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RECORD FOR 09.06.2020

BIBLE CLASS: 85
AM ASSEMBLY: 147
PM ASSEMBLY: 111
WEDNESDAY: 128
CONTRIBUTION: $8,923

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Aiden Ortega (14), Gayle Richter (15)
Tara Griffith (15), Jessica Brymer (17)
Clarissa Armendariz (17), Candice Smith (17)
Renea Fritsch (19)



Baby Shower

Saturday, September 26th
In Honor of
Lindsay Petrosky
See Poster for details

THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Mark Speir - mark.speir@gmail.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Sept 17 : Austin & Charlie Cauley & Chris Willcut
Sept 24 : Adrian & Carolyn Coward

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Sept 17 : Ken Pate & Gene Shamburger

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

ELDERS:
Brett Gerhardt
Bill Siebert
Mark Speir

PREACHER:
Cody Westbrook

Steven Lloyd, Director
Clay Bond, Assoc. Director



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A Mutual Confidence

Cody Westbrook

Though he is only mentioned in two passages of scripture, much can be learned from the bad example of Diotrephes. John describes him as one "who loves to have the preeminence" (3 John 9). He spoke wickedly and maliciously, he would not receive faithful brethren, nor would he allow others to do so (3 John 10). He was, by all accounts and purposes, a church tyrant. He was arrogant, abusive, and wicked. His example should cause us to think twice about our own motives and actions. Though he died long ago, his disposition can still live in the church today. If Diotrephes were here today how could he be identified?

If he were a preacher he would talk about himself often. He would emphasize his favorite works and accomplishments exclusively. He would seek out his favorite elders and members and try to get them on his side. He would never be wrong. His image would be the most important thing to him and he would do anything to protect it. He would lobby to get his way, and he would not hesitate to gossip and slander anyone whom he perceived as a threat.

If he were an elder he would view himself as the "chief shepherd" instead of Christ. He would never listen to the members of the congregation or even his fellow elders. If something needed to be done, then it would have to be done his way. His opinion would always be right, and if you crossed him, he would be quick to tell you about it. He would have no desire to actually fulfill the office of an elder. His only desire would be the recognition that comes with the title.

If he were a deacon he would have his sights set on being an elder. He would never do the work assigned to him without making a show of it. He would want everyone to know just how "hard" he works, and without him the congregation could not possibly function.

If he were any member of the Lord's church he would not really care about the church at all. He would only care about himself and what he wants. He would divide the congregation and create a clique of only his biggest fans. He would brag about how much money he puts in the plate and how much he has done for the congregation. As far as he is concerned, nobody is more important than him.

Sadly, scripture does not provide us with information about Diotrephes' repentance. But, perhaps his spiritual offspring can write a better ending to their own story. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up" (Jas. 4:10).

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September 13, 2020

" Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

- Romans 6:4

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dan Cook	Dan Cook
PRAYER	Dan Cook	
SONG DIRECTOR	Branyon May	Chris Willcut
PRAYER	Keith Siebert	Adrian Coward
SCRIPTURE	Patrick Gooch	
SERMON	**Scriptural Baptism** **Rom. 6:1-4**	**More Glory than Moses!**
LORD'S SUPPER	Cody Westbrook Bill Siebert Wendell Evans Tyler Latimor	Cody Westbrook Bill Siebert Brett Gerhardt
	Brett Gerhardt Carson Siebert	
	Alternates: Phil Savage Josh Pesina	
CLOSING PRAYER	Jerry Hopkins	Caleb Nash

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
MONDAY:	6:30 PM	*CWS* Chapel & Class
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Classes
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional Songs: **Jesse Moser** Devotional: **Steven Lloyd** Prayer: **Alex Hernandez**

UPCOMING EVENTS

September:

- *SWSBS* Fruitvale Lectures (18th-20th)
- Lucile Johnson Memorial Service (19th)
- Baby Shower for Lindsay Petrosky (26th)

October:

- Young Ladies' Day (3rd)
- *SWSBS* Finals' Week (19th-21st)
- *SWSBS* Break Week (22nd-28th)
- *SWSBS Special Studies Seminar* (29th-30th)