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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Rachel Haffner (15), Jo Young (16)
MJ Sellers (17),



THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

Brett Gerhardt-brettgerhardt15@gmail.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Oct. 15: Julia & Danielle Lloyd
Oct. 22: Curtis & Karen Jones

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Oct. 22: 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 10.04.2026

BIBLE CLASS: 187
AM ASSEMBLY: 245
PM ASSEMBLY: 185
WEDNESDAY: 188
CONTRIBUTION: \$12,187

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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



MATTHEW, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, AND THE CHRISTIAN

Ross Haffner

In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue. You likely did not need that sentence finished for you. Christopher Columbus played an important role in the discovery of the American continents. Though looking for a more convenient route to Asia, he discovered a new land that would dramatically change the history of the world. Life's journey sometimes takes us to unexpected places.

Unexpected Change

Consider the life of Matthew. He was one of the twelve listed in Matthew 10:3. However, it is noted that he was a publican (tax collector). Before Matthew was called to follow Christ he had a steady job collecting taxes for the Roman government. But when Jesus called Matthew he immediately got up to follow (Matt. 9:9). Jesus can, and should, have an impact on our lives. When we obey the gospel, we are giving up our lives to live for Him (Gal. 2:20). Whether it's a career you must leave, a habit that must be broken, or a lifestyle that must be forsaken these temporal things do not compare to the rich blessings of Christ (Rom. 2:4; Eph. 1:3-7).

Unexpected Unity

Many Jews, who despised being under Roman rule, came to hate the publicans and saw them as traitors to the nation of Judah. It is interesting that of the twelve we

have Matthew, an employee of Rome, and Simon the zealot (Luke 6:15). The zealots were the most fervent in their hatred for Rome. Who would have thought that Matthew and Simon would become coworkers for the cause of Christ? I may not always get along with my brethren about everything, but I must not allow earthly distinctions to distract me from a common goal (John 17:20-21).

Unexpected Impact

Sometimes God's will makes perfect sense to us. For example in the case of Paul the apostle, our Lord sent him to preach primarily to the Gentiles (Acts 9:15). With a history of working for Rome as a publican one might think that Matthew was a poor choice to reach the Jews with the gospel. But it is Matthew who is chosen to write the gospel account most scholars agree is meant for the Jews. Special attention is paid in Matthew's account to the seed promise and Jesus' line back to Abraham (Matt. 1:1-17). This work was critical to proving that Jesus is the Christ promised by God.

Life doesn't always go the way we expect but that does not mean it will not go the way God desires. Whether you are faced with the unexpected challenges to change, to work closely with those who make it difficult, or to stretch yourself to the task God has left for you, face it with the courage to do what is right.

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October 11, 2026

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

Ephesians 6:10-11

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Adrian Coward	Adrian Coward
PRAYER	Adrian Coward	
SONG DIRECTOR	Jeremy Cessac	Ty McClellen
PRAYER	Bryce Mayfield	Michael Baker
SCRIPTURE	Josh Holloway	
POWERPOINT	Carson Siebert	Carson Siebert
SERMON	DEALING WITH APATHY	DO YOU KNOW HOW TO
SCRIPTURE	LUKE 1:11-17	COUNT?
	Ross Haffner	Ross Haffner
LORD’S SUPPER	Bill Siebert	Bill Siebert
	Michael Baker	Josh Pesina
	Trey Jenkins	
	Matthew Brooks	
	Timothy Gibson	
	Josh Pesina	
	Randle Harris	
	Matthew Gibson	
	Justice Imhoff	
	Tyler Latimor	
CLOSING PRAYER	Jonathan Retana	Blake Norman

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
TUESDAY:	10:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Classes
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional
		Songs: David Nuckels
		Devotional: Jamie Harris
		Prayer: Dennis Buck
		PowerPoint: Carson Siebert
THURSDAY:	7:00 PM	CONNECT Dinner & Bible Study

UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCTOBER:
- CONNECT Dinner & Bible Study (15th, 22nd, 29th)
 - 3rd Sunday Youth & Family Day (18th)
 - Bridal Shower (Austin Wilson) (25th)
 - SWSBS 2nd Quarter Begins (26th)
 - Digging Deep Ladies’ Bible Study (27th)
 - Congregational Fall Party (31st)