

SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Karen Jones (4), Teller Jobes (4)
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Clarissa Wright (8), Timothy Gibson (10)



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt-brettgerhardt15@gmail.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Oct. 8: Connor & Bonni Westbrook
Oct. 15: Julia & Danielle Lloyd

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Oct. 8: David Nuckels & Winston Kinser
Oct. 25: Rafael Rodriguez & Adrian Coward

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 9.27.2026

BIBLE CLASS: 219
AM ASSEMBLY: 250
PM ASSEMBLY: 185
WEDNESDAY: 187
CONTRIBUTION: \$11,358

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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



3 THINGS BEING A FALSE WITNESS CAN DO

Ross Haffner

“The ends justify the means” and “A little white lie never hurt anyone”—these two cliches miss the obvious and contradict Almighty God. Proverbs 6:16-19 reveals seven things that the Lord hates. These abominations do not belong in the realm of moral ambiguity, yet man will run to defend them to some degree or another. James warns us about the tongue’s great potential to destroy, and John was told that “all liars” will have their part in the lake of fire, so we should not be surprised to find lying mentioned twice among the seven abominations God hates (Jas. 3:5-8; Rev. 1:8).

The difference between “a lying tongue” and “a false witness who speaks lies” in Proverbs 6 allows for a more specific and pointed application of the unchanging truth about lying. Lying is a weapon of destruction. By claiming to provide the truth, a false witness uses that weapon to its most terrible potential.

A false witness can condemn an innocent man on trial. Our Lord was slandered by false witnesses on the night of His betrayal. Certainly, a Christian should never have any interest in testifying falsely in court. But

the application of the Bible’s stance on false witnessing extends beyond the courtroom.

A false witness can destroy a man’s reputation in the court of public opinion. The words of the Christian are to spread grace, not malice (Eph. 4:29). While we carefully examine our own words let us also recall that if God hates the sin of being a false witness then we should avoid those who would bend our ears to gossip (Rom. 16:17; 2 Thess. 3:6-14).

A false witness can erase the potential yield of truth. Telling a lie attacks from both angles against the power of truth by spreading falsehoods and by replacing truth with error. Truth is the basis for unity (Eph. 4:3-6). Once a lie removes that, all that remains is discord. Speaking truth can restore the fallen, call sinners to Jesus, protect the innocent, edify the weak, and encourage the faithful. Lies cannot help anyone; instead, they actively dissuade those in need of truth from searching for it.

The reasons we lie are many, but ultimately each one comes down to control: I will either seek my own way or trust in the words of my Creator.

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October 4, 2026

“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.”

James 3:17

WORSHIP	MORNING	AFTERNOON
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Adrian Coward	Adrian Coward
PRAYER	Adrian Coward	
SONG DIRECTOR	Jacob Kimbrough	Logan Cessac
PRAYER	Mark Speir	Randle Harris
SCRIPTURE	Jonathan Retana	
POWERPOINT	Brock Cessac	Brock Cessac
SERMON	IS FEAR GOOD OR BAD? REVELATION 21:8	OH BE CAREFUL LITTLE MOUTH WHAT YOU SAY (JAMES 3)
SCRIPTURE	Ross Haffner	Bryce Mayfield
LORD’S SUPPER	Bill Siebert Michael Baker Trey Jenkins Matthew Brooks Timothy Gibson Josh Pesina Randle Harris Matthew Gibson Justice Imhoff Tyler Latimor	Bill Siebert Josh Pesina
CLOSING PRAYER	Michael Baker	Harrell Moffett

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
	12:00 PM	1 st Sunday Fellowship Meal
	1:00 PM	Afternoon Worship
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Classes
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional Songs: Logan Cessac Devotional: Tom Genduso Prayer: Justice Imhoff PowerPoint: Brock Cessac
THURSDAY:	4:30 PM	SWSBS & Congregational Door Knocking
SATURDAY	11:00 AM	Young Ladies’ Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCTOBER:
- 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (4th)
 - SWSBS Finals’ Week (5th-8th)
 - SWSBS & Congregational Door Knocking (8th)
 - Young Ladies’ Day (10th)
 - CONNECT Dinner & Bible Study (15th, 22nd, 29th)
 - Congregational Fall Party (31st)