

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Bible Class

SCRIPTURE

Walter Cruz

SONG LEADER

David Shoaf

PRAYER

Mark Minor

Worship/Bible Study: Opening Prayers

SUNDAY AM

Tommy Rose

SUNDAY PM

Kyle Phillips

WEDNESDAY

Bob Wilson

Song Leaders

SUNDAY AM

Tristan Roy

SUNDAY PM

Clayton Workman

WEDNESDAY

Charley Belch

Announcements: Todd Hinson  
Communion: Lead- David Moore- Servers- Allan K, Bob T, Dan M, Colin R.  
Security & Greeting: Shawn Thomason, Gene Ruark Alternate: Mark Clemmons

SERMON NOTES

September 7, 2025

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What Makes A Successful Church?

The answer to that question depends on whom you ask. Most people think a successful church is measured in large numbers, big budgets, programs that meet their needs, and state-of-the-art facilities. However, none of those “standards” are proof of success. In fact, each one of those standards could just as well be present in a dead church. Do you remember the church at Sardis ([Revelation 3:1-6](#))? This was a church that had a good reputation and was alive and well in the eyes of the community, but in the eyes of God, they were dead ([Revelation 3:1](#)). Apparently, God doesn’t see as we see ([Isaiah 55:8-9](#)), and he doesn’t measure success in the same way that we measure success. While there is nothing wrong with numbers, programs, big budgets, and large facilities, a church can be successful in the eyes of God without possessing a single one of these qualities.

What, then, is the measure of a successful church?

- \* Christians who humbly try to live out the Lordship of Jesus in their lives daily.
- \* Christians who love the truth supremely, who will not allow their own personal desires or situations to skew their perception of God’s revelation.
- \* Christians who are committed to moral living and are more concerned with godliness than fitting in with society.
- \* Christians who love peace more than they do a fight and who love the calmness of unity more than the rhetoric of a fuss.
- \* Christians who support the weak, restore the fallen, and reaffirm their love and commitment to those who have stumbled.

Now, these characteristics would make a successful church! And note: It’s not about size, big budgets, programs, or facilities. Rather, it’s about inward transformation and spirituality. And here’s the best news of all: we don’t have to have large numbers, multimillion-dollar budgets, or state-of-the-art facilities. The qualities that bring success and constitute greatness in God’s eyes are qualities that are within our reach.

The present and future success of the church is within our reach and begins with you and me.

~ Steve Higginbotham

Elders

Todd Hinson  
Andy Santiago  
Steve Tesh

Deacons

Joe Byrd  
Jody Everett  
Mark Minor  
Mark Roy  
Gene Southern  
Johnny Spillman  
Shawn Thomason  
Adam Warner  
Keith Warner  
Randy Warner

Church Staff:

Wes Garland – Minister  
Brooke Garland – Secretary

NCSBS Staff:

Mike Glenn – Director  
Tim Canup – Full Time Instructor  
Stephanie Ransom – Secretary

Service Times

Sunday

10 AM - Class  
10:50 AM - Worship  
6 PM - Worship

Wednesday

7 PM - Class

## PRAYER LIST / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian & Kennedy Byrd are heading to CA for more training with the Coast Guard. He will be there until February. Kennedy will fly back soon. Prayers appreciated.

Tessa Roy- will have a procedure this Wednesday to attempt to flip the baby's head down before the due date.

Ronnie Knost- will have a PET scan on Monday to see if there is any additional malignant tumors other than the one on her neck.

Carolyn Plunk had her first cancer treatment. Please keep her in your prayers.

Josh Church- (Joe Byrd's friend) is still battling cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please pray for Jeff Dorton, the preacher in Swansboro, NC. He is currently dealing with some serious health challenges and would appreciate some cards of encouragement. Address is in email that was sent out.

Please pray for Brandon Woodard. He recently had a double lung transplant and is at Duke hospital. Cards for him can be mailed to the Swansboro church of Christ. Address is in email that was sent out.

DJ Harrison has cardiomyopathy which there is no cure. Please keep her and Jim in your prayers.

Men, we need helpers to sign up for leading our Pew Packers each month! See Dan Mott for information.

### Continual Prayer List

John Ransom, DJ Harrison, Roger Allen, Gary Wadford, Manchel Tesh, Kara Kee, Sherrill Stewart, Don Minor, Mary Burke, Austin Workman, Daphne Pickup, Doug Bowen, Peggy Holder, Karen Snider, Chris Mason, Ryan Snyder, Mattie Pharr, Linda Ellison, Scott Gann, Tony Minor, Jonah Longworth, Dora Connor, Kevin Adams, Mike Huey, Carolyn Plunk, Cathy Hutchins, Marsha Patterson & Marie Harper.

## Youth Corner

### Teens

- Every Tuesday Night- Teen Devo in Annex.

### 13 & Under

- Pew Packers today at 5pm- Dan Mott
- September 19<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> Camping Trip. See Allen Cooper for details.
- September 24<sup>th</sup> Homeschool class with Lady K's Herbal Solutions 6-7pm. Fee for each child attending this class. See Nancy Cruz for details.

### Bible Trivia

*Last week: A wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.*

*A man who doubts should not suppose what? Chapter 1.*

## WELCOME VISITORS

**We are thankful that you joined us today! If you have ANY questions, please ask one of us.**

**If you are interested in a Bible study, we would LOVE to study with you!**

**PLEASE FILL OUT A VISITOR'S CARD AND GIVE IT TO ONE OF US!**

### Food Pantry Items for Southwest Elementary

September- laundry soap, clorox wipes, dish/hand soap, tissues, window cleaner, toilet cleaner, etc...

**The Ladies Fall Zoom Class with NCSBS began last Thursday. It will continue each week on Thursday's at 7pm with Teresa Glenn & Stephanie Ransom. Check the foyer for lesson sheets each week.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Youth Rally. Speaker: Greg Dismuke. Theme: Just Be. Potluck meal after AM worship.
- September 14<sup>th</sup> Wedding Shower for Alyssa Southern. 2-4pm. Registered at Amazon.
- October 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> MADE IN SIX Seminar. See Mike Glenn for details.
- November 1<sup>st</sup> Chicken Stew/Soups
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Gospel Meeting. Speaker: Brant Stubblefield from Oklahoma.
- March 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Widowhood Workshop. Speaker: Dean Miller

## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

- September 12<sup>th</sup> Areawide singing @ Corinth. 7pm
- October 8<sup>th</sup>- Gospel Meeting at Broad Street. Speaker: Ben Phillips. Theme: The Great Deceiver. Unmasking Satan's Lies
- October 10<sup>th</sup> Areawide singing @ Highland Acres. 7pm

### Wisdom Corner

Book Of Hebrews

~ Christ Is Better!

**COME STUDY WITH US!**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 - 4:30PM  
CHAPEL MONDAY – THURSDAY  
IN THE ANNEX @ 9AM**



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