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JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Carol Peden (5)



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THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt-brettgerhardt15@gmail.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

July 6: Tessie Soto & Tyler Latimor

July 13: Jerry Hopkins

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

July 6: Curtis Jones & Alan Putnam

July 20: David Crouchet & Rafael Rodriguez

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 6.25.2023

BIBLE CLASS: 163
AM ASSEMBLY: 237
PM ASSEMBLY: 191
WEDNESDAY: 186
CONTRIBUTION: 10,666

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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



DOCTRINAL AGNOSTICISM

Cody Westbrook

An agnostic is “a person who holds the view that any ultimate reality is unknown and probably unknowable” (MW). Generally, the concept is applied to the existence of God. But the current time, sadly, requires us to slightly extend the term to “a person who holds the view that any ultimate doctrinal reality is unknown and probably unknowable.”

Second Timothy 1:13 commands, “Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me...” To “hold” is to keep or to preserve. The term “pattern” refers to a standard, and “sound words” references correct, true, or healthy teaching. Thus, Timothy’s responsibility was to keep tightly the standard of correct teaching. Certainly, no ambiguity exists in the imperative. Timothy knew exactly what the “standard” was, otherwise how could he have kept it? Consider 1 Timothy 1:3-7 as a commentary. There were some in Ephesus who had turned to “idle talk” due to their devotion to “fables and endless genealogies.” Such individuals fancied themselves scholars but understood neither what they said nor the things which they affirmed. Consequently, they promoted speculation and turned people away from Christ. Timothy’s responsibility was to “charge” them

to “teach no other doctrine.” He was to hold up sound doctrine (1 Tim. 1:10) against unsound doctrine in such a clear fashion that all could see the contrast between the two. Timothy knew the correct doctrine, and he was to “command and teach” (1 Tim. 4:11) that doctrine to the church at Ephesus.

Paul’s instruction to Timothy presents a glaring contrast to some current sentiments within our brotherhood. Statements like “I’ve never been to Heaven so I can’t say for sure what it’s like,” or “The Bible doesn’t explicitly condemn social drinking so I can’t say its sinful,” or “The Holy Spirit must do something!,” mimic the trouble makers in ancient Ephesus. A kind of doctrinal agnosticism has emerged among us in which everything is a question with no clear answer, and every disagreement is added to a growing list of open ended doctrinal questions about which the Bible is just not clear enough for us to reach any definite conclusion.

Certainly, there are some subjects and passages that are difficult to understand and thus forbid dogmatism, and there are matters of judgment and room for disagreement and difference in some things. But, that is not the case in all things, and perhaps not as many things as some would suggest.

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July 2, 2023

*“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it:
except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.”*

- ISAIAH 25:1

WORSHIP MORNING AFTERNOON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Josh Pesina

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PRAYER

Josh Pesina

SONG DIRECTOR

Chris Willcut

Austin Cauley

PRAYER

Dan Cook

David Crouchet

SCRIPTURE

John Garza

POWERPOINT

Ty Latimor

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SERMON

**4 ENEMIES OF THE
FAMILY
PSALM 127**

Cody Westbrook

**THE HAZARD OF HALF-
HEARTEDNESS
II CHRONICLES 25**

John Garza

LORD'S SUPPER

Rafael Rodriguez
Adolphus Wells
Charlie Cauley
Winston Kinser
Jerry Hopkins

Jim Lloyd
Timothy Gibson
Gerald Smith
Brett Gerhardt
Ed Grumbles

Rafael Rodriguez
Jim Lloyd

CLOSING PRAYER

Mike Parks

Steven Lloyd

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

Ola Brown, Maria Del Donno, Edith Farris,
Rosemary Garrett, Victor Gonzalez, Tom Hanks
Jean Jackson, 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

1st Sunday Fellowship Meal

1:00 PM

Afternoon Worship

MONDAY:

Staff Holiday

TUESDAY:

5:00 PM

Hopkins Annual 4th of July Party

WEDNESDAY:

7:00 PM

Bible Class & Devotional

Songs: **Charlie Cauley**

Devotional: **Steven Petrosky**

Prayer: **Sam Hatchitt**

PowerPoint: **Ty Latimor**

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY:

- 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (2nd)
- Hopkins Annual 4th of July Party (4th)
- Southwest Summer Series (5th, 12th, 19th, 26th)
- SWSBS Graduation Banquet (7th)
- SWSBS Commencement Ceremony (9th)

AUGUST:

- 1st Sunday Worship & SWSBS Welcome Luncheon (6th)
- Southwest Summer Series (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th)
- SWSBS 46th Orientation and Classes Begin (7th-11th)