

# SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## JANUARY/FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

*Roger McCown (29)*



*Ella Kennedy (1)*



## THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt-brettgerhardt15@gmail.com

## VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Feb 1: B. Aguilar, I. Jobes, T. McClellan

Feb 8: Jim & Kari Lloyd

## WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Feb.: 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 1.21.2024

BIBLE CLASS: 162  
AM ASSEMBLY: 189  
PM ASSEMBLY: 144  
WEDNESDAY: 156  
CONTRIBUTION: \$10,547

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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



## THE VALUE OF THOSE IN CHRIST

John Garza

In Ephesians 1:1, the Apostle Paul writes to “the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus.” This passage teaches us that those in Christ are “saints” and “faithful.” When we understand these terms more completely, they will help us appreciate the value of being in Christ.

First, we learn that Christians are a possessed people. The word, “saint,” is from a Greek word that means, “holy, consecrated, set apart.” It expresses our relationship to the world (called out), but it also expresses our relationship to God (set apart to His purpose). Therefore, there should be an obvious contrast between the children of God and those who walk in darkness (Eph. 5:8-14). We are saints “in the midst of a crooked and perverse” society (Phil. 2:15). We are not friends of the world, nor do we love “the things in the world” (Jas. 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17), rather we are “a holy nation [saints], His own special people,” who are zealous for good works (1 Pet. 2:9; Tit. 2:14). Here, “special,” literally means “a possessed people; a people who belong

to God.”

Second, we learn that Christians are an obedient people— “the faithful.” To be “faithful” means that we are those that have received the gospel by exercising “obedient belief.” As a result, we are dependable, reliable, and trustworthy when it comes to fulfilling the obligations as the children of God. To be a “once-in-a-blue-moon” Christian that rarely walks through the doors of the building is not being a faithful Christian, nor can we be classified as a “saint” in any sense of the word.

Brethren, we are the children of God who are “called out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Pet. 2:9). We are then children who believe in and trust in God by realizing He will provide and bless us, but we must be a people whom He can trust. We must be people who are the instruments that He uses to take the gospel to the lost, feed those who are genuinely hungry, tend to those who are genuinely needy, and be an encouragement to the fellow-saints. Truly, God highly values His own special people, and we dare not take that for granted by unfaithfulness.

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January 28, 2024

“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:”

- I JOHN 5:14

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Keith Siebert	Keith Siebert
PRAYER	Keith Siebert	
SONG DIRECTOR	Austin Cauley	Steven Petrosky
PRAYER	Jerry Hopkins	Gerald Smith
SCRIPTURE	Carson Siebert	
POWERPOINT	Charilie Cauley	Charilie Cauley
SERMON	BREAK UP YOUR FALLOW GROUND JEREMIAH 4:3-4  Cody Westbrook	BLESSED ARE THE BALANCED  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	Ed Grumbles	David Crouchet

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
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
MONDAY:	6:30 PM	Ladies’ Evangelism Class (Annex)
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Ladies’ & Men’s Bible Classes
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Congregational Singing Songs: Chris Willcut Devotional: Kirk FitzsSimmons Prayer: Keith Siebert PowerPoint: Ty McClellen
THURS-SAT	5:00 PM	SW Ladies’ Retreat

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SWSBS 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Begins (29<sup>th</sup>)</li><li>Ladies’ Evangelism Class w/ Nicole Whitacre (29<sup>th</sup> SW Annex)</li><li>Congregational Singing (31<sup>st</sup>)</li></ul>
FEBRUARY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SW Annual Ladies Retreat (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>)</li><li>SLY Prep Day &amp; Youth Activity (17<sup>th</sup>)</li><li>Somebody Loves You Banquet (18<sup>th</sup>)</li><li>ARISE! Spiritual Growth Workshop (Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>- Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>)</li></ul>