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THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER
Keith Siebert-keith@5sserviceco.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Apr 09: Russell & Leslie Speir
Apr 16: Brett & Gretchen Gerhardt

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Apr 16: Rafael Rodriguez & Adrian Coward

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 3.29.2026

BIBLE CLASS: 179
AM ASSEMBLY: 231
PM ASSEMBLY: 160
WEDNESDAY: 173
CONTRIBUTION: \$18,655

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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



CULTURE AND THE AUTHORITY OF GOD, PART 1

Ross Haffner

When I graduated from high school I had no doubt about what was considered popular. As a teenager I was “plugged in” to what pop culture had determined as the standard for what was acceptable dress, entertainment, communication, and behavior. As a naive adolescent I was shocked with how quickly new fads replaced my generation’s code of cool. As each year passed my favorites became old favorites.

Undeniably we live in a world where culture is always changing and it’s changing faster than ever. With more frequent changes come more opportunities for us to question whether the church should change its methods in working for the Lord. How does our ever-changing culture affect the authority of the word of God?

Culture Does Not Change the Word of God

The word of God does not change and meets the needs of every culture. The entirety of the revelation of scripture is a timeless work of art, perfectly and powerfully crafted to meet every need of the disciple of Christ in any and every era. Consider what Peter has to say about Christian living in 2 Peter 1. In this great chapter Christian qualities

are listed and the summarized message is that everyone can live holy and acceptable lives because God has spoken to us and delivered a standard that is not up to “any private interpretation” (2 Pet. 1:5-8, 20). He teaches that we have been given “all things that pertain to life and godliness” (2 Pet. 1:3). Peter taught that the word of God lives and abides forever in his first letter (1 Pet. 1:23). God’s standard, the faith, was once and for all delivered to the saints (Jude 1:3) and Jesus said that His words would never pass away (Matt. 24:35).

Because such a permanent and perfect standard has been left, Christians must remain steadfast upon its principles. The church is described as the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15). Pillars are firm, unmoving, and steadfast. Neither congregations, nor individual Christians, should be swayed by changing doctrines because they can remain firm in the flawless standard of the word of God (Eph. 4:14). We are to be “rooted and built up” in Christ, meaning in His death, His doctrine, His faith, His resurrection, and His conduct (Colossians 2:7).

Although culture does not change the authority of the word of God we will see in part two that culture does matter.

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April 5, 2026

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”

1 Peter 1:23

WORSHIP MORNING AFTERNOON

Table with 3 columns: WORSHIP, MORNING, AFTERNOON. Rows include ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYER, SONG DIRECTOR, SERMON, SCRIPTURE, LORD'S SUPPER, and CLOSING PRAYER.

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

Table with 2 columns: DAY, ACTIVITY. Rows include SUNDAY (9:30 AM Bible Class, 10:30 AM Morning Worship, 12:00 PM 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal, 1:00 PM Afternoon Worship), WEDNESDAY (7:00 PM Bible Class & Devotional), SATURDAY (Congregational Picnic & Egg Hunt).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- APRIL: 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (TODAY), SWSBS Break Week (6th-10th), Congregational Picnic & Egg Hunt (11th), SWSBS 4th Quarter Begins (13th), Congregational Game Night (17th), Lads to Leaders Service Project (18th), CONNECT Devo (24th @ Connor & Bonni Westbrook), Mayfield Baby Shower (26th)