SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Bill Garnett (19), Ava Harris(20) Brett Gerhardt(24), Wendy Gibson (24), sMartha Moffett(24), Jamie Harris (25)



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt-brettgerhardt15@gmail.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Oct 23: Gibson Family Oct 30: Gerald & Phyllis Smith

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 10.12.2025

BIBLE CLASS: 180
AM ASSEMBLY: 230
PM ASSEMBLY: 155
WEDNESDAY: 151
CONTRIBUTION: \$12,935

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ELDERS:

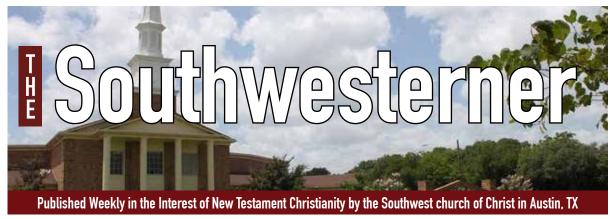
Brett Gerhardt David Hopkins Keith Siebert Mark Speir

PREACHER: Cody Westbrook

ASSOCIATE PREACHER: Bryce Mayfield



Trent Kennedy, Director Steven Lloyd, Assoc. Director



Does God Exist?(1 Peter 3:15)

Bryce Mayfield

ccording to the Pew Research Center, the number of atheists in our country has doubled over the last 10 years. While they still only make up roughly 4% of Americans, there are countries in Europe where 1 in every 4 people deny the existence of God. These numbers do not even include agnostics (those who deny that we can know that God exists with certainty) or those who are "indifferent" on the matter. The point is, if we are to "always be ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you (us) to give an account for the hope that is in you (us)" (1 Peter 3:15), we must be able to prove the existence of God. Does God exist? How can you be sure? Consider one argument as it relates to this discussion.

Conflict proves the existence of God. Yes, however ironic that may sound, the quarrels and problems of man serve as evidence to the Divine being we know to be God. When we fight, we say things like, "I shared my toys with you, now you must share yours with me", "You can't steal my shoes, they belong to me", or "You lied to me, that is not okay." These examples may seem silly,

but each of them points to the fact that we hold people to a standard of right and wrong. If these examples are not enough, all would agree that a man raping an innocent woman, parents sexually abusing their children, or the Nazi's torturing and murdering Jews are all wrong and evil! Conflict often highlights that an objective moral standard exists. Morals do not come from man; if they did, the Nazi's did nothing wrong because, in their own eyes, they thought they were right. No, objective morality was installed in us by Someone greater than any man. That someone is God. If objective morality exists, God exists. We know that objective morality exists; therefore, we know God exists.

If this topic interests you and you want to conduct further research, I would suggest an article like "The Moral Argument for the Existence of God," written by our brother Eric Lyons, or brother Thomas B. Warren's debates with Antony Flew and Wallace Matson. In our world, more and more people are denying the existence of God. May we always continue to better arm ourselves to defend Him.

October 19, 2025

"Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory."

2 Timothy 2:10

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Adrian Coward	Adrian Coward	
PRAYER	Adrian Coward		
SONG DIRECTOR	Steven Petrosky	Michael Reed	
PRAYER	Brett Gerhart	Russell Speir	
SCRIPTURE	Keith Siebert		
POWERPOINT	Tim Gibson	Tim Gibson	
SERMON	THE STATE OF THE	Why Do Souls Leave	
CODIDTUDE	SCHOOL	THE CHURCH?	
SCRIPTURE	2 TIMOTHY 2:1-10		
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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 10:30 AM	Bible Class Morning Worship
	12:00 PM 6:00 PM	3 rd Sunday Youth & Family Day Evening Worship
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Classes
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional Songs: Matthew Gibson Devotional: Jimmy Xie Prayer: Rafael Rodriguez PowerPoint: Isaac Jobes
SATURDAY	10:00 AM	Congregational Fall Party

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:

- 3rd Sunday Youth & Family Day (TODAY)
 Congregational Fall Party (25th)
 Westbrook's Going Away Party (26th)
- SWSBS 2nd Quarter Begins (27th)

NOVEMBER:

- Hymns in the Hill Country (1st)
 1st Sunday & Haffner's Welcome Luncheon(2nd)
- Speir-McClellen Couples' Shower (22nd)