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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Karen Speir (26), Isaac Haros (26)

Kyrie Pesina (27), Roger McCown (29)



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

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Jan 29: Keith & Phyllis Siebert
Feb 5: Julia & Danielle Lloyd

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 1.18.2026

BIBLE CLASS: 142
AM ASSEMBLY: 175
PM ASSEMBLY: 128
WEDNESDAY: 142
CONTRIBUTION: \$11,781

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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



BIBLICAL OCCUPATIONS

Ross Haffner

One of the great things about the Bible is that God chose to use real life examples to teach us. We can better understand how to be Christians when we can relate a Bible truth to something we know already. The New Testament uses the following occupations to teach us what it means to live by faith (Gal. 2:20).

A Christian is like a builder. Jesus used the parable of the wise and foolish man to illustrate the point that only those who obey the commandments of God will be saved. The foolish man did not have the proper foundation for his house and so the rains destroyed it (Matt. 7:26-27). The wise man built his house on a rock so when stormy weather came the structure lasted (Matt. 7:24-25). Though salvation is received at baptism (Acts 2:38), we must be prepared to live a life of service and faithfulness to God. Jesus warned about builders who did not count the cost and therefore were mocked when there structure remained unfinished (Luke 14:28-30).

A Christian is like an athlete. The athlete must train to ready himself for the physical demands he places on his body. Spiritually, much is demanded of the New Testament Christian. Paul said that he had to train himself to be able to run the race (1 Cor. 9:23-27). The Hebrews writer uses the same imagery saying we must run the race with patience (Heb. 12:1). Christians are spiritual long-distance runners who recognize that

endurance and steadfastness are going to be necessary to win the prize.

A Christian is like a soldier. The armor we must wear is not physical armor, but spiritual (Ephesians 6:11-18). This is because we are in a spiritual war (2 Cor. 10:3-5). We are commanded to be good soldiers who will not entangle ourselves in the cares of this life (2 Tim. 2:3-4). These cares will distract us from Christian living. Therefore, even after we are saved by the blood of Christ we have duties to perform.

A Christian is like a farmer. In Jesus' parable of the sower He related the spreading of God's word to the spreading of seed for crops (Matt. 4:14). Our work is to spread the gospel to the entire world (Matt. 28:18-20). Sometimes the seed does not grow as the farmer intended. Despite many negative results the sower distributes the seed liberally over many types of soil in hopes that some will find the good ground that brings forth fruit (Matt. 4:20). Even when many reject the teachings of the Bible, our duty remains the same. However, before we are ready to spread the good news we must first be partakers of the fruits of labor. Paul says, "The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops." (2 Tim. 2:6). He taught Timothy that he must be obedient to the gospel before he is ready to teach it. We must do the same. So whatever occupation we hold in this life, let us first of all be Christians.

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January 25, 2026

“ The name of the Lord is a strong tower:
the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.”

Proverbs 18:10

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Roger McCown	Roger McCown
PRAYER	Roger McCown	
SONG DIRECTOR	Alan Putnam	Charlie Cauley
PRAYER	David Nuckels	Adrian Coward
SCRIPTURE	Steven Petrosky	
POWERPOINT	Seth Gibson	Seth Gibson
SERMON	EVANGELIZING TO THE END	FAITHFULNESS DEPENDS ON LEADERSHIP
SCRIPTURE	2 COR. 11:22-29	
	Ross Haffner	Ross Haffner
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	Isaac Harris	Randle Harris

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
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Men’s & Ladies’ Bible Classes
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional Songs: Michael Reed Devotional: Gabriel Gonzalez Prayer: Bryce Mayfield PowerPoint: Carson Siebert
FRI-SUN:	5:00 PM	SW Annual Ladies’ Retreat

UPCOMING EVENTS

- JANUARY:
- 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)