

# SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

*Seth Gibson (9), Jack Garza (11)*

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*Carolyn Coward (14), Kayla Jenkins (15)*



## THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt-brett.gerhardt15@gmail

## VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Apr 13: Alan Putnam & McKenna Miller

Apr 20: Chris W., Charlie C., & Austin C.

## 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 4.2.2023

BIBLE CLASS: 140  
AM ASSEMBLY: 220  
PM ASSEMBLY: 150  
WEDNESDAY: 165  
CONTRIBUTION: \$10,694

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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



John Garza

## JESUS, OUR WAY OUT OF RELIGIOUS CONFUSION

Many people who genuinely desire to follow Jesus are sick and tired of the many denominations and conflicting teachings. Is it possible for people today to simply be Christians and not a part of denominational division of today? Absolutely! Jesus shows us the way out of religious confusion!

For a moment, let's consider Jesus' own example in the religious atmosphere of His day. When Jesus came to this earth, the Israelites were living under the Mosaic Law. In that law, God did not make any provision for the division of His people into religious sects or parties. Yet, by the time of Jesus, the Jews had formed several religious parties, and it was assumed that all who were serious about religion would be associated with one of these groups. To which did Jesus belong? NONE! Instead, He maintained a non-sectarian relationship with God to the very end. As an Israelite, living at a time when the Law of Moses was still in effect, He was simply an "Israelite." Even more so, He encouraged all to live by the Law while it was still in effect (Matt. 5:17-20).

Today, we avoid division by obeying the Law

of Christ (Gal. 6:2). First, we began by obeying the same instructions that Peter gave on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:38, 42). By being saved in this way, we know that the Lord truly adds us to HIS church just as He added them (Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:47) Then what? Since the early Christians joined no other religious organization, neither should we! By being in Christ, we are automatically united with all others who are in Him, but as members of the Lord's church, we should carefully study the New Testament description of that church. This description is found in the book of Acts and in the Epistles. It is here that we find instruction from the Lord's apostles regarding how to worship the Lord acceptably, how to be scripturally organized as local congregations, and how to live and work together as Christians, spreading the gospel of Christ through word and example. Since the apostles were guided by the Holy Spirit, we can be sure that their instructions were exactly what Jesus wanted them to be! If we mimic the early churches by following the apostles' instructions (Acts 2:42), we will simply be "Christians," and we can be certain the Lord is pleased with us (Luke 10:16).

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April 9, 2023

“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;  
but that the world through him might be saved.”  
- JOHN 3:17

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Matthew Gibson	Matthew Gibson
PRAYER	Matthew Gibson	
SONG DIRECTOR	Austin Cauley	Chris Willcut
PRAYER	Raoul Ferris	Alex Simmons
SCRIPTURE	Bryce Mayfield	
POWERPOINT	Charlie Cauley	Charlie Cauley
SERMON	WHY I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN JOHN 14:1-4  Cody Westbrook	STANDING IN AWE OF HIS WORD  Cody Westbrook
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	Robert Wright	Carson Siebert

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
MON-THUR:		SWSBS Finals’ Week
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Classes
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional Songs: Seth Gibson Devotional: Trent Kennedy Prayer: Weston Moses PowerPoint: Charlie Cauley
SATURDAY:	10:00 AM	SW Annual Picnic & Egg Hunt

UPCOMING EVENTS

- APRIL:
- 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>)