

SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Danielle Lloyd (16), Patricia Sanchez (17),
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Rebecca Burris (20)



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

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Mar 19: Branyon & Alana May
Mar 26: Jamie & Lauren Harris

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Mar 19: Curtis Jones & Alan Putnam

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
3.08.2026

BIBLE CLASS: 185
AM ASSEMBLY: 255
PM ASSEMBLY: 170
WEDNESDAY: 201
CONTRIBUTION: \$13,120

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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: THE FOOLISH DOG (PROVERBS 26:1)

Bryce Mayfield

Poetry often presents itself as a picture. These pictures help us not only to think logically about truth, but to “see”, “feel”, “smell”, or even “taste” it. Some pictures are more pleasant than others, and the one given in Proverbs 26:11 is, well,... disgusting. Proverbs 26:11 says, *“Like a dog that returns to its vomit is a fool who repeats his folly”* (NASB 95). Let us consider this simile for a moment.

Do you have a dog? I want you to take a moment and think about your pet. If you do not have a dog, just thinking about any dog will do. As much as we like to call them “man’s best friend”, they can be gross sometimes. Growing up, I had a dog named “Pepper.” Pepper was a great dog (most of the time) except when she ate too much or something that did not sit well in her stomach. In those moments, she would puke up her last meal. I am not going to elaborate on how nasty vomit is. I could just mention words like “color” and “odor” and then trust that you get this picture (If you are like me, you might contribute to that pile of vomit if you saw it). It

was in those moments that I would (reluctantly) go to get cleaning supplies to clean up the mess. One time, I came back with everything needed to handle such a problem, only to see Pepper slurping up the very food she had just vomited... There are not many images more repulsive or sickening than what I witnessed (Perhaps your dog has done the same).

What does the Proverbs writer compare such a scene to? *“A fool who repeats his folly”* (Proverbs 26:11). Peter would use the same image to describe false teachers who came to a knowledge of Jesus Christ and then returned to the world (2 Peter 2:20-22). Brethren, just as we are appalled at a dog eating its own vomit, should we not be sickened if we return to our old life patterned by foolishness? Should we not address the putridness of false teaching? Should we not do everything in our power to pull people away from their own vomit? I know that this is a disgusting image, but God wants us to know how foolish and gross it is to turn away from Him. May we never find ourselves comparable to a dog returning to their vomit.

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March 15, 2026

“Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.”

Romans 11:22

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jamie Harris	Jamie Harris
PRAYER	Jamie Harris	
SONG DIRECTOR	Charlie Cauley	Steven Petrosky
PRAYER	Winston Kinser	Branden Shelton
SCRIPTURE	Jonathan Smith	
POWERPOINT	Tim Gibson	Tim Gibson
SERMON	PRAYING LIKE JESUS	THE GOODNESS AND SEVERITY OF GOD
SCRIPTURE	LUKE 11:1-4	ROMANS 11:22
	Ross Haffner	Bryce Mayfield
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	David Nuckels	Bill Siebert

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
 6:00 PM Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY: **7:00 PM** Bible Class & Devotional
 Songs: **Logan Cessac**
 Devotional: **Samuel Dill**
 Prayer: **Tom Genduso**
 PowerPoint: **Tim Gibson**

FRIDAY: **6:30 PM** Congregational Game Night/Farewell Get-Together

UPCOMING EVENTS

- MARCH:**
- 3rd Sunday Youth Day & Lads 2 Leaders Mini-Convention (15th)
 - Congregational Game Night/Farewell Get-Together (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)