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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Rick Lane (23), Josh Pesina (26),



Cindy Herzog (29)



ARISE!
First Sunday Fellowship
March 1st

Bible Class	9:30 am
Worship	10:30 am
Lunch	12:00 pm
Afternoon Worship	1:30 pm

THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt-brettgerhardt15@gmail.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Feb 26: David & Gina Crouchet

Mar 5: Taylor & Ty McClellen

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Feb 26: Bryce Mayfield & Mark Speir

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 2.15.2026

BIBLE CLASS: 198
AM ASSEMBLY: 253
PM ASSEMBLY: 175
WEDNESDAY: 197
CONTRIBUTION: \$17,006

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ELDERS:

Brett Gerhardt

David Hopkins

Keith Siebert

Mark Speir

PREACHER:

Ross Haffner

ASSOCIATE PREACHER:

Bryce Mayfield



Trent Kennedy, Director
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3 THINGS BEING A FALSE WITNESS CAN ACCOMPLISH

Ross Haffner

“The ends justify the means” and “A little white lie never hurt anyone”—these two cliches miss the obvious and contradict Almighty God. Proverbs 6:16-19 reveals seven things that the Lord hates. These abominations do not belong in the realm of moral ambiguity, yet man will run to defend them to some degree or another. James warns us about the tongue’s great potential to destroy, and John was told that “all liars” will have their part in the lake of fire, so we should not be surprised to find lying mentioned twice among the seven abominations God hates (Jas. 3:5-8; Rev. 1:8).

The difference between “a lying tongue” and “a false witness who speaks lies” in Proverbs 6 allows for a more specific and pointed application of the unchanging truth about lying. Lying is a weapon of destruction. By claiming to provide the truth, a false witness uses that weapon to its most terrible potential.

A false witness can condemn an innocent man on trial. Our Lord was slandered by false witnesses on the night of His betrayal. Certainly, a Christian should never have any interest in

testifying falsely in court. But the application of the Bible’s stance on false witnessing extends beyond the courtroom.

A false witness can destroy a man’s reputation in the court of public opinion. The words of the Christian are to spread grace, not malice (Eph. 4:29). While we carefully examine our own words let us also recall that if God hates the sin of being a false witness then we should avoid those who would bend our ears to gossip (Rom. 16:17; 2 Thess. 3:6-14).

A false witness can erase the potential yield of truth. Telling a lie attacks from both angles against the power of truth by spreading falsehoods and by replacing truth with error. Truth is the basis for unity (Eph. 4:3-6). Once a lie removes that, all that remains is discord. Speaking truth can restore the fallen, call sinners to Jesus, protect the innocent, edify the weak, and encourage the faithful. Lies cannot help anyone; instead, they actively dissuade those in need of truth from searching for it.

The reasons we lie are many, but ultimately each one comes down to control: I will either seek my own way or trust in the words of my Creator.

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

February 22, 2026

“For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

Habakkuk 2:14

WORSHIP

MORNING

EVENING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keith Siebert

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PRAYER

Keith Siebert

SONG DIRECTOR

Alan Putnam

Charlie Cauley

PRAYER

David Hopkins

Russell Haffner

SCRIPTURE

Matthew Gibson

POWERPOINT

Seth Gibson

Seth Gibson

SERMON

**FOLLOWING GOD’S WAYS:
AN OVERVIEW OF JOEL**

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

SCRIPTURE

JOEL 1:2-3

Ross Haffner

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LORD’S SUPPER

Ed Grumbles

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Randle Harris

David Crouchet

Branden Shelton

Jonathan Smith

Jack Tisdale

David Crouchet

Tom Genduso

David Nuckels

Jimmy Xie

Mike Parks

CLOSING PRAYER

Gerald Smith

Josh Pesina

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

11:00 AM

ARISE! Workday

WEDNESDAY:

7:00 PM

Bible Class & Devotional

Songs: **Matthew Brooks**

Devotional: **Blake Norman**

Prayer: **Brett Gerhardt**

PowerPoint: **Carson Siebert**

THURSDAY:

6:30 PM

ARISE! Spiritual Growth Workshop Begins

FRI-SAT:

8:30 AM

ARISE! Spiritual Growth Workshop (All Day)

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY:

- ARISE! Workday (24th)
- ARISE! Spiritual Growth Workshop (26th-1st)

MARCH:

- ARISE! 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (1st)
- Lads to Leaders Mini-Convention
- Congregational Game Night (20th)
- CONNECT Young Professionals & College Devo (26th)
- SWSBS Finals’ Week (30th-2nd)