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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Ola Brown (6), Charlotte Breen (9)

Wyatt Harris (9) Debra Johnson (9),

Sandra Jennings (10),



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Bill Siebert-billsiebert@att.net

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Nov 10 Tessie Soto & Tyler Latimor

Nov 17 Robert & Heather Wood

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Nov: 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 10.30.2022

BIBLE CLASS: 136
AM ASSEMBLY: 207
PM ASSEMBLY: 140
WEDNESDAY: 152
CONTRIBUTION: \$9,301

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ELDERS:

Brett Gerhardt

Bill Siebert

Mark Speir

PREACHER:

Cody Westbrook

ASSOC. PREACHER:

John Garza



Steven Lloyd, Director

Trent Kennedy, Assoc. Director



DON'T PREACH POLITICS!

Cody Westbrook

“The Pulpit is no place for politics!” is a refrain we hear often, and it is true. The church of Christ is a soul saving institution and our purpose is to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). Thus preachers are commanded to “Preach the Word!” (2 Tim. 4:1-2). Preaching is the act of heralding a message from the King. As such we are obligated to preach the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27), to point people to the cross (1 Cor. 1:23), and to speak God’s words, not our own (1 Pet. 4:11). We have no business endorsing political candidates or news networks or giving our opinions on foreign or domestic policy from the pulpit.

It would seem that most church members generally recognize and agree with these principles, and if a gospel preacher violated them, he would be well deserving of a thorough rebuke. However, we must be careful not to tread too far. Our society has made everything political, but the reality is that while some issues are intrinsically political, not every issue is. Politicians speak at length on abortion, homosexuality, transgenderism, and socialism, but God does too. These issues are

fundamentally moral issues that politicians have hi-jacked. Gospel preachers have an obligation to speak about these things, not because of what their preferred party platform says about them but because of what God says about them. I know of preachers who have preached about these issues in the past and been rebuked for “preaching politics.” The truth is that someone listening, listened well, and knew that their preferred political party stood in contrast to God’s will on the matter, and instead of allowing their own thinking to be challenged they chose to rebuke the preacher for being “political.”

Our role as preachers is to proclaim the will of God. We must not leave the impression of promoting candidates, parties, or their agendas. In truth, our preaching should encourage people not to think in terms of politics but in terms of the Gospel (cf. 1 Tim. 2:1-2). A Christian’s concern should be “what does God say about this issue” and “how can I use my influence for the good of the gospel on this matter” (cf. Phil. 1:27). We must not preach politics, but we must also remember that just because a politician declares a moral issue to be political, does not make it so.

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

October 30, 2022

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.”

- PSALM 23:1-2

WORSHIP MORNING AFTERNOON

ANNOUNCEMENTS	Adrian Coward	Adrian Coward
PRAYER	Adrian Coward	
SONG DIRECTOR	Austin Cauley	Steven Petrosky
PRAYER	John Garza	BK York
SCRIPTURE	Tyler Latimor	
POWERPOINT	Seth Gibson	Seth Gibson
SERMON	THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE JOHN 20:30-31	THE CHILDREN OF THE CAPTIVITY KEPT THE PASSOVER EZRA 6:19-22
	Cody Westbrook	Trent Kennedy
LORD'S SUPPER	Robert Wood Jonathan Tabora Charles Cauley Bijay Guzman Branyon May Brett Gerhardt Bill Garnett Jordan Franklin Steven Petrosky Jerry Hopkins	Robert Wood Brett Gerhardt
CLOSING PRAYER	Alex Simmons	Randy Jennings

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

Ola Brown, Maria Del Donno, Edith Farris,
Rosemary Garrett, Victor Gonzalez, Tom Hanks
Jean Jackson, Nell McCown, Clarence Whetstone

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
	12:00 PM	1 st Sunday Fellowship Meal
	1:00 PM	Afternoon Worship
MONDAY:	6:30 PM	CWS Chapel & Bible Class
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Classes
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional Songs: Charlie Cauley Devotional: Curtis Scherffius Prayer: Chris Willcut PowerPoint: Seth Gibson
THURSDAY:	7:00 PM	Personal Evangelism Training Class

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| NOVEMBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal TODAY• Thursday Evening Personal Evangelism Training Class (10th & 17th)• SWSBS Thanksgiving Holiday Break (23rd-26th) |
| DECEMBER | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ladies' Cookie & Ornament Exchange (2nd)• 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (4th)• Santa's Day Out (10th) |