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APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Dennis Buck (20), Russell Speir (23)

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THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Keith Siebert-keith@5sserviceco.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Apr 23: Katie & Josh Pesina

Apr 30: Trent & Lisa Kennedy

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

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 4.12.2026

BIBLE CLASS: 197
AM ASSEMBLY: 230
PM ASSEMBLY: 146
WEDNESDAY: 176
CONTRIBUTION: \$13,607

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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



CULTURE AND THE AUTHORITY OF GOD, PART 2

Ross Haffner

In part 1 we saw that culture cannot change the word of God. Instead, it meets the needs of every culture. God's word lives and abides forever (1 Pet. 1:23). Culture is always changing, but God's word remains the same. Even though the current culture cannot override God's standard, it does have an impact on how we obey God's law.

Culture does impact the way a Christian applies God's word. A good example of this is found in the first letter to the Corinthians where Paul instructed the women to have their heads covered (1 Cor. 11:6). In examining the text we should wonder why Paul would say it was a shame for a woman to have her head uncovered. Study of the historical context will reveal that Paul was addressing an issue that existed because of the pagan culture in Corinth. The temple prostitutes of the goddess Aphrodite would present themselves without veils openly in the city. Paul was not teaching that it is inherently sinful to go without a veil, but that it was sinful for the Corinthian women because the principles of God's will dictated it in their current situation.

Today the way we dress can still symbolically indicate the way we behave or things we believe. Recent social causes have been promoted simply by wearing clothes with slogans written on them. Whenever you see someone dressed that way, you know something about where they stand on an issue. Similarly, when someone wears clothing with offensive language or clothing that is immodest you can draw some reasonable conclusions about their

behavior regarding their speech or modesty.

The principle of 1 Corinthians 11:6 still applies today. Any clothing that would associate Christians with sinful activity would itself be sinful. The specifics of this binding principle can change. Women in America who dress without a veil in our day are not seen as lascivious in any way. If such were the case, the specifics of 1 Corinthians 11:6 would still be binding. However, do not make the mistake of believing that the culture can loose what the word of God has bound. In part of the Bible's definition of modesty braided hair is mentioned (1 Tim. 2:9). Why would the hair style matter if the head was to be covered? God's law had to be applied differently based on two different cultures addressed in those two passages. Those who believe the Bible's stance on homosexuality are routinely called "old-fashioned" today. The modern culture's acceptance of homosexuality does not change the sinful nature of that act in God's eyes as revealed in His word. The Bible clearly delineates sinful behavior from righteous behavior, and the honest discernor can rightly divide the truth on these issues (2 Tim. 2:15).

Even though the word of God never changes we must change the way we make application because of changes in the culture. I should never change in my fervent obedience of the command to "go into all the world" (Mark 16:15). However instead of boats, donkeys, and sandals, I should change to use more expedient methods of transportation than my first century brethren used. I can change the application of the command that is revealed in the Bible, never the command itself.

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April 19, 2026

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

I Peter 5:8

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	David Crouchet	David Crouchet
PRAYER	David Crouchet	
SONG DIRECTOR	Charlie Cauley	Logan Cessac
PRAYER	Branyon May	Jamie Harris
SCRIPTURE	David Hopkins	
POWERPOINT	Tim Gibson	Tim Gibson
SERMON	SHADOWS OF THE KINGDOM: THERE IS ONE GOSPEL	
	ENTERING THE TABERNACLE	
SCRIPTURE	EXODUS 30:17-21	
	Ross Haffner	Bryce Mayfield
LORD'S SUPPER	Gary Goodpaster	Gary Goodpaster
	Michael Baker	Ty McClellen
	Jerrold Johnson	
	Blake Norman	
	Jimmy Xie	
	Ty McClellen	
	Bill Garnett	
	Seth Gibson	
	Jordan Franklin	
	Troy Kennedy	
CLOSING PRAYER	Bryce Mayfield	Jacob Kimbrough

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

TUESDAY: 10:00 AM Men's & Ladies' Bible Class
12:00 PM Monthly Luncheon

WEDNESDAY: 7:00 PM Bible Class & Devotional
Songs: **Seth Gibson**
Devotional: **Tom Genduso**
Prayer: **Matthew Gibson**
PowerPoint: **Tim Gibson**

FRIDAY: 7:00 PM CONNECT Young Professionals & College Devo

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL:

- Tuesday Luncheon (21st)
- CONNECT Young Professionals & College Devo(24th @ Cessac's)
- Mayfield Baby Shower (26th)

MAY:

- 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (3rd)
- Final Tuesday Morning Men's & Ladies Bible Classes (12th)
- Prom Alternative (15th)