

SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Aisley May (17), Dee Dee Bolm (19)

Mike Parks (22), Steve Dent (22)

Clarence Whetstone (22), Brenda Wright(22)



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

David Hopkins-d.hopkins@live.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Nov. 20: Daniel Baker & Charlie Cauley

Nov. 27: Phyllis & Keith Siebert

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Nov: Volunteers as needed

RECORD FOR 11.9.2025

BIBLE CLASS: 187
AM ASSEMBLY: 222
PM ASSEMBLY: 166
WEDNESDAY: 179
CONTRIBUTION: \$12,682

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ELDERS:

Brett Gerhardt

David Hopkins

Keith Siebert

Mark Speir

PREACHER:

Ross Haffner

ASSOCIATE PREACHER:

Bryce Mayfield



Trent Kennedy, Director
Steven Lloyd, Assoc. Director



My RESPONSIBILITY TO THE YOUNG

Ross Haffner

We all want things to go well for the younger ones in the church. We look at our newborns and toddlers and think of the great potential they have. The elementary and preteen ages show us how quickly these little ones grow. Teenagers try our patience sometimes, but then astound us with flashes of incredible maturity. Even if I don't have children of my own, I can help the young people in my home congregation. No matter what stage the child, we all have a responsibility to help them grow in the Lord.

Every child requires teaching. God commanded Israel to instruct their children in His precepts (Deu. 6:6-7). Israel's failure led to apostasy in just one generation (Jdg. 2:10). Early training reduces the likelihood of departing from truth (Pro. 22:6). Delaying doctrine until adulthood risks grave consequences; we must redeem the time (Eph. 5:16).

Teaching must include correction. Rebuke is essential when behavior falters (Prov. 13:24), done in love, not anger (Eph. 6:4). While parents bear primary responsibility, other caring Christians can redirect misbehaving children. God expects older, experienced believers to guide the young (Tit. 2:4; Heb. 5:12). Seasoned brethren can offer valuable examples and advice to young or first-time parents, who should welcome this gentle support.

Correction must be balanced by encouragement. The child must understand that reproof is not out of disgust or hatred, but out of love and a desire to see him succeed. Paul taught, "Provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged" (Colossians 3:21). When teaching and correction are necessary, group them with encouragement for the good the child has done. We need to make sure our children know that adults believe they can succeed, and that they will be recognized when they do well. A child should never have to wonder if his parents' love is based on his behavior. He needs to know first that he is loved unconditionally by his parents, as we pattern God's unconditional love for us all (Romans 5:8).

Above all, pray for the children. They navigate ups and downs, testing boundaries, discovering individuality, and facing awkward phases. Contrary to popular views, the Bible—not children—leads the way. Our prayers accompany them, countering Satan's efforts to derail the young and impressionable (Jms. 5:15-16).

A child's faithful adulthood is no accident. Teaching, correction, encouragement, and prayer form the perfect balance for spiritual growth in young and old. Omitting any of these leaves them incomplete. Let us all commit to helping our youth grow in the Lord.

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

Podcast — The Word of Life | online at swcofc.org/word-of-life

November 16, 2025

“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

John 8:12

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jamie Harris	Jamie Harris
PRAYER	Jamie Harris	
SONG DIRECTOR	Charlie Cauley	Ty McClellen
PRAYER	Bill Siebert	Rafael Rodriguez
SCRIPTURE	Jerry Hopkins	
POWERPOINT	Troy Kennedy	Troy Kennedy
SERMON	THE BLESSINGS OF GODLY SORROW	“I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”
SCRIPTURE	2 CORINTHIANS 7:8-12	JOHN 8:12
	Ross Haffner	Bryce Mayfield
LORD’S SUPPER	Tyberius Tooley Christian Jenkins Justice Imhoff Trey Jenkins Matthew Brooks Randy Jennings Daniel Baker Timothy Gibson Russell Speir Tyler Latimor	Tyberius Tooley Randy Jennings
CLOSING PRAYER	Alan Putnam	Jack Tisdale

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
MONDAY:	6:30 PM	CWS Chapel & Bible Class
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Classes Monthly Potluck Luncheon
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional Songs: Sam Hatchitt Devotional: Steven Lloyd Prayer: Tyberius Tooley PowerPoint: Troy Kennedy
SATURDAY:	4:00 PM	Speir-McClellen Congregational Shower

UPCOMING EVENTS

- NOVEMBER:
- Monthly Potluck Luncheon (18th)
 - Speir-McClellen Congregational Shower (22nd)
- DECEMBER
- Ladies’ Cookie & Ornament Exchange (5th)
 - Santa’s Day Out (6th)
 - 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (7th)
 - REACH (6th-12th) Progressive Dinner (13th)
 - Congregational Holiday Party (19th)