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AUGUST/SEPTMEBER BIRTHDAYS:

Angelina Arias (31), Joann Taylor (01), Clara Arias (2)
McKenna Putnam (2), Ella Harris (4), Owen Harris (4)
Trent Kennedy (4), Seth Hatchitt (5), Luke Kennedy (5)



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Keith Siebert-keith@5sserviceco.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Sept. 3: Ashley & Michael Bullock
Sept. 10: Tyler Montgomery & Daniel Owens

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 8.23.2026

BIBLE CLASS: 179
AM ASSEMBLY: 258
PM ASSEMBLY: 190
WEDNESDAY: 167
CONTRIBUTION: \$12,601

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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



BEARING THE BRAND-MARKS OF JESUS (GALATIANS 6:17)

Bryce Mayfield

Scars often tell stories. A mark on someone's skin can often be connected to a memorable event in their lives. Scars are often permanent, leaving those who bear them an ever-present reminder of the cause of those wounds. They serve as a lesson and testimony to all who see them. In Galatians 6:17, Paul says, "From now on let no one cause trouble for me, for I bear on my body the brand-marks of Jesus." No doubt, Paul had scars on his body. He was beaten and stoned on several occasions (2 Corinthians 11:24,25). Persecution for the cause of Christ was hard on his body, and those scars served as a lesson for the people of Galatia.

It was evident that the Church in Galatia had troubled Paul (Galatians 3:1). They were leaving the Gospel that had been preached to them for false doctrine (Galatians 1:6-9). In doing so, they not only rejected Paul but more so Christ. Paul spends Galatians reminding them of the one true Gospel. As he concludes, he points to his scars (Galatians 6:17). He reminded them of his suffering as a servant of Christ on their

behalf. He endured so much that they may have the Good News, and his desire was that these people would no longer abandon it. He used his scars to show them his love and dedication to them. In return, Paul wanted them to remain faithful to Jesus.

We cannot see the scars of Paul, but we can still learn from them. Brethren, scars for the Gospel ought to help us understand the value of this message. Jesus suffered on the cross, Paul was beaten and stoned, and many others (including Paul) gave their lives for the sake of the Gospel. They bore the brand-marks of Jesus. As the article comes to a close, let me ask you two questions for your consideration: How many scars have men like Paul borne so that you can read the good news? Will you bear the brand-marks of Jesus so that others can hear it as well?

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August 30, 2026

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”
Colossians 3:1-2

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Branyon May	Branyon May
PRAYER	Branyon May	
SONG DIRECTOR	Isaac Harris	Jacob Kimbrough
PRAYER	Keith Siebert	Alan Putnam
SCRIPTURE	Ed Grumbles	
POWERPOINT	Michael Baker	Michael Baker
SERMON	ONE THING LUKE 10:38-42	STUMP THE PREACHER: Q&A
SCRIPTURE		
	Ross Haffner	Ross Haffner
LORD’S SUPPER	Mark Speir Randle Harris Randy Jennings Rico Sanchez Robert Wright Blake Norman Carson Siebert Michael Baker Jerrold Johnson Bill Garnett	Mark Speir Blake Norman
CLOSING PRAYER	Roger McCown	Steven Lloyd

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

Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY:

7:00 PM

Bible Class & Devotional
Songs: Josh Holloway
Devotional: Bryce Mayfield
Prayer: Jonathan Retana
PowerPoint: Michael Baker

SATURDAY

Bible Class Teacher Workday

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST:

- 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)