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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Betzaida Zapata (30), Dee Grayson (1),

Jerry Amaya (2), Robert Wright (4)





THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

David Hopkins-d.hopkins@live.com

VACUUMING SCHEDULE

Dec. 3: Seth & Katie Gibson
Dec. 10: Tessie & Tyler Latimor

WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

Dec: Volunteers Needed

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 11.22.2026

BIBLE CLASS:	159
AM ASSEMBLY:	230
PM ASSEMBLY:	160
WEDNESDAY:	N/A
CONTRIBUTION:	$10,112

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ELDERS:
Brett Gerhardt
David Hopkins
Keith Siebert
Mark Speir

PREACHER:
Ross Haffner

ASSOCIATE PREACHER:
Bryce Mayfield

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WHY DO SOULS LEAVE THE CHURCH?

Bryce Mayfield

When we preach God's plan of salvation, we often summarize it into 5 steps. The process is: Hear (Romans 10:17), believe (John 3:16), repent (Acts 2:38), confess (Romans 10:9), and be baptized (Mark 16:16). However, far too often we neglect what comes after baptism. The Bible also calls us to remain faithful for the rest of our lives (Revelation 2:2). Why is it then that souls leave the Church after conversion? Consider 3 reasons why people leave the Church and ways we as God's people can work to prevent such loss.

1. They are not taught.

Matthew 28:19-20 describes what effective disciple making looks like. We must first teach and then baptize. However, notice that more teaching must come after conversion. God's Word is the bread of life (Matthew 4:4; John 6:35), and if we stop eating it ourselves and feeding it to others, souls will leave the Church. This week, reach out to a brother or sister in Christ and ask how their personal Bible study is going.

2. They are not encouraged.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Paul commands his fellow Christians to encourage one another. He describes this encouragement as "building up one another." Brethren, the world is trying to tear us down, the Church should be a place where we are built back up. If souls are not being edified in the Church, they will look for it somewhere else. This week, find one person and build them up through encouragement. Send them a card, or pray for them and let them know you did. Ask questions and listen because, if you do, an opportunity to encourage will likely present itself. Who are you going to encourage this week?

3. They do not have a sense of belonging.

In Ephesians 2:19, Christians are described as being a part of "God's household." This is family language, and family is a place of belonging. Often, there is no one we are closer to than our own family. Should that not be just as true in the Church? One of the best ways to give someone a sense of belonging is to give them purpose. Paul describes the Church as one body made up of many members with many talents (1 Corinthians 12). Every Christian is a part of the Body, yet sometimes we need to help others find their role within it. Think of someone who has been drifting from the faith or seems to be distancing themselves. Grab them by hand, in love, and ask them to help you do some type of work for the Church.

There are many reasons why one may leave the Church. God has asked us to remain faithful and to encourage our fellow siblings in Christ to do the same. What are you doing this week to participate in keeping the saved, saved?

November 29, 2026

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

Psalm 100:4

WORSHIP	MORNING	EVENING
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jeremy Cessac	Jeremy Cessac
PRAYER	Jeremy Cessac	
SONG DIRECTOR	Steven Petrosky	Jacob Kimbrough
PRAYER	Trent Kennedy	Matt Gibson
SCRIPTURE	Russell Haffner	
POWERPOINT	Tyler Montgomery	Tyler Montgomery
SERMON	The 8 Visions of Zechariah	Stump the Preacher
SCRIPTURE	Zechariah 1:3-4	
	Ross Haffner	Ross Haffner
LORD'S SUPPER	Michael Baker David Hopkins Isaac Jobes Bill Garnett Harrell Moffett Bryce Mayfield Gary Goodpaster Gerald Smith David Crouchet Jonathan Smith	Michael Baker Bryce Mayfield
CLOSING PRAYER	Matt Brooks	Roger McCown

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
MONDAY:	6:30 PM	CWS Chapel & Bible Class
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 PM	Bible Class & Devotional Songs: **Matthew Brooks** Devotional: **Trent Kennedy** Prayer: **Michael Baker** PowerPoint: **Tyler Montgomery**
FRIDAY:	6:30 PM	Ladies' Cookie & Ornament Exchange
SATURDAY:	10:00 AM	Santa's Day Out

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER:
- Stump the Preacher (TONIGHT)

DECEMBER:
- Ladies' Cookie & Ornament Exchange (4th)
- Santa's Day Out (5th)
- 1st Sunday Worship & Fellowhip Meal (6th)
- REACH (6th-12th) Progressive Dinner (12th)
- Adult Congregational Holiday Party (18th)
- SWSBS & Office Holiday Break (Dec. 21st-Jan. 1st)