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JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Araceli Arias (26), Kara Siebert (27)
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THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER
David Hopkins-d.hopkins@live.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE
July 30: Mark & Karen Speir
Aug 6: Kylie L., Mandi M. & Sybil S.

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE
Aug 6: Bryce Mayfield & Mark Speir

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 7.19.2026

BIBLE CLASS: 183
AM ASSEMBLY: 228
PM ASSEMBLY: 167
WEDNESDAY: 152
CONTRIBUTION: \$11,201

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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



POSSESSED

Ross Haffner

Demon possession is a Bible topic long misunderstood. Skeptics deny it, believers are curious about it, and Hollywood is obsessed with it. The truth is the Bible says it happened (2 Tim. 3:16).

Those who choose to deny the Bible's claims that demon possession legitimately happened have several explanations for their skepticism. They might think that people were superstitious and easily fooled. Perhaps they attributed some unexplained illness to demons. To think this way you would necessarily have to call Jesus' deity into question. If He is God then He would have known the difference. According to the skeptics, because no one has seen a demon possessed person in modern times it must not have ever happened.

The truth is demons and demon possessions were real. Jesus indicated that He actually believed in demons (Matt. 17:21) and taught that demon possession is directly related to the power of Satan (Matt. 12:25-30). One cannot pick and choose words of Jesus to believe or ignore and be consistent. Based on my belief in the Bible and our Lord, I must believe also that demons existed in that time. But what are they really?

Some have suggested demons are the spirits of evil dead men, others the offspring of angels and

women. Some say they are fallen angels. The Bible indicates that the dead return to God (Eccles. 12:7; Luke 16:19-31) and reading Genesis 6:2-4 out of context and without proper research of Hebrew terms is the only way to conclude that angels have had children by women. We do not have enough information to answer every question we have, but some things we can know.

Why would God allow these demons to take control of a man or woman and cause them to harm themselves and others? Luke 11:20 teaches that this was allowed to show God's power during the time of miracles. When the Bible with its testimony of the power of the Godhead was complete, such miraculous signs were no longer necessary (1 Cor. 13:10). This would mean that demons cannot possess people today (despite what all the exorcism movies say).

Satan cannot control us, because God promised that we can overcome any temptation (1 Cor. 10:13). The Bible teaches that Satan influences us through the world which is where his power lies (Eph. 2:2; 2 Cor. 4:4). There is no need for the miraculous casting out of evil spirits today, but there is a need for casting out evil behaviors. Satan cannot control us but he can devour us (1 Pet. 5:8). Beware his evil influence and choose instead to live for Christ (Gal. 2:20)

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July 26, 2026

“Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;”

Romans 12:9-10

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Sam Hatchitt	Sam Hatchitt
PRAYER	Sam Hatchitt	
SONG DIRECTOR	Isaac Harris	Ty McClellen
PRAYER	Jack Tisdale	Russell Speir
SCRIPTURE	Isaac Jobes	
POWERPOINT	Michael Baker	Michael Baker
SERMON	LEARNING TO LOVE ROMANS 12:9-13	THE BURDEN OF NINEVEH
SCRIPTURE		
	Ross Haffner	Ross Haffner
LORD’S SUPPER	Steven Lloyd Gerald Smith David Crouchet Jonathan Smith Tom Genduso Bill Siebert Mike Parks Jacob Kimbrough Russell Haffner Logan Cessac	Steven Lloyd Bill Siebert
CLOSING PRAYER	Adrian Coward	David Crouchet

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

Rusty Altizer, Jacquelyn Fox , Tom Hanks,
Martha Smith, Mary Jo Stewart, Clarence Whetstone

CONGREGATIONAL WORKS: YOUTH PROGRAM

We have many opportunities for our youth throughout the year for study, fellowship, edification and benevolence.

- Host a devotional
- Fund activities
- Pray for our youth

COORDINATORS:
Bryce Mayfield
Mark Speir

ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

SUNDAY:	9:30 AM	Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	EveningWorship
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional
		Songs: Tim Gibson
		Devotional: Matthew Gibson
		Prayer: Troy Kennedy
		PowerPoint: Owen Harris

UPCOMING EVENTS

- AUGUST:• 1st Sunday Worship & SWSBS Welcome Luncheon (2nd)
• SWSBS Orientation & Classes Begin (3rd)
• SWSBS Servants’ Academy (6th-9th)
• Young Men’s Day (15th)
• Bro. Charles Cauley Memorial Service (22nd)
- SEPTEMBER:• 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (6th)
• Tuesday Morning Bible Classes Begin (15th)
• SWSBS Student Lectures @ Lake Country cofc (18th-20th)
• Southwest Annual Ladies’ Day (26th)