

SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Marie Matilton (19), Richard Dent (22)
Candy Bennett (23), Tyler Latimor (24)



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER
Mark Speir-mark.speir@gmail.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Jan 22: Alan & McKenna Putnam
Jan 29: Keith & Phyllis Siebert

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Jan: 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 1.11.2026

BIBLE CLASS: 142
AM ASSEMBLY: 175
PM ASSEMBLY: 128
WEDNESDAY: 181
CONTRIBUTION: \$14,801

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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



PEARLS FROM PROVERBS: FOCUS (PROVERBS 4:25)

Bryce Mayfield

Where is your focus? Maybe it is upon the aspirations and goals you have set for yourself this year. It may be more narrowly upon a trial you may be facing or a desire you have right now. It may also be possible that you have no true focus at all, or your focus is crystal clear. Wherever you find yourself, we live in a world that is constantly trying to steal our focus, draw our attention elsewhere, or change our perspectives. We get pulled in so many directions that our path and purpose can become unclear. In Matthew 6:33, Jesus said, *"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness..."* As Christians, our focus should be there. As we strive, it ought to be for holiness (1 Peter 1:16), and as we press on, it ought to be to that upward calling (Philippians 3:14). The question I would like us to consider is, "How?"

In the book of Proverbs, there is a pearl of wisdom that will help us with our focus. Proverbs 4:25 says, *"Let your eyes look directly ahead and let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you."* Have you ever heard the phrase, "Keep your eyes on the prize?" That is exactly what the writer is saying here. To maintain a proper focus, we must maintain

a "tunnel vision" on what matters most. If you have ever seen a horse race, you know they put "blinders" on the horses so all they can see is what is right in front of them. This reduces distractions and lowers stress because all they are focused on is the race in front of them. The race of life is more complicated than a horse race but applying this principle to our lives will be beneficial. So once again, how do we accomplish this?

Gaining a better focus might mean saying "no" to more activities outside the home and "yes" to more family Bible studies, prayer time, and devotionals within the home. Having a better focus might mean saying "no" more to isolation and "yes" to times of fellowship. It might mean meditating more, being thankful more, and serving more. It also might mean scrolling less, complaining less, and worrying less. Applying this principle may look different in each of our lives, but we should all reflect and then remove the things that are distracting us from where our focus should be. Satan, through this world, is trying to get your attention on anything other than the Kingdom and righteousness of God. With wisdom, look ahead and keep your gaze focused on the goal.

January 18, 2026

“ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”

Hosea 4:6

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Roger McCown	Roger McCown
PRAYER	Roger McCown	
SONG DIRECTOR	Isaac Harris	Alan Putnam
PRAYER	Matt Gibson	Russell Haffner
SCRIPTURE	Seth Gibson	
POWERPOINT	Tim Gibson	Tim Gibson
SERMON	HOW TO FAIL HOSEA 4:1-6	THE PROBLEM: SIN AND OUR NEED FOR A SAVIOR
SCRIPTURE		
	Ross Haffner	Bryce Mayfield
LORD'S SUPPER	Steven Lloyd Bill Siebert Gary Goodpaster Bryce Mayfield Gerald Smith Tom Genduso Brett Gerhardt Mark Speir David Crouchet Sam Hatchitt	Steven Lloyd Tom Genduso
CLOSING PRAYER	Randle Harris	Ross Haffner

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	Bible Class & Devotional
		Songs: Troy Kennedy
		Devotional: Russell Haffner
		Prayer: Branyon May
		PowerPoint: Tim Gibson
THURSDAY:	7:00 PM	CONNECT Young Professionals & Youth Devo

UPCOMING EVENTS

- JANUARY:
- SWSBS Break Week (19th-23rd)
 - CONNECT Young Professionals & College Devo (22nd)
 - Daughter's of Dorcas Reorganization (25th)
 - SWSBS 3rd Quarter Begins (26th)
 - SW Annual Ladies' Retreat (30th-1st)
- FEBRUARY:
- 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (1st)
 - Youth Day & SLY Prep (14th)
 - Somebody Loves You Luncheon (15th)
 - ARISE! Workday (24th)
 - ARISE! Spiritual Growth Workshop (26th-1st)