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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

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THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

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VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Nov. 16: Alan & McKenna Putnam

Nov. 23: C. Willcut, C. Cauley & A. Cauley

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Nov: Volunteers as needed

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 11.05.2023

BIBLE CLASS: 173
AM ASSEMBLY: 208
PM ASSEMBLY: 151
WEDNESDAY: 142
CONTRIBUTION: \$11,151

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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



ALL THINGS WITHOUT COMPLAINING & DISPUTING

John Garza

Philippians 2:14 says, “Do all things without complaining and disputing...” If we were to look at the social media of the Church, we will find that many tend to complain about everything and spend their time arguing. What **seems to be** a spiritual battlefield, a defending of the faith, is often nothing more than online complaining and disputing.

Let's first consider the danger of complaining. In the New Testament, we are reminded of the people of Israel who “complained” throughout their wilderness wanderings (Ex. 15:24; Num. 14:2), and the Scriptures tell us that many were destroyed because of it (1 Cor. 10:10-11). While their complaining was verbally directed at Moses, God took it personally (Num. 14:27). Why? Because complaining reveals a spirit of unhappiness and dissatisfaction (faithlessness!). So, what shall we do? Replace complaining with thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for. We have salvation in Christ Jesus and every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3). We have the assurance of a Heavenly Father will provide for our needs (Matt. 6:31-33). If anything, the people of God should be known as people of thanksgiving, not complaining (1 Thess. 5:18).

Next, let's consider the danger of disputing. Let's be clear; this is **not** describing the discussions of differences between individuals **who seek truth**, but rather the kind of “useless wranglings” condemned in 1 Timothy 6:3-5. According to 2 Timothy 2:14-16, Christians are “not to strive about words to no profit... but shun profane and idle babblings...” Yet, many fill their social media with arguing, foolish disputes, contentions, and striving about the Law of Christ. Yet, God commands us to “avoid” these things (Tit. 3:9). Do not get me wrong, I am all for healthy discussions, if both parties are interested in truth, but let's be wise and consider where we reason with one another.

The most concerning thing about disputing is that it can destroy our ability to convince the world of Jesus (John 17:20-23). The Church must be different in how we handle our differences. It takes effort to develop a “oneness of mind” (Phil. 2:2) and we must handle our differences with the attitudes of gentleness, patience, and humility (2 Tim. 2:23-26). As His children, we can make a positive impact on the world for Jesus, if we can disagree, without being disagreeable.

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November 12, 2023

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

- **HEBREWS 4:16**

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Gary Goodpaster	Gary Goodpaster
PRAYER	Gary Goodpaster	
SONG DIRECTOR	Alan Putnam	Austin Cauley
PRAYER	Adolphus Wells	Jim Lloyd
SCRIPTURE	Keith Siebert	
POWERPOINT	Seth Gibson	Seth Gibson
SERMON	MOURNING OVER SIN 2 SAMUEL 18:32-33	MAKE IT MAKE SENSE!
	Cody Westbrook	Cody Westbrook
LORD'S SUPPER	Jack Tisdale Bill Siebert Robert Wright Rafael Rodriguez David Nuckels Brett Gerhardt Charlie Cauley Winston Kinser Jerry Hopkins Timothy Gibson	Jack Tisdale Brett Gerhardt
CLOSING PRAYER	Steven Lloyd	David Hopkins

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

Maria Del Donno, Edith Farris,
Victor Gonzalez, Tom Hanks
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
MONDAY:	6:30 PM	CWS Chapel
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Ladies' & Men's Bible Classes
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional
		Songs: Michael Reed
		Devotional: Jamie Harris
		Prayer: Jim Scott
		PowerPoint: Issac Jobs

UPCOMING EVENTS

- NOVEMBER:**
- SWSBS & Staff Thanksgiving Break (22nd-26th)
- DECEMBER:**
- Annual Ladies' Cookie & Ornament Exchange (1st)
 - Jana Seibert Baby Shower (2nd)
 - 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship (3rd)
 - REACH Progressive Dinner (8th)
 - Santa's Day Out (9th)
 - Annabelle Bond's Bridal Shower (10th)
 - SWSBS Finals' Week (11th-15th)
 - Congregational Holiday Party (15th)
 - SWSBS & Staff Winter Break (Dec. 16th-Jan. 2nd)