

# SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

David Hopkins-d.hopkins@live.com

## VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Aug. 21: Clara Arias & Family  
Aug. 28: Trent & Lisa Kennedy

## WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Aug. 21: Adolphus Wells & Josh Pesina

## 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 8.10.2025

BIBLE CLASS: 263  
AM ASSEMBLY: 315  
PM ASSEMBLY: 165  
WEDNESDAY: 163  
CONTRIBUTION: \$11,409

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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



## THE CHURCH AND ITS PRIORITIES

### Cody Westbrook

With so many unique challenges before us it is easy to lose sight of what is really important. The Bible has a great deal to say about priorities and it is important for us to ensure that our priorities are aligned correctly on an individual basis, but also on a congregational basis. First Timothy 6 lists some items that the church must prioritize.

**Sound Doctrine (1 Tim. 6:3-5)** – Those who do not concern themselves with sound doctrine are guilty of prioritizing self over salvation. They are described as proud, ignorant, and obsessed. They are sick with conceit, greed, and covetousness, the result of which is a corrupted mind that has no regard for truth. The church must “withdraw” from such individuals (v. 5).

**Godly Living (1 Tim. 6:6-16)** – In contrast to verses 3-5, verse 6 makes clear that godliness is not a means of financial gain, but rather contentment. Some dedicate their lives to pursuing things of worldly value, but God's people must recognize this as foolishness (vss. 6-10). True contentment is found in godliness and therefore we must be sure to prioritize things of genuine value (vss. 9-12). This means running away from evil, relentlessly pursuing

things that are good, fighting the good fight, and keeping a firm hold on the prize.

**Proper Focus (1 Tim. 6:17-21)** – Three commands make up this section. First, trust God (v. 17). Tragically, too many put their trust in things that are “uncertain,” when we should all put our trust in the only thing that is certain—God. Second, excel in good work (vss. 18-19). The church should constantly be involved in work that does good for the Lord and other people. Third, guard the gospel (vss. 20-21). The gospel had been “committed” to Timothy's trust. The language describes the gospel as a deposit which had been placed in Timothy's care. He was to guard and protect it from those who would cause harm (cf. 2 Tim. 2:2).

Take a moment to reflect on your congregation. What things are prioritized? Is there sufficient attention given to preaching and teaching the whole counsel of God? Are the classrooms and the pulpit healthy? Is worship done in spirit and in truth? Is there an emphasis in developing godly men to lead? What about service, godliness, and a proper focus? The church should make time for self-introspection to ensure we are focusing on things God would have us focus on.

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August 17, 2025

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man  
-Ecclesiastes 12:13

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Russell Speir	Russell Speir
PRAYER	Russell Speir	
SONG DIRECTOR	Steven Petrosky	Charlie Cauley
PRAYER	Gary Goodpaster	Tom Genduso
SCRIPTURE	Ty McClellen	
POWERPOINT	Tim Gibson	Tim Gibson
SERMON	THE CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER	GROWING IN GOODNESS
SCRIPTURE	ECCLESIASTES 12:13-14	
	Cody Westbrook	Cody Westbrook
LORD’S SUPPER	Adrian Coward Sam Hatchitt Jimmy Xie Mike Parks Jamie Harris  Brett Gerhardt Randy Jennings Ed Grumbles Branyon May Steven Lloyd	Adrian Coward Brett Gerhardt
CLOSING PRAYER	Rafael Rodriguez	Michael Reed

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

Joyce & Rusty Altizer,  
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	Summer Series
		Songs: Seth Gibson
		Devotional: Branyon May
		Prayer: Troy Kennedy
		PowerPoint: Tim Gibson
SATURDAY:	4:00 PM	Peeks-Westbrook Couples’ Shower

UPCOMING EVENTS

- AUGUST:
- SWSBS Polishing the Pulpit (15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>)
  - Peeks-Westbrook Couples’ Shower (23<sup>rd</sup>)
  - CONNECT Young Professionals & College Devo @Hopkins’(28<sup>th</sup>)
- SEPTEMBER:
- Young Men’s Day (6<sup>th</sup>)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (7<sup>th</sup>)
  - Tuesday Morning Bible Classes Begin (9<sup>th</sup>)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Youth & Family Day (21<sup>st</sup>)
  - CONNECT Young Professionals & College Devo (25<sup>th</sup>)
  - Southwest Annual Ladies’ Day (27<sup>th</sup>)