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MAY BIRTHDAYS:

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THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

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VACUUMING SCHEDULE

May 11: Ralph & Brian Felps
May 18: Ty McCellen & Declan McCarn

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

May 11: Phil Savage & David Nuckels
May 25: Ralph & Brian Felps

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 4.30.2023

BIBLE CLASS: 152
AM ASSEMBLY: 202
PM ASSEMBLY: 147
WEDNESDAY: 153
CONTRIBUTION: 10,279

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ELDERS:

Brett Gerhardt
David Hopkins
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ASSOC. PREACHER:
John Garza



Steven Lloyd, Director
Trent Kennedy, Assoc. Director



PERSONAL EVANGELISM

John Garza

What is your understanding of personal evangelism? When we consider this topic, we are dealing with a subject absolutely essential to the health and growth of the Lord's church in every community. So, what is it? Simply put, personal evangelism is taking the work of sowing and watering the seed of the kingdom **personally**, so that God may give the increase (1 Cor. 3:6). It is a command that every Christian should be doing (Mark 16:15). Therefore, let's consider some deeper thoughts on the subject.

Personal evangelism is serving others, just as Paul wrote, "For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your **bondservants** for Jesus' sake" (2 Cor. 4:5). As it has been said before, "People do not care how much we know, until they know how much we care," and we may serve our neighbors physically, but ultimately, our true service is teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ (Gal. 1:10). In doing so, we show them how much we care because we want them to be saved and go to heaven with us.

Personal evangelism is listening. As we listen to others, we demonstrate a sincere interest in their

concerns. Consider Jesus Christ; He was the Master at teaching because He was the Master at listening. For example, in the case of the woman at the well (John 4), trust was established due in part to Jesus' willingness to listen and reply based on what was being said. Therefore, we must follow our Lord in this way as well.

Personal evangelism is using our knowledge, skill, and motivation to succeed in soul winning. Peter connected these three aspects together in 1 Peter 3:15: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear..." We are able to teach because of knowledge. We are able to give a defense because of skill. We are always ready because we are motivated to be. Brethren, we can know the Bible completely, but if we are not motivated to share it or if we cannot/will not share it with the right skill, our knowledge will be useless to others. As faithful Christians and servants of God, our ultimate motivation should be to help others see their spiritual condition in the mirror of God's Word (Jas. 1:18-25).

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May 7, 2023

“O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.”
- ISAIAH 25:1

WORSHIP	MORNING	AFTERNOON
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mark Speir	Mark Speir
PRAYER	Mark Speir	
SONG DIRECTOR	Austin Cauley	Alan Putnam
PRAYER	Seth Gibson	Dan Cook
SCRIPTURE	Jamie Harris	
POWERPOINT	Chris Willcut	Chris Willcut
SERMON	TILL DEATH DO US PART MATTHEW 5:27-32	A HEAVENLY SALVATION I PETER 1:3-5
	Cody Westbrook	John Garza
LORD’S SUPPER	Jim Lloyd Matthew Gibson Bill Siebert Carson Siebert Keith Siebert Jonathan Tabora Brett Gerhardt David Crouchet David Nuckels Ty McClellen	Jim Lloyd Jonathan Tabora
CLOSING PRAYER	John. Garza	Randy Jennings

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
10:30 AM

Bible Class
Morning Worship

12:00 PM
1:00 PM

1st Sunday Fellowship Meal
Afternoon Worship

MONDAY:

6:30 PM

CWS Chapel & Class

TUESDAY:

10:00 AM

Tuesday Morning Bible Classes

WEDNESDAY:

7:00 PM

Bible Class & Devotional
Songs: Tim Gibson
Devotional: Bryce Mayfield
Prayer: Jim Scott
PowerPoint: Chris Willcut

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY:

- 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (7th)
- Focal Point (Univ. cofc San Marcos 8th-11th)
- Bianca Sanderson’s Baby Shower (21st)

JUNE:

- 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (4th)
- Camp Hensel (11th-16th)
- Servants’ Academy (25th-30th)