

# SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## MAY BIRTHDAYS:

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## THIS MONTH'S ADMINISTRATING ELDER

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## VACUUMING SCHEDULE

May 07: Bobby & Nikki Burris

May 14: Lily Speir, Ella Harris, Ella Kennedy

## WEED-EATING SCHEDULE

May 14: Andy Reyes & Matthew Brooks

## 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 4.26.2026

BIBLE CLASS: 189  
AM ASSEMBLY: 217  
PM ASSEMBLY: 150  
WEDNESDAY: 174  
CONTRIBUTION: \$16,485

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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



## CULTURE AND THE AUTHORITY OF GOD, PART 3

### Ross Haffner

In parts 1 and 2 we have seen that culture cannot change the word of God but it can impact the way we need to apply God's word to make sure we are obeying the commands given. Now we need to consider what role traditions play and how should view change.

Traditions are not to be bound as God's law (Mark 7:7). However, traditions are not inherently evil and are often good, time-tested ways of applying the commands of God's law. As long as the old standby traditions remain effective I should use them to God's glory, but if I stubbornly stick to tradition for traditions' sake I'll lose my ability to promote God's truth in a relevant way and run the risk of adding to the word of God and facing the consequences (Rev. 22:18).

Culture changes might dictate that we change traditions to better follow the commands of scripture. You cannot improve on the word of God, but you can certainly improve on man's traditions. If there is a scriptural, expedient improvement to be made to a tradition then God is glorified and the work of the kingdom is helped. How can the child of God know which changes are acceptable and which lead to apostasy?

Change should never be made for change's sake. Some in the church are so in love with change that many changes are made when no change was needed. These changes are not productive and do not make a

good use of the time and efforts of Christians (Eph. 5:16; 1 Pet. 4:10).

Change should never be made to the law of God. When God says there is one body of Christ, that is a fundamental truth that will not change even if the culture wants it (Eph. 4:4). Those who change the doctrine of Christ should be marked as false teachers (2 John 9-11; 2 Thess. 3:14).

Changes are sometimes impossible to avoid if we are to remain faithful. When Paul wrote "Flee fornication," he set in stone a command of God that is never to be changed (1 Cor. 6:18). However we must make changes to the application of that command if we are to follow it. In Paul's day there were no smartphones to provide new avenues to the sin of fornication. We must add the avoidance of those new temptations and others to the list of applications necessary to meet this apostolic command and use these devices wisely.

Changes can be authorized and helpful. As mentioned, changes in our culture can provide better ways to follow the commands of God. For example, Christians should not oppose the use of technology to change how the unchanging gospel is shared. Ultimately, change is not something to fear but rather an inevitability. Christians should act wisely and proactively in the modern climate to uphold the precepts of Scripture.

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*“In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.”*

**I John 4:9**

**WORSHIP MORNING AFTERNOON**

<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Josh Pesina	Josh Pesina
<b>PRAYER</b>	Josh Pesina	
<b>SONG DIRECTOR</b>	Charlie Cauley	David Nuckels
<b>PRAYER</b>	Sam Hatchitt	Michael Baker
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	Jacob Kimbrough	
<b>POWERPOINT</b>	Logan Cessac	Logan Cessac
<b>SERMON</b>	<b>WHAT IS JESUS DOING NOW?</b>	<b>“GOD’S REMEDY FOR THE WEARY HEART”</b>
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	<b>HEBREWS 1:1-4</b>	<b>PSALM 13</b>
	Ross Haffner	Bryce Mayfield
<b>LORD’S SUPPER</b>	Brett Gerhardt Ty McClellen Seth Gibson Christian Jenkins Mike Parks  Branyon May Trey Jenkins Matthew Brooks Daniel Baker Timothy Gibson	Brett Gerhardt Branyon May
<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	Logan Cessac	Russell Haffner

**NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS**

Rusty Altizer, Jacquelyn Fox , Tom Hanks,  
Martha Smith, Mary Jo Stewart, Clarence Whetstone

**CONGREGATIONAL WORKS: VISITATION PROGRAM**

Opportunities to engage visitors, look for needs and potential Bible studies.

- 1st Sunday Lunch
- Card Writing
- Greeter

**COORDINATOR:**  
Bryce Mayfield

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Bible Class
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal
	<b>1:00 PM</b>	Afternoon Worship
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Men’s & Ladies’ Bible Class
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Bible Class & Devotional
		Songs: <b>Ross Haffner</b>
		Devotional: <b>Tyberius Tooley</b>
		Prayer: <b>Dennis Buck</b>
		PowerPoint: <b>Logan Cessac</b>

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- MAY:**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (3<sup>rd</sup>)
  - Final Tuesday Morning Men’s & Ladies Bible Classes (12<sup>th</sup>)
  - Prom Alternative (15<sup>th</sup>)
  - Ava Harris Graduation Celebration (17<sup>th</sup>)
  - Staff & School Holiday (25<sup>th</sup>)
  - CONNECT Young Professionals & College Devo (26<sup>th</sup>)
- JUNE:**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal (7<sup>th</sup>)
  - Camp Hensel (14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>)
  - SWSBS Graduation Banquet (26<sup>th</sup>)
  - SWSBS Commencement Ceremony (28<sup>th</sup>)