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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

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THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

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VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Aug 27: Gabriel Gonzalez & Justice Imhoff
Sept. 3: Ashley & Michael Bullock

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Sept. 3: Jamie Harris & Keith Siebert

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 8.16.2026

BIBLE CLASS: N/A
AM ASSEMBLY: 218
PM ASSEMBLY: 150
WEDNESDAY: 163
CONTRIBUTION: \$12,150

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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



TAKING THE BATTLE TO SATAN

Ross Haffner

We are in a spiritual battle, and Scripture makes clear that we must put on the full armor of God if we are going to stand firm and be victorious (Eph. 6:11-17). The apostle Paul describes this conflict not as a struggle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities, and powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. At times temptation feels so overwhelming that we begin to wonder whether victory is even possible. Yet the Christian life is not meant to be lived in constant retreat or pure defense. Instead of remaining forever on the defensive, we can fight back and take the battle to Satan himself. By relying on God's strength and the resources He has already provided, believers can move from a posture of survival to one of active resistance.

What Satan does. Satan's primary strategy is to divide and conquer. He works tirelessly to separate us from important relationships. He seeks to divide us from our God through sin (Is. 59:1-2). He sows discord in families, turning hearts against one another through jealousy, bitterness, and deceit, as seen in the tragic story of Joseph and his brothers (Genesis 37). Within the church he fosters divisions, envy, and carnal attitudes that fracture the unity of the body of Christ (1 Cor. 3:1-3). He strains friendships

by planting seeds of gossip, suspicion, and betrayal (Prov. 16:28). Ultimately, his goal is not merely temporary trouble but eternal destruction. He desires to condemn the soul, leading people into spiritual death (Rom. 6:23). Every division he creates is a step toward isolating the believer and making them more vulnerable to his accusations and schemes.

How to fight back. Our response is deliberate obedience to God. We refuse to continue walking according to the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2). Instead, we choose the path of submission to Christ. Our true citizenship is in heaven, secured by our Savior (Phil. 3:20). We resist the devil, and he will flee (Jas. 4:7).

Who will win? The outcome of this war is not in doubt. Jesus declared that the prince of this world will be cast out (John 12:31). Revelation 19:11-21 paints a vivid picture of the final defeat of the beast and the false prophet as the rider on the white horse, called Faithful and True, rides forth in victory. Christ will have the complete and everlasting triumph. Because of His finished work on the cross and His resurrection, every believer already shares in that victory. The battle is real, the enemy is active, but the end is certain: Jesus Christ reigns, and those who belong to Him will stand with Him forever.

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

August 23, 2026

“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God..”

1 Corinthians 1:18

WORSHIP

MORNING

EVENING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Branyon May

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PRAYER

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SONG DIRECTOR

Jeremy Cessac

Alan Putnam

PRAYER

David Hopkins

Adolphus Wells

SCRIPTURE

Winston Kinser

POWERPOINT

Logan Cessac

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SERMON

**THE CONSEQUENCES OF
THE CROSS**

**THE LOST BOOKS OF THE
BIBLE**

SCRIPTURE

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-21

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LORD'S SUPPER

Mark Speir

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Randle Harris

Blake Norman

Randy Jennings

Rico Sanchez

Robert Wright

Blake Norman

Carson Siebert

Michael Baker

Jerrold Johnson

Bill Garnett

CLOSING PRAYER

Michael Baker

Charlie Cauley

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
10:30 AM

Bible Class
Morning Worship

6:00 PM

Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY:

7:00 PM

Bible Class & Devotional
Songs: **Seth Gibson**
Devotional: **Gabriel Gonzalez**
Prayer: **Kevin Ross**
PowerPoint: **Logan Cessac**

FRIDAY:

7:00 PM

CONNECT Young Professionals & College Devo

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST:

- CONNECT Young Professionals & College Devo @Gerhardt's(28th)
- Stump the Preacher: Q&A (30th)

SEPTEMBER:

- Bible Class Teacher Workday (5th)
- 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (6th)
- Congregational Game Night (11th)
- Tuesday Morning Bible Classes Begin (15th)
- WVBS Legacy of Service Dinner @SW Annex(18th)
- SWSBS Student Lectures @ Lake Country cofc (18th-20th)
- Southwest Annual Ladies' Day (26th)
- Congregational Singing (30th)