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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Lauren Harris (8), Tucker Westbrook (10)

Alan Putnam (12), Joel Lloyd (13)



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt-brettgerhardt15@gmail.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Jan. 11: B. Aguilar, I. Jobes, T. McClellen

Jan 18: Matt & Wendy Gibson

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Jan.: 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 12.31.2023

BIBLE CLASS: 122
AM ASSEMBLY: 150
PM ASSEMBLY: 112
WEDNESDAY: 152
CONTRIBUTION: \$10,169

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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



JESUS, A SOUL WINNER

John Garza

As we begin the new year, I would like for us to consider a hymn we often sing, "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?" Our Lord answered the question in Luke 19:10, "to seek and to save the lost." In other words, to be a soul winner. As Christians, we cannot be a follower of His and refuse to keep His mission alive (Luke 6:40); The two are inseparable (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16). Let's consider how our Lord accomplished His mission and learn how we can be a soul winner like Him.

Through Christ's sacrifices, He provides restoration to "whoever desires" to follow Him (Rev. 22:17). For Jesus to die the cruel death of the cross, first, He had to sacrifice the glory of heaven (Phil. 2:5-7) and come to this world as a mortal man (Heb. 2:17). After these two sacrifices were made, He offered the ultimate sacrifice by being crucified (Acts 2:23). By His all sufficient and perfect sacrifice (Heb. 9:14; 10:1-14), every sin ever committed can be cleansed. Therefore, even as Christ came to serve and give His life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45), we keep His mission alive by informing the world of the payment for sin that was given one time for all time.

Additionally, Jesus came to make His plan known. In Luke 4:18-19, Jesus went into a synagogue to make His intentions known; He stated His mission as a soul winner. Again, He made His purpose known, "I must preach the kingdom of God... for this purpose I have been sent" (Luke 4:43). In Luke 5:31-32, He stated His mission in calling the sinners to repentance. Finally, in John 18:37, He made known to Pilate His purpose in preaching and bearing witness to the truth. Therefore, even as Christ made His eternal plan known, we clearly preach His kingdom, repentance, and the truth.

Finally, Christ came to earth to offer reconciliation to God. By obedience to His gospel (Rom. 6:17; 2 Thess. 1:7-9), He provides all redemption, a renewed fellowship, and every spiritual blessing (Eph. 2:13-17; Col. 1:20; Heb. 2:9). Though Jesus came to be the Savior of all people, the great struggle of being a soul winner is knowing that everyone could be saved; Yet many more will be lost than saved (Matt. 7:13-14). Therefore, even as our Lord offered reconciliation to those lost in sin, we offer His gospel of peace to all, and consequently, win the souls of whoever desire to submit to the blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

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January 7, 2024

“Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.”
- PSALM 143:10

WORSHIP	MORNING	AFTERNOON
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Keith Siebert	Keith Siebert
PRAYER	Keith Siebert	
SONG DIRECTOR	Michael Reed	Ty McClellen
PRAYER	Alan Putnam	Steven Lloyd
SCRIPTURE	Dan Cook	
POWERPOINT	Austin Cauley	Austin Cauley
SERMON	“A MOST CRUCIAL MATTER” LUKE 24:44-47 Cody Westbrook	QUESTIONS & ANSWERS Cody Westbrook
LORD’S SUPPER	Branyon May Tom Genduso Brett Gerhardt Jim Lloyd Mike Parks Bill Siebert Mark Speir Harrell Moffett Jamie Harris Randy Jennings	Branyon May Bill Siebert
CLOSING PRAYER	Winston Kinser	Adolphus Wells

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

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
	12:00 PM	1 st Sunday Fellowship Meal
	1:00 PM	Questions & Answers
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Ladies’ & Men’s Bible Classes
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional Songs: Fred Scherffius Devotional: Bryce Mayfield Prayer: David Hopkins PowerPoint: Chris Willcut

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship (7th)Madison Richter’s Baby Shower (14th)SWSBS Finals’ Week (15th-18th)Neighborhood Canvassing (19th)SWSBS Break Week (19th-28th)SWSBS 3rd Quarter Begins (29th)
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