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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Nicole Patterson (22), Brett Gerhardt (24)
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Atlie May (27), Maria Amaya (27)



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt-brettgerhardt15@gmail.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Oct. 26: Ramona Middleton & Family
Nov. 02: Keith & Phyllis Siebert

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

October 26: 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 10.15.2023

BIBLE CLASS: 173
AM ASSEMBLY: 220
PM ASSEMBLY: 171
WEDNESDAY: 157
CONTRIBUTION: \$9,882

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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 WITH FEAR & TREMBLING

John Garza

In Philippians 2:12-16, the Apostle Paul commands the brethren in Philippi to “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling...” This concept in connection with God is not popular today. People prefer to hear about God’s love and mercy. When we point out God’s righteous wrath, holiness, and justice, people reply, “My God is not like that!” Therefore, let’s consider what it means to serve God with fear and trembling.

The word “fear” is often used to describe “respect and reverence; an awesome and terrifying thing.” Therefore, a proper “fear of the Lord” (Acts 9:31) would include “reverence and awe” and “being afraid to offend God in any way.” It is a “trembling” if one knows they have offended God and have not obtained forgiveness, because Hebrews 10:26-27 warns, “If we sin willfully... [there is] a certain fearful expectation of judgment and fiery indignation...” So, as Christians, we are to “serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire” (Heb. 12:28-29).

The value of this kind of attitude is seen in the book of Proverbs. There we learn that the “fear of the Lord” is the beginning of knowledge (Prov. 1:7); will cause one to hate evil (Prov. 8:13); will

prolong life (Prov. 10:27); is the way to riches, honor, and life! (Prov. 22:4), and so much more. Therefore, without the “fear of the Lord,” we cannot please God (Isa. 66:1-2). Only the person who “trembles at His Word” enjoys His promise to receive His tender mercy (Ps. 103:17-18).

The “fear of the Lord” comes through the word of God, just as “faith comes by hearing the word of God” (Rom. 10:17). Consider Deuteronomy 31:10-13, where the children of Israel were told to gather every seven years to read and hear the Word, and notice Moses’ emphasis, “...that they may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God!” Therefore, as one reads the Word of God, they should gain a healthy degree of the “fear of the Lord” (Rom. 2:4-11; 2 Pet. 3:7-14).

Some read only the portions which reveal God’s love and mercy and have no “fear of the Lord.” Others emphasize the “fire, hell and brimstone” passages and know nothing of God’s everlasting loving-kindness. It is important to emphasize to avoid extremes because we must read **ALL** of God’s Word. Even in the passages we considered above, the context of each speaks much of God’s grace and forgiveness for those who will repent. Therefore, we must be careful how we use the Word of God, but we must use it!

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October 22, 2023

*“...Choose you this day whom ye will serve;
...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”*

- JOSHUA 24:15

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jamie Harris	Jamie Harris
PRAYER	Jamie Harris	
SONG DIRECTOR	Mark Speir	Michael Reed
PRAYER	Randy Jennings	Rafael Rodriguez
SCRIPTURE	Michael Reed	
POWERPOINT	Tim Gibson	Tim Gibson
SERMON	CHOOSE TO SERVE THE LORD JOSHUA 24:20-24 Trent Kennedy	“SURPRISES AT THE JUDGMENT” MATTHEW 25:31-46 Jim Lloyd
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	Ty Latimor	Seth Gibson

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
	6:00 PM:	Evening Worship
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Ladies’ & Men’s Bible Classes
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional Songs: Charlie Cauley Devotional: Branyon May Prayer: Mark Speir PowerPoint: Tim Gibson
SATURDAY:	5:00 PM	Congregational Fall Party

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SWSBS Break Week (23rd-27th)• Congregational Fall Party (28th)• SWSBS 2nd Quarter Begins (30th)• CONNECT Young Professionals & College Devo (30th @ J. Lloyd’s)
NOVEMBER:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship (5th)• SWSBS & Staff Thanksgiving Break (22nd-26th)