### SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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#### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

Dee Dee Bolm (19), Mike Parks (20)
Steve Dent (21), Clarence Whetstone (22)
Brenda Wright (22), Tracy Wright (23)
Joe Hopkins (24), Betty Cluck (25)



#### THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

David Hopkins-d.hopkins@live.com

#### **VACUUMING SCHEDULE**

Nov. 23: C. Willcut, C. Cauley & A. Cauley Nov. 30: Fred Scherffius & Jaston Richter

#### 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 11.12.2023

BIBLE CLASS: 134
AM ASSEMBLY: 191
PM ASSEMBLY: 128
WEDNESDAY: 139
CONTRIBUTION: \$10,105
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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



# 3 Reasons to Thank God

#### **Cody Westbrook**

s surprising as it may seem, Psalm 100 is the only psalm in the psalter explicitly identified as "a Psalm of Thanksgiving." The Psalmist exhorts us "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: Be thankful unto him, and bless his name" (Ps. 100:4). Such a response to God should not surprise us, and in fact should be "second nature" to His people. Consider three characteristics of our Father which should motivate us to thank Him: (1) He is good, (2) He is merciful, and (3) He is true.

- His goodness refers to His graciousness and benevolence. To be sure, God is a good God, and we are all beneficiaries of that goodness. He has provided us with more than we need both spiritually and physically. Therefore the Psalmist wrote, "Oh that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men" (Ps. 107:8).
- God's mercy has to do with His compassion for the miserable and steadfast love for His creation. "The mercy of the Lord is from

everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him..." (Ps. 103:17). Jeremiah said, "Through the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not" (Lam. 3:22). How great is the mercy of our God? Surely it is beyond the scope of our comprehension.

• That God is true speaks to His firmness, steadfastness, and faithfulness. Moses said, "Therefore know that the Lord your God, he is God, the faithful God, who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love him and keep his commandments" (Deut. 7:9). Our God is true and faithful. His word is absolutely true (John 17:17) and we may confidently depend on Him (Titus 1:2; Heb. 10:23).

Paul said, "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thess. 5:18). Such an attitude should come natural for Christians. God not only wants us to be thankful, He deserves it because of Who He is and what He does.

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# November 19, 2023

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High: To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,"

- PSALM 92:1-2

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAYER SONG DIRECTOR PRAYER SCRIPTURE	Gary Goodpaster Gary Goodpaster Steven Petrosky Mark Speir Josh Pesina	Gary Goodpaster  Chris Willcut  Ed Grumbles
POWERPOINT	Issac Jobes	Issac Jobes
SERMON	5 OVERLOOKED REASONS FOR THANKSGIVING PSALM 92:1-2	What New Christians Must Find
	Cody Westbrook	Cody Westbrook
LORD'S SUPPER	Jack Tisdale Bill Siebert Robert Wright Rafael Rodriguez David Nuckels	Jack Tisdale Brett Gerhardt
	Brett Gerhardt Charlie Cauley Winston Kinser Jerry Hopkins Timothy Gibson	
	Tilliothy Glosoff	

### 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

**WEDNESDAY:** SWSBS & Staff Thanksgiving Break

7:00 PM Bible Class & Devotional

Songs: **Timothy Gibson**Devotional: **Steven Petrosky**Prayer: **David Crouchet** 

PowerPoint: Ty Latimor

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER:** • SWSBS & Staff Thanksgiving Break (22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>)

**DECEMBER:** • Annual Ladies' Cookie & Ornament Exchange (1st)

Jana Seibert Baby Shower (2<sup>nd</sup>)

• 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship (3rd)

• REACH Progressive Dinner (8th)

• Santa's Day Out (9<sup>th</sup>)

• Annabelle Bond's Bridal Shower (10<sup>th</sup>)

• Congregational Holiday Party (15th)

• SWSBS & Staff Winter Break (Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>)