

SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Rachel Haffner (15), Jo Young (16)
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Andy Reyes (18)



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt-brettgerhardt15@gmail.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Oct 16: Blake & Lindsay Williams
Oct 23: Gibson Family

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Oct 26: Rafael Rodriguez & Adrian Coward

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 10.05.2025

BIBLE CLASS: 145
AM ASSEMBLY: 202
PM ASSEMBLY: 155
WEDNESDAY: 177
CONTRIBUTION: \$13,130

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ELDERS:

Brett Gerhardt
David Hopkins
Keith Siebert
Mark Speir

PREACHER:

Cody Westbrook

ASSOCIATE PREACHER:

Bryce Mayfield



Trent Kennedy, Director
Steven Lloyd, Assoc. Director



THE PROBLEM OF PARTIALITY (JAMES 2:9)

Bryce Mayfield

“*But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors*” (James 2:9).

Partiality is a sin. The Bible is clear on the subject, but...what is partiality? What does it look like, and if we struggle with it, how do we overcome it?

Partiality is the attitude of unfair preference or approval towards someone. In James 2:1, some versions of the Bible will even use the phrase “*personal favoritism*” to describe this attitude of partiality (NASB 95). At the beginning of chapter 2, James would give us an illustration to show what personal favoritism looks like. In James 2:2-3, two men walk into an assembly. The first man is rich and the other is poor. One is dressed in expensive jewelry and fine clothes while the other is in dirty clothes. The brethren greet the rich man with a place of honor, but the poor man is given the footstool. According to James, this judgement based on appearance and pocketbook is unfair preference, making these brethren “judges with evil motives...” (James 2:4).

With this in mind, we must ask ourselves,

“Do I show partiality? If so, in what way?” Is it appearance, personality-type, position, age, or race? The list could go on. If your answer is yes, think about James’ words in James 2:1: “*My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism.*” Paul would say it this way in Galatians 3:28, “*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*” In the eyes of Christ, there is no unfair preference or approval toward certain individuals. There should not be in our eyes either.

How do we overcome partiality? The answer to this question might be the easiest to give, but the hardest to live. In James 2:8, quoting the words of Jesus and the writer of Leviticus, he said, “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself*” (Leviticus 19:18, Matthew 22:39). Brethren, demonstrating an attitude of unfair preference or approval towards someone is a sin. If we want to overcome this problem, we must think of others and love them with the same quality of love we desire from others. May we treat each other with such love and impartiality.

October 12, 2025

“I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.”

Psalm 4:8

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Adrian Coward	Adrian Coward
PRAYER	Adrian Coward	
SONG DIRECTOR	Alan Putnam	Steven Petrosky
PRAYER	Branyon May	Brett Gerhardt
SCRIPTURE	Jamie Harris	
POWERPOINT	Carson Siebert	Carson Siebert
SERMON	MARRIAGE IS LIKE A WALL	WHEN GOD DISAGREES WITH ME
SCRIPTURE	NEHEMIAH2:17-18	
	Cody Westbrook	Cody Westbrook
LORD’S SUPPER	Bill Siebert Ty McClellen Matthew Gibson Michael Reed Seth Gibson David Hopkins Jordan Franklin Jerry Hill Winston Kinser Rafael Rodriguez	Bill Siebert David Hopkins
CLOSING PRAYER	Troy Kennedy	Connor Westbrook

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

Joyce & Rusty Altizer, Jacquelyn Fox ,
Tom Hanks, Martha Smith,
Mary Jo Stewart, 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
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Classes Monthly Luncheon
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional Songs: David Nuckels Devotional: Andy Reyes Prayer: Russell Speir PowerPoint: Tim Gibson
FRIDAY:	9:30AM 6:30 PM	SWSBS & Congregational Door Knocking Congregational Game Night
SATURDAY:	10:00 AM	Hatchitt Baby Shower

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:	- SWSBS Finals’ Week (13th-16th) - Door Knocking (17th) - Hatchitt Baby Shower @ Midge’s(18th) - Westbrook’s Going Away Party (26th)	- Tuesday Monthly Luncheon (14th) - Congregational Game Night (17th) - Congregational Fall Party (25th) - SWSBS 2nd Quarter Begins (27th)
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