SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Jacquelyn Fox (6), Kathy Scott (7)

Avery Stuart (7), Nolan Petrosky (8)

Arely Tabora (8)



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

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 3.26.2023

BIBLE CLASS: 143
AM ASSEMBLY: 182
PM ASSEMBLY: 121
WEDNESDAY:
CONTRIBUTION: \$11.179

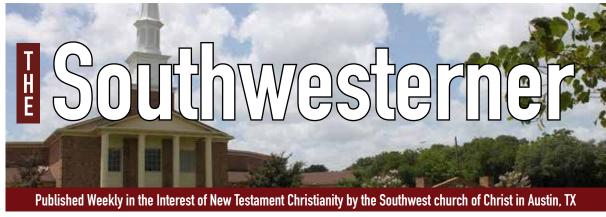
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ELDERS: Brett Gerhardt David Hopkins Mark Speir

PREACHER: Cody Westbrook ASSOC. PREACHER: John Garza



Steven Lloyd, Director Trent Kennedy, Assoc. Director



Cody Westbrook Persecution

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 PRAYER SONG DIRECTOR PRAYER SCRIPTURE	Matthew Gibson Matthew Gibson Alan Putnam Branyon May Robert Wright	Matthew Gibson Alex Simmons Jim Scott
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	Jamie Harris David Crouchet
	David Crouchet Gerald Smith Randy Jennings Jim Lloyd Dan Cook	
CLOSING PRAYER Winston Kinser Jim Lloy		Iim I lovd

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

Administration of the dominion			
SUNDAY:	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Bible Class Morning Worship	
	12:00 PM 1:00 PM	1 st Sunday Fellowship Meal Afternoon Worship	
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Classes	
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional 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)