

SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Logan Summers (28)



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER
Mark Speir-mark.speir@gmail.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE
Dec 31: Jo Wallace & Cindy Herzog
Jan 07: Tessie Soto & Tyler Latimor

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE
Jan: Volunteers As Needed

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 12.20.2020

BIBLE CLASS: 71
AM ASSEMBLY: 111
PM ASSEMBLY: 80
WEDNESDAY: 85
CONTRIBUTION: \$9,137

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ELDERS:
Brett Gerhardt
Bill Siebert
Mark Speir

PREACHER:
Cody Westbrook



Steven Lloyd, Director
Clay Bond, Assoc. Director



INVESTING IN THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

Cody Westbrook

On his first post-conversion visit to Jerusalem, the apostle Paul sought to “join the disciples” (Acts 9:26). To “join” in this passage implies an intimate association. Paul’s desire to be intimately cemented to the brethren in Jerusalem serves as an important principle for us regarding the local congregation. God never intended for Christians to exist all by themselves on an island. Rather His design is for Christians to come together as “not one member, but many” (1 Cor. 12:14) in local, autonomous congregations to strengthen one another and work together in the kingdom of God locally. This involves three things.

First, there is desire. In the early 2000s a movement away from “organized religion” took off and people began referring to themselves as “spiritual but not religious.” The New Testament does not condone that mentality. Rather, scripture reveals repeatedly that the first century church had a desire to be together (Acts 2:42; 44; 46; 4:23-24; 31-31; etc.). Each of us must have the same desire to be intimately connected with the body of Christ

in our locale.

Second, there is an obligation. Every Christian has an obligation to the local congregation to be interested and invested in its work (Eph. 4:16; 1 Cor. 12). This begins by placing oneself under the oversight of an eldership (Phil. 1:1; Heb. 13:7,17) then worshipping (Acts 20:7), serving (2 Cor. 8:1-11) and working together (Acts 5-6) with the Saints.

Third, there are benefits. When we invest ourselves in a congregation, we are able to grow spiritually together, encourage one another, and glorify God together (Eph. 3:21; 4:19-22; 2 Pet. 2:1ff). It allows needs to be met (Acts 4), fellowship to be extended, and a host of other blessings.

Christians cannot be content with sneaking in the back door of the church building just before worship begins and leaving during the closing song. To glorify God and to be the Christian God would have us to be demands my personal investment in the local congregation.

Podcast – The Word of Life | online at swcofc.org/word-of-life

December 27, 2020

*“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord
Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.”*

- Isaiah 12:2

WORSHIP

MORNING

EVENING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brett Gerhardt

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PRAYER

Brett Gerhardt

SONG DIRECTOR

Alan Putnam

Steven Petrosky

PRAYER

Mark Speir

Matt Gibson

SCRIPTURE

Bill Garnett

SERMON

**PROCLAIMING GOD TO
A LOST WORLD
ACTS 17:22-23**

Cody Westbrook

**THE HIDDEN MAN
OF THE HEART**

Cody Westbrook

LORD'S SUPPER

Aaron Anderson
David Crouchet
Daniel Hall

Aaron Anderson

Jamie Harris

Jamie Harris

Adan Hernandez

Alternates:

Jerry Hopkins

Rafael Rodriguez

CLOSING PRAYER

Adrian Coward

Jesse Moser

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

Ola Brown, Edith Farris, Rosemary Garrett,
Jeannette Hansen, Rosemary James, Charlene Johnson,
Caroline & Jon Little, Nell McCown, Ginny Oswald,
Angela Young

A complete prayer list is available on the credenza, our website, and on the Lightpost app.
Please contact the church office to make requests

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: **Mark Speir**

Devotional: **Cody Westbrook**

Prayer: **Keith Siebert**

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER:

- SWSBS & Staff Winter Break (21st-3rd)
- Congregational Singing (30th)

JANUARY:

- SWSBS Classes Resume (4th)
- SWSBS Finals' Week (18th-21st)
- SWSBS Break Week (25th-29th)