

# SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## FEBRUARY/MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

*Josh Pesina (26), Cindy Herzog (29)*

*David Hatchitt (2)*



## THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

David Hopkins-d.hopkins@live.com

## VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Feb 29: Shelby Polk & Lauralee Simmons

Mar 07: Clara Arias & Family

## WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Mar 7: Josh Pesina & Bill Siebert

Mar 21: Curtis Jones & Alan Putnam

## 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 2.18.2024

BIBLE CLASS: 178  
AM ASSEMBLY: 200  
PM ASSEMBLY: 176  
WEDNESDAY: 176  
CONTRIBUTION: \$10,465

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## ELDERS:

Brett Gerhardt

David Hopkins

Mark Speir

## PREACHER:

Cody Westbrook

## ASSOC. PREACHER:

John Garza



Trent Kennedy, Director  
Steven Lloyd, Assoc. Director



## THE POOR IN SPIRIT

John Garza

In Habakkuk 2:4, the prophet declared, “Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.” Although this is the first time the principle is stated in these words, it is not new. It is as old as God’s dealing with man. The righteous have always and always will live by faith (Gal. 2:20). Therefore, it is important for us to understand faith, and how to develop a faith approach to living. The Beatitudes can help us because they give us basic information about the person who lives a life of faith. Let’s consider the first, the poor in spirit (Matt. 5:3).

To be “poor in spirit” does not mean poor in the sense of material goods or a lack of self-esteem. The more accurate definition of “poor in spirit” is “an emptying out of a man, all the worldly, self-promotional attitudes and ideas.” It is the attitude of the individual who has learned that there is nothing to lean upon except God (James 4:10). Not our abilities, our intellect, or our accomplishments. Not our education, our wealth, nor our prestige.... etc. Although God may choose to use all or none of our gifts, the person who is “poor in spirit” only sees God, not himself.

By inspiration of God, the prophet Isaiah gives us two statements that explains how important this quality is to Him. In Isaiah 66:1-2, we learn that God’s new dwelling, the church, is made up of people who are of “a poor and contrite spirit and trembles at His word.” In Isaiah 57:15, we learn that God abides with those who are of “a contrite and humble [poor] spirit.” These are the individuals who bow before God and acknowledge their sinfulness and total dependance on the Lord.

Consider the problem of the opposite characteristic, the person who is “rich in spirit.” It is the person who sees only himself. This person needs no one because he has everything he needs to succeed in life. This is the man of pride and arrogance. The Scriptures teach that a haughty spirit will have a fall and be destroyed (Prov. 16:18; 29:23). In contrast, being “poor in spirit” equips us with certain abilities to honestly know ourselves. We don’t have to pretend who we are or are not. We can use anything we have or are capable of doing. Additionally, being “poor in spirit” equips us with the ability to know God. Since our focus is not on ourselves, we can honestly recognize the fact that we do not compare to Him.

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February 25, 2024

“ See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.”

- EPHESIANS 5:1-2

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Ty McClellen	Ty McClellen
PRAYER	Ty McClellen	
SONG DIRECTOR	Alan Putnam	Charlie Cauley
PRAYER	Keith Siebert	Jim Lloyd
SCRIPTURE	Mark Fritsch	
POWERPOINT	Ty Latimor	Ty Latimor
SERMON	<b>GOING TO WAR FOR YOUR BROTHER GENESIS 14:14-16</b>	<b>TRUTH AND LOVE</b>
	Cody Westbrook	Cody Westbrook
LORD'S SUPPER	David Hopkins Ed Grumbles Branyon May Michael Reed Seth Gibson  Randy Jennings Jerold Johnson Carson Siebert Winston Kinser David Crouchet	David Hopkins Randy Jennings
CLOSING PRAYER	Adolphus Wells	John Garza

## NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

Victor Gonzalez, Tom Hanks  
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  
   **6:00 PM**    Evening Worship
- TUESDAY:**    **10:00 AM**    ARISE! Workday
- WEDNESDAY:** **7:00 PM**    Bible Class & Devotional  
   Songs:        **Ty McClellen**  
   Devotional: **Jaston Richter**  
   Prayer:        **Tom Genduso**  
   PowerPoint: **Ty Latimor**
- THURSDAY:**    **6:30 PM**    ARISE! Congregational Singing
- FRI-SAT:**      **8:30 AM**    ARISE! Spiritual Growth Workshop

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- FEBRUARY:**
- ARISE! Workday (27<sup>th</sup>)
  - ARISE! Spiritual Growth Workshop (Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>- Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- MARCH:**
- New Bible Class Quarter Begins (3<sup>rd</sup>)
  - ARISE! 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal (3<sup>rd</sup>)
  - Congregational Basketball Game (3<sup>rd</sup>)
  - Girls' Night Out (21<sup>st</sup>)
  - Lads to Leaders Convention (28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>)