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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

David Crouchet (25), Phil Savage (25)

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THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Mark Speir-markspeir@gmail.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

September 28: Gerald & Phyllis Smith

October 5: Bonni Peeks, Taylor Speir, Emily Barker

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

September 28: David & Jerry Hopkins

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 9.17.2023

BIBLE CLASS: 133
AM ASSEMBLY: 201
PM ASSEMBLY: 169
WEDNESDAY: 154
CONTRIBUTION: \$9,400

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ELDERS:

Brett Gerhardt
David Hopkins
Mark Speir

PREACHER:

Cody Westbrook
ASSOC. PREACHER:
John Garza



Trent Kennedy, Director
Steven Lloyd, Assoc. Director



WHEN OBEDIENCE IS HARD

John Garza

It has been said, “following the course of least resistance makes men, as well as rivers, crooked.” No doubt, always doing the easy thing is a dangerous way to live, because obeying God sometimes requires doing things that are not easy. In Hebrews 5:8, it is said of our Lord, “though He was a Son, **yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.**” Therefore, the test of true faith is whether we obey when it is hard.

It is hard to obey when I am not “in the mood.” If we decline to do the right thing when we simply don’t feel like it, what kind of commitment to God does that reflect? That is not commitment at all! We need to decide to be “be ready in season, out of season” (2 Tim. 4:2). We need to remember and live Mark 12:30, because not being in the mood to obey God is a lack of love for Him (John 14:15).

It is hard to obey when it is not “convenient.” Felix is the classic example of one who postponed doing the right thing until “a convenient time” (Acts 2:24-25). If we think we can delay obedience until it becomes easier, we usually find that it only becomes harder (Matt. 19:21-22). Additionally, if we are not careful, we may show that our schedules, routines, and

habits are more important to us than the Lord’s will (Matt. 6:33). It is possible to be so possessed by our daily routine that the Lord has to “make an appointment” if He needs us for anything! Going to Bible class and worship is not always convenient; home Bible study is not always convenient; Defending the truth will not always be convenient. Yes, obedience to the commands of God is not always convenient.

It is hard to obey when we do not understand why God has required something. Noah, “being divinely warned of things not yet seen...,” spent approximately 100 years preparing the ark (Heb. 11:7; Gen. 6:13-22). Abraham, “when was called to go... went out, not knowing where he was going” (Heb. 11:8; Gen. 12:1-4). It is hard to obey when we do not understand, but people of true faith have always trusted God enough to obey (Heb. 11).

In 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Paul said, *to be consistently obedient*, he had to discipline himself **daily**. Jesus is the ultimate example of consistent subjection (Matt. 26:39), even when obedience was hard. Therefore, may nothing stand in our way of being obedient to Him.

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September 24, 2023

“ If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”
- COLOSSIANS 3:1-2

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Brett Gerhardt	Brett Gerhardt
PRAYER	Brett Gerhardt	
SONG DIRECTOR	Alan Putnam	Chris Willcut
PRAYER	Josh Pesina	Tom Genduso
SCRIPTURE	Gary Goodpaster	
POWERPOINT	Charlie Cauley	Charlie Cauley
SERMON	A SUPERIOR WAY OF LIVING COLOSSIANS 3:1-4	BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD!
	Cody Westbrook	Cody Westbrook
LORD'S SUPPER	Steven Lloyd Michael Reed Mark Speir Harrell Moffett Tyler Latimor Adrian Coward Jamie Harris Randy Jennings Keith Siebert Seth Gibson	Steven Lloyd Adrian Coward
CLOSING PRAYER	Bill Siebert	Jim Lloyd

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

Maria Del Donno, Edith Farris,
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
	4:45 PM	Bible Bowl Practice
	6:00 PM:	Evening Worship
MONDAY	6:30 PM	CWS Chapel & Bible Class
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Ladies' & Men's Bible Classes
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional
		Songs: Tim Gibson
		Devotional: Steven Lloyd
		Prayer: Seth Gibson
		PowerPoint: Charlie Cauley

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| SEPTEMBER: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bible Bowl Practice (24th)Daughters' of Dorcas Reorganization (24th)CONNECT Young Professionals & College Devo (26th) |
| OCTOBER: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (1st)Young Ladies' Day (7th)SWSBS Finals' Week (16th-20th)SWSBS Break Week (23rd-27th)Congregational Fall Party (28th)CONNECT Young Professionals & College Devo (31st) |