

# SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## JULY BIRTHDAYS:

*Rhonda Kinser (11)*



*Jim Scott (12)*



## THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt-brettgerhardt15@gmail.com

## VACUUMING SCHEDULE

July 10: Branyon & Alana May

July 17: Jamie & Lauren Harris

## WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

July 10: Curtis Jones & Alan Putnam

July 24: David Crouchet & Rafael Rodriguez

## 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 6.29.2025

BIBLE CLASS: 193  
AM ASSEMBLY: 248  
PM ASSEMBLY: 225  
WEDNESDAY: 137  
CONTRIBUTION: \$9,619

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## ELDERS:

Brett Gerhardt

David Hopkins

Mark Speir

## PREACHER:

Cody Westbrook

## ASSOCIATE PREACHER:

Bryce Mayfield



Trent Kennedy, Director  
Steven Lloyd, Assoc. Director



# SINGING WITH UNDERSTANDING

Bryce Mayfield

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

According to Ephesians 5:19, there are two major components to our spiritual singing. First, we are to sing "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs." Secondly, we are to sing "with our hearts to the Lord." To accomplish these, we must sing with an understanding of what we are singing. In this article, let's consider a hymn we sing so that we might sing it with a better understanding.

The hymn "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" has a fascinating backstory. According to the author, Sunder Singh, the words of this hymn are based on a popular story known amongst religious people in India. As missionaries from the American Baptist Mission went to the "idol worshipping headhunters" of Northeast India, they were able to "convert" (Not a true Biblical conversion, as these men were likely teaching a Calvinistic false doctrine) a family in a tribe near Meghalaya. This family, led by the father (Nokseng), began to teach the Bible to others in the tribe. Once the leader of the tribe discovered

this, he had the family captured and set before the rest of the tribe. It was here that he demanded that Nokseng renounce this newfound faith, or he would kill his two boys. Nokseng replied, "I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back..." The chief had the two boys shot with arrows, and they died. The chief then asked Nokseng to renounce his faith, or he would kill his wife. Nokseng replied, "Though no one joins me, I still will follow. No turning back..." The tribe then shot and killed his wife. Finally, the chief gave him one more chance to renounce his faith, or he would kill him. Nokseng replied, "The cross before me, the world behind me. No turning back..." Nokseng was then shot and killed.

Do you remember the day when you were baptized and decided to follow Jesus? Have you decided to follow Jesus? Wherever you are, I hope you will decide to follow Christ and continue to follow Him with the same conviction as this family in Northeast India. Jesus would say in Matthew 10:22, "You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved."

July 6, 2025

“Wisdom is good with an inheritance: and by it there is profit to them that see the sun. For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.”  
-Ecclesiastes 7:11-12

WORSHIP	MORNING	AFTERNOON
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Branyon May	Branyon May
PRAYER	Branyon May	
SONG DIRECTOR	Charlie Cauley	Gary Goodpaster
PRAYER	Adrian Coward	Mark Speir
SCRIPTURE	Mark Fritsch	
POWERPOINT	Ty Latimor	Ty Latimor
SERMON	HOW TO LIVE BETTER ECCLESIASTES 7:11-12	THE DEVIL’S FAVORITE WORD
	Cody Westbrook	Bryce Mayfield
LORD’S SUPPER	Sam Hatchitt Bryce Mayfield David Nuckels Adolphus Wells Gerald Smith  Russell Speir Brett Gerhardt Jordan Franklin Mark Speir David Crouchet	Sam Hatchitt Russell Speir
CLOSING PRAYER	Josh Pesina	Keith Siebert

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

Joyce & Rusty Altizer, Elise Coker,  
Jacquelyn Fox , Tom Hanks,  
Martha Smith, 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 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal
	1:00 PM	Afternoon Worship
MONDAY:	12:00 PM	Cherokee Children’s Home Mission Trip (7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> )
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Summer Series
	Songs:	David Nuckels
	Devotional:	Ty McClellen
	Prayer:	Jamie Harris
	PowerPoint:	Carson Siebert

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Worship &amp; Fellowship Meal (6<sup>th</sup>)</li><li>Cherokee Children’s Home Mission Trip (7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>)</li><li>TNT Youth Devo &amp; Activity (17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>)</li></ul>
AUGUST:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Worship &amp; SWSBS Welcome Luncheon (3<sup>rd</sup>)</li><li>SWSBS Orientation &amp; Classes Begin (4<sup>th</sup>)</li><li>SWSBS Servants Academy (7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>)</li><li>TNT Youth Devo &amp; Activity (7<sup>th</sup>)</li><li>Jobes Baby Shower (16<sup>th</sup>)</li><li>Peeks-Westbrook Wedding Shower (23<sup>rd</sup>)</li></ul>