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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Katie Pesina (8), Greyson Freiley (8)

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THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt-brettgerhardt15@gmail.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Oct. 12: Bonni Peeks, Taylor Speir, Emily Barker
Oct. 19: Clara Arias & Family

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

October 12: Winston Kinser & Brett Gerhardt

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 10.01.2023

BIBLE CLASS: 155
AM ASSEMBLY: 206
PM ASSEMBLY: 140
WEDNESDAY: 162
CONTRIBUTION: \$11,533

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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



SERVING CHRIST BY WORKING OUT OUR OWN SALVATION

John Garza

In Philippians 2:12-16, the Apostle Paul commands the brethren in Philippi to “work out your own salvation... in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world...” Yet, we should remember that we are “saved by grace through faith, not of works” (Eph. 2:8-9), but as those saved through faith without meritorious works on our part, we have been “created in Christ Jesus for good works” (Eph. 2:10; Tit. 3:1-8). Therefore, how should those who are saved “not of works” go about “working out their own salvation?”

First, develop a Christ-like character. We do this by growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, as Peter encouraged as a preventative to falling away (2 Pet. 3:17-18). In 1 Peter 2:5-11, he defines what is involved: faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love. Then, he states, “For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” However, to lack these qualities jeopardizes our entrance into the “everlasting kingdom of our Lord.” Therefore, the need for

“diligence” on our part.

Second, develop a Christ-like service. We do this by fulfilling our function in the body of Christ, just as Paul encouraged the Christians in Rome (Rom. 12:1-8). In the context, we learn that we have a “reasonable service” to perform, which is to “prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” To do this effectively, we need to maintain a proper spirit of humility and remember that the body of Christ has many members, even though they don’t all have the same function. Therefore, we need to exercise whatever “gifts” we have as good stewards of God’s manifold grace (1 Pet. 4:10-11), because we will one day answer for our works (Matt. 25:14-30). So, let’s exercise our service in such a way as to glorify God through Jesus Christ.

By developing a Christ-like character and service, we will not only save ourselves, but we will truly serve Christ because we are reflecting in our lives the glory of the Lord that shines in our own hearts (2 Cor. 4:5-6), and it will go a long way in “working out our own salvation.” Even though we are not saved by works of merit, are we being “careful to maintain good works?” (Tit 3:8).

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October 8, 2023

“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord,
and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive
the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.”

- MATTHEW 5:6

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Brett Gerhardt	Brett Gerhardt
PRAYER	Brett Gerhardt	
SONG DIRECTOR	Austin Cauley	Chris Willcut
PRAYER	Jim Lloyd	Roger McCown
SCRIPTURE	Tim Gibson	
POWERPOINT	Tim Gibson	Tim Gibson
SERMON	EXALTING CHRIST AS A FAMILY COLOSSIANS 3:18-4:1	A LAMP UNTO MY FEET
	Cody Westbrook	Cody Westbrook
LORD'S SUPPER	David Nuckels Jordan Franklin Steven Lloyd Adrian Coward Gary Goodpaster Tom Genduso David Crouchet Jack Tisdale Carson Siebert Jerrold Johnson	David Nuckels Tom Genduso
CLOSING PRAYER	David Hopkins	Keith Siebert

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
	4:30 PM	Congregational Wedding Shower
	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: Seth Gibson Devotional: Jamie Harris Prayer: Brandon Aguilar PowerPoint: Tim Gibson
SATURDAY	11:00 AM	Rachel Garza's Baby Shower

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Congregational Wedding Shower: Norman's (8th)Baby Shower: Garza (14th @ the home of Phyllis Siebert)SWSBS Finals' Week (16th-20th)SWSBS Break Week (23rd-27th)Congregational Fall Party (28th)CONNECT Young Professionals & College Devo (31st)
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