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MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Kevin Ross (1), David Hatchitt (2)
Regan Moore (4), Kensley Pesina (4)
Sammie Grumbles (6)



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER
David Hopkins-d.hopkins@live.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Mar 5: Taylor & Ty McClellen
Mar 12: David & Elaine Hopkins

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Mar 5: Josh Pesina & Bill Siebert

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 2.22.2026

BIBLE CLASS: 198
AM ASSEMBLY: 238
PM ASSEMBLY: 165
WEDNESDAY: 197
CONTRIBUTION: \$12,607

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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: INFLUENCE (PROVERBS 27:17)

Bryce Mayfield

Your environment matters. Who you spend your time with can significantly impact the direction of your life. Consider a smoker, for example. According to the American Cancer Society, two of the most common reasons individuals begin smoking are because their parents or their peers smoke. The desire to fit in with friends or to imitate someone admired influences desire, and desire influences behavior. The point is simple: your environment can impact your behavior. This does not mean our environment excuses sin or removes personal responsibility. We always retain the ability to choose what is right. However, our surroundings can make righteous choices either more difficult or more attainable. For that reason, Scripture encourages us to place ourselves in environments that promote holiness and to surround ourselves with people who stir us up to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24-25).

This principle is beautifully captured in Proverbs 27:17: "Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

A blade that is used regularly will eventually grow dull. The duller it becomes, the less effective it is. At some point, it must either be sharpened

or set aside. The same is true for us. If we desire to fulfill our God-given purpose and remain useful in His service, we must be continually sharpened and refined. Without that sharpening, we risk becoming spiritually dull and ineffective. According to this proverb, part of our sharpening depends on who we allow into our lives. The people around us will either refine us or not. They will either challenge us toward growth or quietly influence us toward complacency or worldliness.

With that in mind, consider a few questions for application:

- Do you have a Paul (Mentor), a Timothy (Someone to Mentor), and a Barnabas (Encourager) in your life? This is a great way to be sharpened and sharpen others.
- How do you handle criticism and/or rebuke? Through prideful defense or humble examination?
- If you became like your three closest friends, would you become a better person? We tend to become like those we are around. There can be wisdom in seeking new friends or strengthening the relationships we already have.

Our environment matters. Choose it wisely.

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March 1, 2026

“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Romans 6:4

WORSHIP MORNING AFTERNOON

ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jamie Harris	Jamie Harris
PRAYER	Jamie Harris	
SONG DIRECTOR	Ross Haffner	Charlie Cauley
PRAYER	Keith Siebert	Tyberius Tooley
SCRIPTURE	Troy Kennedy	
POWERPOINT	Isaac Jobes	Isaac Jobes
SERMON	WALKING IN NEWNESS OF LIFE	WALKING TOWARD ETERNITY
SCRIPTURE	ROMANS 6:4	
	Wade Webster	Wade Webster
LORD'S SUPPER	Blake Norman Jacob Kimbrough Russell Haffner Logan Cessac Randy Jennings Bryce Mayfield Rico Sanchez Robert Wright Carson Siebert Jerry Hopkins	Blake Norman Bryce Mayfield
CLOSING PRAYER	Matthew Gibson	Tom Gendusio

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

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
	12:00 PM	ARISE! 1 st Sunday Fellowship Meal
	1:30 PM	Afternoon Worship
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Men's & Ladies' Bible Classes
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional
		Songs: Logan Cessac
		Devotional: Kevin Ross
		Prayer: Jack Kimbrough
		PowerPoint: Isaac Jobes

UPCOMING EVENTS

- MARCH:**
- ARISE! 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (1st)
 - 3rd Sunday Youth Day & Lads 2 Leaders Mini-Convention (15th)
 - Congregational Game Night (20th)
 - CONNECT Young Professionals & College Devo (26th)
 - SWSBS Finals' Week (30th-2nd)
- APRIL:**
- SWSBS Finals' Week (30th-2nd)
 - Lads 2 Leaders Convention (3rd-5th) Dallas
 - 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (5th)
 - SWSBS Break Week (6th-10th)
 - SWSBS 4th Quarter Begins (13th)