

SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

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THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Keith Siebert-keith@5sserviceco.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Dec 11: Gabriel Gonzales & Brandon Shelton
Dec 18: Kendell Hill & Justice Imhoff

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Dec: Volunteers as needed

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 11.30.2025

BIBLE CLASS: 135
AM ASSEMBLY: 178
PM ASSEMBLY: 136
WEDNESDAY: 170
CONTRIBUTION: \$10,371

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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



RUN TOWARDS THE STORM (JONAH 1:1)

Bryce Mayfield

What's the difference between a cow and a bison? This may seem like a silly question or the start to a joke, but the answer is fascinating. In the Northwest, ranchers deal with massive snowstorms that roll in each winter. These storms highlight a major difference between cows and bison. You see, when a snowstorm comes, cows will try to "outrun" the storm. In trying to run away from the storm, they often spend more time in the storm, and many of them die if the ranchers do not intervene. However, the bison reacts to these storms in a completely different way. Instead of running away from the storm, they face it head-on. In doing so, the storms blow right by them, and they spend a fraction of the time suffering compared to the cow.

What is the point? Like the bison, when we are faced with something difficult, we need to face it head-on. If we try to run away like the cow, we only prolong suffering or make something harder than it should have been. This was a lesson the prophet Jonah had to learn the hard way. God instructed Jonah to do something difficult. In Jonah 1:1-2, God sends Jonah to preach to the people of Nineveh. The city of Nineveh was wicked, making

this task extremely difficult. What did Jonah do? He tried to outrun the storm, and he tried to outrun God's will. He acted like the cow in our illustration. Therefore, God sent a storm upon the boat Jonah was on, and after being thrown overboard, the prophet spent three days and three nights in the belly of a great fish (Jonah 1:17). In Jonah 3, God asks Jonah again to preach to the people of Nineveh. This time, Jonah faces this difficult task, and the city repents. If Jonah had faced this task head-on the first time, he would have never had to spend three days in the slimy, smelly belly of a fish.

Brothers and sisters, the life of a Christian comes with its storms. Do not try to run; face these challenges head-on. If you have sin in your life, deal with it now (1 Thessalonians 5:2; 1 John 1:5-10). If you are being persecuted for your faith, face it with joy and steadfastness (James 1:2-4). If you have opportunity to share the gospel with someone, no matter how difficult you believe the task will be, teach (Matthew 28:18-20). Where are you running? Away from the storms in fear, or towards them in faith? May we always run towards the storm because, like the bison, we will find rest and peace on the other side (Revelation 21:1-7).

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“The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.”
Psalm 145:18-19

WORSHIP	MORNING	AFTERNOON
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Gary Goodpaster	Gary Goodpaster
PRAYER	Gary Goodpaster	
SONG DIRECTOR	Isaac Harris	Alan Putnam
PRAYER	Ed Grumbles	Mark Speir
SCRIPTURE	Randle Harris	
POWERPOINT	Carson Siebert	Carson Siebert
SERMON	“WAS I BORN IN SIN?” EPHESIANS 2:1-3	“MY RESPONSE TO SIN” (PSALM 51)
SCRIPTURE		
	Ross Haffner	Bryce Mayfield
LORD’S SUPPER	Josh Pesina Tyberius Tooley Bill Siebert Russell Haffner Keith Siebert Winston Kinser Bill Garnett Troy Kennedy Harrell Moffett Adrian Coward	Josh Pesina Winston Kinser
CLOSING PRAYER	Brett Gerhardt	Brett Gerhardt

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

Joyce & Rusty Altizer, Jacquelyn Fox , Tom Hanks, Martha Smith,
Mary Jo Stewart, Clarence Whetstone

CONGREGATIONAL WORKS: VISITATION PROGRAM

Opportunities to engage visitors, look for needs and potential Bible studies.

- 1st Sunday Lunch
- Card Writing
- Greeter

COORDINATOR:
Bryce Mayfield

ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

SUNDAY:

9:30 AM

Bible Class

10:30 AM

Morning Worship

12:00 PM

1st Sunday Fellowship Meal

1:00 PM

Afternoon Worship

MONDAY:

6:30 PM

CWS Chapel & Bible Class

TUESDAY:

10:00 AM

Tuesday Morning Bible Classes

WEDNESDAY:

7:00 PM

Bible Class & Devotional

Songs: Tim Gibson

Devotional: Charley Cauley

Prayer: Adolphus Wells

PowerPoint: Isaac Jobs

SATURDAY:

4:00 PM

Progressive Dinner

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (7th)
- Tuesday Monthly Luncheon (9th)
- REACH (6th-12th) Progressive Dinner (13th) (Meet at Harris’s)
- Congregational Holiday Party (19th)
- SWSBS & Staff Winter Break (Dec. 22nd-Jan. 2nd)