

SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Charles Houston (23), Jennifer Nuckels (23)
Keith Siebert (24), Blake Norman (25)
Gary Goodpaster (26), Nelda Savage (26)
Kendell Hill (27)



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Keith Siebert-keith@5sserviceco.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Dec 26: Kara & Carson Siebert
Jan 2: Kevin Ross & Sam Hatchitt

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 12.14.2025

BIBLE CLASS: 168
AM ASSEMBLY: 219
PM ASSEMBLY: 146
WEDNESDAY: 154
CONTRIBUTION: \$11,571

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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



How MANY TALENTS HAVE YOU BURIED?

Bryce Mayfield

As we approach the end of December, many begin to reflect on the year. Perhaps you do this as you prepare for your goals for the upcoming year. What went right? What went wrong? What do I want to do differently next year? Amongst all these questions of reflection, consider this question: “What if I did not spend so much time on my phone?”

The average American spends 5 hours a day on their phone. To put this into perspective, that is 1,825 hours a year. If you spend this much time on your phone, 76 FULL days of your 365 days in a year will be spent looking at a screen. What if you took those 5 hours a day, and dedicated 2 to Bible Study, 1 to fellowship, 1 to service, and 1 to encouraging our brethren? Think about how much more effective we could be in using our “talents” to glorify God!

In Matthew 25:14-30, we read of a slave

given a talent by his master. Instead of using his talent to profit his master, he buried it out of fear. This upset his master and led to the punishment of the slave. No matter how many talents we have, God expects us to use them for His glory. A failure to do so will result in our condemnation.

Brothers and sisters, our phones are causing us to “bury our talents.” Instead of using our hands to work for God, we use them to scroll. Instead of using our minds to meditate on His Word, we “kill brain cells” by chasing small hits of dopamine in videos and posts. Instead of connecting with our spiritual family, we seek approval and relationships through likes, comments, and shares. As we look to the next year and reflect on our lives, please consider how much more we can be doing for God if we would just set our phones down and start using that time for the Lord.

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

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“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

2 Corinthians 4:6

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Gary Goodpaster	Gary Goodpaster
PRAYER	Gary Goodpaster	
SONG DIRECTOR	Charlie Cauley	Isaac Harris
PRAYER	Alan Putnam	Isaac Harris
SCRIPTURE	David Nuckels	
POWERPOINT	Tim Gibson	Tim Gibson
SERMON	IS THE CHURCH INVISIBLE?	SAUL’S TACTICS OF SELF-JUSTIFICATION
SCRIPTURE	2 CORINTHIANS 4:6	
	Ross Haffner	Ross Haffner
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	Ed Grumbles	Branyon May

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
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Congregational Singing & Devotional
		Songs: Gary Goodpaster
		Devotional: Ross Haffner
		Prayer: Gary Goodpaster
		PowerPoint: Carson Siebert

UPCOMING EVENTS

- DECEMBER
- SWSBS & Staff Winter Break (Dec. 22nd-Jan. 2nd)
 - Congregational Singing & Devotional (24th)
- JANUARY:
- Camp Bandina Youth Winter Retreat (2nd-4th)
 - 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (4th)
 - SWSBS Finals’ Week (12th-15th)
 - Neighborhood Canvassing (16th)
 - SWSBS Break Week (19th-23rd)
 - SWSBS 3rd Quarter Begins (26th)
 - SW Annual Ladies’ Retreat (30th-1st)