

# SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

*Candy Bennett (23), Midge Siebert (23)*  
*Kamrin Ortega (24), Tyler Latimor (24)*  
*Lynn Wilson (24), Karen Speir (26),*  
*Kyrie Pesina (27)*



## THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt-brettgerhardt15@gmail.com

## VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Jan 25: Gerald & Phyllis Smith  
Feb 1: B. Aguilar, I. Jobes, T. McClellan

## 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 1.14.2024

BIBLE CLASS: 144  
AM ASSEMBLY: 205  
PM ASSEMBLY: 152  
WEDNESDAY: 162  
CONTRIBUTION: \$12,891

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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



# FAITHFUL CHRISTIANS WIN SOULS

John Garza

Just as an apple tree produces fruit that has the potential to grow another tree, so a righteous person can influence family and friends to follow them in the paths of righteousness. But what makes a faithful Christian able to win souls?

Christians win souls because they are wise (Pro. 11:30; Matt. 7:24-27). Our godly wisdom is more precious to the future of the Lord's church than we may realize. As we grow and mature in the gospel of Christ, the challenge that we face is to use our knowledge in ways that will bring others to Christ (Jas. 3:13). However, we must understand that we will not convince every soul, just as Paul did all that he could and saved some (Rom. 11:14), and Noah preached for one hundred and twenty years and saved eight (Gen. 6:3; 1 Pet. 3:20). Soul winning is not about numbers. It is about being faithful to God, and if we are, souls will be won by our faithfulness.

Christians win souls because they are motivated. It begins in the heart and extends outward as God is on the throne of the heart (1 Pet. 3:15). Additionally, we are motivated by love and godly fear. They are never separate but joined together

as the sincere reason for obeying and sharing the gospel. We do not share the terrifying message of hell because of hatred, but because of a deep love for the lost (2 Cor. 5:11; Jude 22-23). Finally, we are motivated by our sincere desire to serve God. We long to hear, "Well done, My good and faithful servant" and "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matt. 25:34). We will never hear a compliment greater than what will be uttered from the Savior of souls.

Christians win souls because they learn. God's people each have unique abilities and strengths. However, this should not diminish growth but encourage it, as we work together to win souls. No one should expect to be an expert teacher before starting. No brother or sister expects this of us either. We **WILL** make some mistakes in evangelism, but remember, there will always be room for improvement. Just think of how many potential soul winners there are who have never tried win souls simply because they are afraid of making a few mistakes? Remember, the greatest mistake we will ever make is to do nothing.

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January 21, 2024

“For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven..”

- MATTHEW 5:20

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Keith Siebert	Keith Siebert
PRAYER	Keith Siebert	
SONG DIRECTOR	Alan Putnam	Fred Scherffius
PRAYER	Ed Grumbles	Seth Gibson
SCRIPTURE	Tom Genduso	
POWERPOINT	Isaac Jobes	Isaac Jobes
SERMON	“ABOUNDING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS” MATTHEW 5:18-20  Cody Westbrook	“ABOUNDING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS” (PART 2)  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	Josh Pesina	Steven Lloyd

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	Youth & Family L2L Lunch & Workshop
	4:00 PM	L2L Mini-Convention
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Ladies’ & Men’s Bible Classes
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional Songs: Tim Gibson Devotional: Adrian Coward Prayer: Roger McCown PowerPoint: Charlie Cauley

UPCOMING EVENTS

- JANUARY:
- Youth & Family L2L Lunch & Workshop (21<sup>st</sup>)
  - L2L Mini-Convention (21<sup>st</sup>)
  - Daughters’ of Dorcas Reorganization Meeting (21<sup>st</sup>)
  - SWSBS Break Week (22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>)
  - BCS Ladies’ Day: College Station (27<sup>th</sup>)
  - SWSBS 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Begins (29<sup>th</sup>)