

<u>December Birthdays</u>		<u>December Anniversaries</u>	
2	Al Olguin	27	Gerry & Kim Dixon
5	Gabriel Davis		
5	Judy Taylor		
6	Gus Castillo		
10	Jackoline Olguin		
11	Marc Williams		
14	Sybil Atha		
23	Teclia Cunningham		
27	Steve Carricata		

Mission Work Areas

Quito, Ecuador
Mazatlan, Mexico
Reitoca & San Carlos, Honduras

New Prayer Requests

Darrin Kozak – Judeen’s nephew in Iowa. He is 52 and just had to have a heart stint put in because of a blockage. Please pray for him.
Kayla (Kim’s niece w/cancer) – Last update – found another tumor on her spine. She is struggling a lot emotionally and we need to continue to pray for this
Polly Atha – resuming her chemotherapy. Please send prayers and cards.

Long Term Prayer List

Ron Hansen	Jo Johansen
Jeri Obias (Colleen’s sister)	Jan Paddock
Lauren Stewart	Steve Iverson (friend of Petersens)
Ian Stewart	Lynn Fyke (Cancer)
Julie Wilson (Rosie’s Sister)	Martha Kelly
Norma Bartlow	Marilyn Bartlow
Wayne Bartlow	Margaret & Wilford Bonnell
Landry Gates (Toni & Len too)	

[Weekly Bible Reading: Jeremiah 32-36]

December 17, 2017

Greeters: Terry Reader Ken Davis
Announcements: Paul Cunningham
Song Leader: Terry Reader
Opening Prayer: Dan Greene
Closing Prayer: Wayne Bartlow
Lord’s Table: Joe Autry Dan Greene
Stacey Moss Len Gates
Coordinator: Gary Campbell

Elders	
Stanten Sikes	(719) 395-8689
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Terry Reader	(719) 486-3147
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Wayne Bartlow	(719) 395-2520
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Paul Cunningham	(719) 966-9253
Pete Miller	(719) 221-0162
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If you have bulletin information or updates, please send them to Terry or Linda Reader
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When you visit us... December 10, 2017

You can expect to find your friendly neighbor, assembled to worship God the Father, and proclaim the love and grace He has given to us; and remember Jesus, the Christ, our example—our Savior. We will strive always to provoke love and good deeds of one another.

As in the 1st Century New Testament Church, our worship to God is simple - without mankind’s rituals. You will find a wholesome respect for the Word of God as inspired by the Holy Spirit. We study only the Holy Scriptures—no human creeds will be used by us.

In addition to the worship of our Creator, we strive to fulfill our Savior’s stated plan for us by sharing His Gospel message with this community and throughout the world.

Sermons every Sunday will be based wholly upon the Word of God. They will be Christ - centered and Biblically based so we can develop a deepening relationship with God through our understanding and personal involvement with Him and His truth in our everyday life.

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Sunday	Wednesday
10:00 amBible Class	7:00 pm.....Devotional
11:00 am.....Assembly	or Bible Class
Noon.....Fellowship Meal	
1:30 pm.....Devotional	

A Cracked Pot

Author Unknown (From House to House, Heart to Heart)

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on one end of a pole that he carried across his neck. One pot had a crack in it. The other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house. The cracked pot arrived only half full.

For two full years, the bearer daily delivered only one and a half pots of water to his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, but the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its imperfection and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you." "Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?" "I have been able to deliver only half my load because this crack causes water to leak out all the way to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you do not get full value from your efforts."

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot. Compassionately, he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path." Indeed, as they went up the hill, the cracked pot noticed the sun warming the beautiful wildflowers along the path. This cheered it some, but it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load again. So, again, it apologized.

The water bearer said, "Did you notice the flowers were only on your side of the path? That is because I knew about your flaw and took advantage of it. I planted flowers, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you water them. For two years I have picked beautiful flowers to decorate the master's table. Without you being just as you are, he would not have this beauty in his house."

The moral of this story: Each of us has unique flaws. We are all cracked pots. But it is the cracks and flaws that make our lives together so interesting and rewarding. Consider each person

individually and look for his or her good traits. There is a lot of good out there. There is a lot of good in you!

I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well" (Psalm 139:14).



A Few Words.....

When things get broken, our normal response is to throw them away and buy a new one. Thank goodness, God doesn't see things the same way that we do. Instead of discarding those broken things, God puts them to use to improve the world around us. It is our individual flaws that make each one of us special... and remember, we are His design. So, if we have a "flaw", we need to try to see that flaw through God's eyes and understand that He had a reason.

When you look at others, realize that each of us is made in the image of God... not physically, but more importantly, spiritually. If we look at the inside of a person and see what God has placed there and consider the

reason God made them the way He did, we can find that "silver lining" that God placed there and allow God's plan for that person to come to reality.

Our God is mighty and awesome and all knowing. If we remember that, we can find the good in our "broken parts" and put them to work for God's will. We must remember the words of the Psalmist, "we are fearfully and wonderfully made" by God and in Him we are able to be all things that He has designed for us. He will use our brokenness for His will if we will allow Him to. ~Terry



*Santa Claus is coming soon...
Wednesday, December 20 around 7:00 PM*



<i>For your calendar.....</i>	
Dec. 20, 2017	Santa comes to visit