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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](mailto: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 OPPORTUNITIES

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



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## 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 their 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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*“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

**PRAYER**   David Nuckles

**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   Steven Lloyd

Bill Siebert   Tom Genduso

Gary Goodpaster

Bryce Mayfield

Gerald Smith

Tom Genduso

Brett Gerhardt

Mark Speir

David Crouchett

Sam Hatchitt

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Begins (26<sup>th</sup>)  
• SW Annual Ladies' Retreat (30<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup>)

**FEBRUARY:**   • 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (1<sup>st</sup>)  
• Youth Day & SLY Prep (14<sup>th</sup>)  
• Somebody Loves You Luncheon (15<sup>th</sup>)  
• ARISE! Workday (24<sup>th</sup>)  
• ARISE! Spiritual Growth Workshop (26<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup>)