

SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Araceli Arias (27), Kara Siebert (27)
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Tom Genduso (1), Carson Siebert (2)
Jason Sanderson (2)



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt-brettgerhardt15@gmail.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

July 31: Rebecca Hatchitt & Rhonda Kinser
August 7: Carson Siebert & Kara Siebert

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Aug. 07: Bryce Mayfield & Mark Speir

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 7.20.2025

BIBLE CLASS: 145
AM ASSEMBLY: 185
PM ASSEMBLY: 105
WEDNESDAY: 138
CONTRIBUTION: \$10,254

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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



JESUS LOVES YOU, BUT RELIGION DOESN'T

Cody Westbrook

It is a bit rare to see anyone holding a sign at an intersection in Kyle, Texas. So, naturally, when I saw him, he had my attention. He had bright red stripes with black outlines tattooed across his chest, arms, and back, and carried a sign which said, “Jesus loves you, but religion doesn’t.” The message was clear.

While most wouldn’t tattoo themselves and walk around holding a sign for hours, there are a good number of people in the world who would agree with that man’s sentiments. And, in some cases, understandably so. The Catholic Church, for example, has a long history of scandals and instances of violence and taking advantage of people. It is difficult to fault a person whose understanding of Christianity consists of a large enterprise conducting itself in ways which are foreign to Jesus’ teaching, wanting to get as far away from any semblance of organized religion. But we must be careful not to overreact and “throw out the baby with the bathwater.”

The word “religion” basically has to do with

the way humanity relates to the divine. It is an all-encompassing term which comprises the sum total of our devotion and service to God, including our work and worship with the local church. One’s religion can be “self-imposed” (Col. 2:23) and “useless” (Jas. 1:26) but it can also be “pure and undefiled” (Jas. 1:27). The concept, itself, is not wrong—it’s biblical. But, like so many other things, the problem is that man abuses it and turns it into something which God never intended.

New Testament Christianity is the only true religion and it cannot be faithfully practiced alone—it involves the church as a whole and each individual’s service within it (cf. 1 Cor. 11:33; 12:12-13). You cannot have Christ without the Church and we cannot create a dichotomy between them (Acts 9:2, 4). So, if “religion doesn’t” love you, then that’s man’s fault. The church is to imitate the Lord (Matt. 5:48) in all things. The goal, then, must not be to do away with it, but rather, to restore it to God’s ideal.

July 27, 2025

“ Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.”

-Psalm 119:114

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Branyon May	Branyon May
PRAYER	Branyon May	
SONG DIRECTOR	Alan Putnam	Sam Hatchitt
PRAYER	Mark Speir	Jack Tisdale
SCRIPTURE	Troy Kennedy	
POWERPOINT	Isaac Jobes	Isaac Jobes
SERMON	How to NOT Stink Ecclesiastes 10:1-4	All One in Christ
	Cody Westbrook	Cody Westbrook
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	Seth Gibson	Trent Kennedy

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
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Congregational Singing
		Songs: Sam Hatchitt
		Devotional: Matt Gibson
		Prayer: Carson Siebert
		PowerPoint: Troy Kennedy
THURSDAY:	6:30 PM	TNT Devo Youth Devo & Activity

UPCOMING EVENTS

- JULY:
- TNT Youth Devo & Activity (31st @Kinser’s)
- AUGUST:
- 1st Sunday Worship & SWSBS Welcome Luncheon (3rd)
 - SWSBS Orientation & Classes Begin (4th)
 - SWSBS Servants Academy (7th-10th)
 - Jobes Baby Shower (16th)
 - Peeks-Westbrook Bridal Shower (23rd)
 - CONNECT Young Professionals & College Devo (28th)