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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

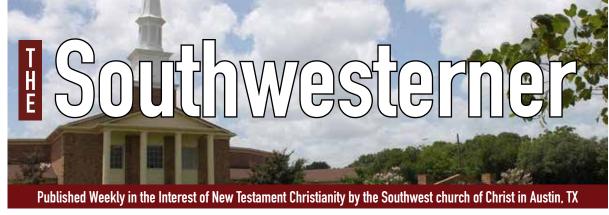
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ELDERS: Brett Gerhardt David Hopkins Mark Speir

PREACHER: Cody Westbrook ASSOC. PREACHER: John Garza



Steven Lloyd, Director Trent Kennedy, Assoc. Director



Personal Evangelism

John Garza

hat 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	1
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WORSHIP	MORNING	AFTERNOON	
ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAYER SONG DIRECTOR PRAYER	Mark Speir Mark Speir Austin Cauley Seth Gibson Jamie Harris	Mark Speir Alan Putnam Dan Cook	
SCRIPTURE 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	Jim Lloyd Jonathan Tabora	
	Jonathan Tabora Brett Gerhardt David Crouchet David Nuckels Ty McClellen		
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

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SUNDAY:	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Bible Class Morning Worship		
	12:00 PM 1:00 PM	1 st 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		
UDOOMING EVENTO				

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)