

# SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Branna May (12), Carolyn Coward (14)

Kayla Jenkins (15), David Nuckels(18)

GAME  
NIGHT

Fun for all ages



**FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH @ 6:30PM**

## THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Keith Siebert-keith@5sserviceco.com

## VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Apr 16: Brett & Gretchen Gerhardt

Apr 23: Katie & Josh Pesina

## WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Apr 16: Rafael Rodriguez & Adrian Coward

Apr 30: Winston Kinser & David Nuckels

## 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  
4.05.2026

BIBLE CLASS: 142  
AM ASSEMBLY: 177  
PM ASSEMBLY: 170  
WEDNESDAY: 165  
CONTRIBUTION: \$12,372

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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



## OUT WITH DOUBT (JAMES 1:6)

### Bryce Mayfield

There are few things more unpredictable and unstable than the ocean. In just minutes, it can change drastically. An earthquake may trigger a tsunami, storms can stir violent waves, and the tides shift daily because of the moon. The sea is restless because so many external forces affect it. This is the picture James is painting in James 1:6. When speaking about prayer, he writes, *“But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind”* (NASB 95). Doubt leads to instability in our lives, including, but not limited to, our prayer lives. Therefore, we must rid ourselves of it. How do we throw out doubt? James shows us that overcoming it begins with two key changes.

### Faith

To remove doubt, we must fill our hearts and minds with something greater: faith. Notice in James 1:6 that when we ask God for wisdom, it must be done *“in faith.”* According to the Hebrew writer (Hebrews 11:1), faith is assurance and conviction. It is not a “we hope God will...” mindset, but a confident “we know God will...” attitude. According to Paul, this assurance is formed by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). When our lives feel unsettled, one of the first questions we should ask is, “How much

time are we spending in the Word of God?” Studying Scripture roots us in truth and guards our minds against doubt.

### Focus

To remove doubt, we must also direct our minds toward what matters most. When describing the doubting man, James calls him “double-minded” (James 1:8). This describes someone whose attention and priorities are divided. Jesus taught that we cannot serve two masters (Matthew 6:24). Our purpose cannot be both to glorify God and to pursue earthly gain as our ultimate aim. Trying to do so pulls us in opposing directions and creates spiritual instability. When life feels unsettled, it may be because our focus is divided. We must choose whom we will serve.

The sea is restless, but God does not change (Malachi 3:6). This reminds us of the parable of the house built on the rock versus the sand (Matthew 7:24ff). If we fail to place our faith in God and keep our focus on Him, our lives will collapse under pressure, like a house built on sand. But when we anchor our faith in Him and center our lives on His will, we build on a firm foundation. Like the ocean, we will face storms in life. The question is not whether they will come, but how we will respond when they do. Will we stand firm in faith, or will we be tossed about by doubt?

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April 12, 2026

*“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”*

**John 5:24**

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	David Crouchet	David Crouchet
<b>PRAYER</b>	David Crouchet	
<b>SONG DIRECTOR</b>	Isaac Harris	Jeremy Cessac
<b>PRAYER</b>	Bryce Mayfield	Keith Siebert
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	Logan Cessac	
<b>POWERPOINT</b>	Carson Siebert	Carson Siebert
<b>SERMON</b>	<b>SHADOWS OF THE KINGDOM: HOW TO STOP A FIGHT</b>	
	<b>GOD’S PLAN FORESHADOWED</b>	
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	<b>HEBREWS 10:1-4</b>	
	Ross Haffner	Ross Haffner
<b>LORD’S SUPPER</b>	Blake Norman	Blake Norman
	Jacob Kimbrough	Bryce Mayfield
	Russell Haffner	
	Logan Cessac	
	Randy Jennings	
	Bryce Mayfield	
	Rico Sanchez	
	Robert Wright	
	Carson Siebert	
	Jerry Hopkins	
<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	Jacob Kimbrough	Carson 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

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Bible Class
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Evening Worship
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Men’s & Ladies’ Bible Class
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Bible Class & Devotional
		Songs: <b>Tim Gibson</b>
		Devotional: <b>Jimmy Xie</b>
		Prayer: <b>Harrell Moffett</b>
		PowerPoint: <b>Carson Siebert</b>
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	Congregational Game Night
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Lads to Leaders Service Project

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- APRIL:**
- SWSBS 4th Quarter Begins (13<sup>th</sup>)
  - Congregational Game Night (17<sup>th</sup>)
  - Lads to Leaders Service Project (18<sup>th</sup>)
  - CONNECT Devo (24<sup>th</sup> @ Erin & Jeremy Cessac’s)
  - Mayfield Baby Shower (26<sup>th</sup>)