan Putnam & McKenna Miller

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 3.26.2023

BIBLE CLASS: 143
AM ASSEMBLY: 182
PM ASSEMBLY: 121
WEDNESDAY:
CONTRIBUTION: \$11,179

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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



A HEALTHY CHURCH IS FAITHFUL THROUGH PERSECUTION

Cody Westbrook

A study of the seven churches in Asia Minor is, in many ways, like looking into a mirror. Every congregation of God's people has strengths and weaknesses. There will always be victories and defeats, methods to reconsider, practices to be improved, and work to be done. There is no perfect congregation. The same could be said about those ancient congregations. A complete picture reveals strengths and weaknesses, reasons for commendation and reasons for condemnation.

One noteworthy area of commendation is the resilience of the early church in the face of opposition. Ephesus had borne and been patient (Rev. 2:3). Smyrna suffered through tribulation and poverty yet remained faithful (Rev. 2:9). Pergamos is where Satan's seat was (Rev 2:13). Thyatira was patient (Rev. 2:19), and even Sardis had a few which had not defiled their garments (Rev. 3:4). Though

many of these congregations had problems which needed to be addressed, they were all commended to some degree for their steadfastness in persecution.

Persecution and Christianity go hand in hand (cf. Matt. 5:10-12; 2 Tim. 3:12). It is not a question of if but when, and how severe the persecution will be. What must be remembered is that trial and persecution can strengthen us if we endure them faithfully. James wrote, "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience" (Jas. 1:2-3). It is interesting to note that nothing is said of Laodicea's suffering. Perhaps this is a reason why they were lukewarm. Faithful congregations stand for truth and standing for truth will inevitably draw the ire of the enemy. But regardless of the severity of the storm, they stand firm and endure.

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April 2, 2023

“Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.”
- 3 JOHN 1:11

WORSHIP	MORNING	AFTERNOON
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Matthew Gibson	Matthew Gibson
PRAYER	Matthew Gibson	
SONG DIRECTOR	Alan Putnam	Alex Simmons
PRAYER	Branyon May	Jim Scott
SCRIPTURE	Robert Wright	
POWERPOINT	Seth Gibson	Seth Gibson
SERMON	CONCERNING BROTHERLY LOVE 1 THESSALONIANS 4:9-12	JESUS, THE POLITICALLY INCORRECT EVANGELIST
	Cody Westbrook	John Garza
LORD’S SUPPER	Jamie Harris Steven Lloyd Declan McCarn Austin Cauley Tyler Latimor David Crouchet Gerald Smith Randy Jennings Jim Lloyd Dan Cook	Jamie Harris David Crouchet
CLOSING PRAYER	Winston Kinser	Jim Lloyd

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
	12:00 PM	1 st Sunday Fellowship Meal
	1:00 PM	Afternoon Worship
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Classes
	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional
WEDNESDAY:		Songs: Charlie Cauley
		Devotional: Jesse Stuart
		Prayer: Bryce Mayfield
		PowerPoint: Seth Gibson
THURS-SUN		Lads2Leaders Convention

UPCOMING EVENTS

- APRIL:
- 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (Today)
 - 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)