

<u>February Birthdays</u>		<u>February Anniversaries</u>	
5	Ken Davis	15	Toni & Len Gates
9	Debbie Olguin		
14	Judeen Petersen		
22	Angelo Olguin		
23	Daly Romack		

Mission Work Areas

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

New Prayer Requests

Kayla (Kim's niece w/cancer) – Last update – Kayla continues to struggle with the cancer. Please lift her and her family up in prayer.
Polly Atha – resuming her chemotherapy. Please send prayers and cards.
Ian Stewart – troubles with his knee

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

[Weekly Bible Reading: Ezekiel 18-21]

February 18, 2018

Greeters: Larry Fulton Ken Davis
Announcements: Paul Cunningham
Song Leader: Gary Campbell
Opening Prayer: Terry Reader
Closing Prayer: Ken Davis
Lord's Table: Gene Petersen Dan Greene
Stacey Moss Len Gates
Coordinator: Gary Campbell

Elders

Stanten Sikes (719) 395-8689
Ian Stewart (719) 395-9076
Terry Reader (719) 486-3147

Deacons

Wayne Bartlow (719) 395-2520
Gary Campbell (719) 395-0589
Paul Cunningham (719) 966-9253
Pete Miller (719) 221-0162
Stacey Moss (719) 395-9294
Ken Davis (719) 748-8654
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When you visit us... February 11, 2018

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	



God Lives Under the Bed

I envy Kevin. My brother Kevin thinks God lives under his bed. At least that's what I heard him say one night. He was praying out loud in his dark bedroom, and I stopped to listen, "Are you there, God?" he said. "Where are you? Oh, I see. Under the bed..."

I giggled softly and tiptoed off to my own room. Kevin's unique perspectives are often a source of amusement. But that night something else lingered long after the humor. I realized for the first time the very different world Kevin lives in.



He was born 30 years ago, mentally disabled as a result of difficulties during labor. Apart from his size (he's 6-foot-2); there are few ways in which he is an adult.

He reasons and communicates with the capabilities of a 7-year-old, and he always will. He will probably always believe that God lives under his bed, that Santa Claus is the one who fills the space under our tree every Christmas and that airplanes stay up in the sky because angels carry them.

I remember wondering if Kevin realizes he is different. Is he ever dissatisfied with his monotonous life? He gets up before dawn each day, off to work at a workshop for the disabled, home to walk our cocker spaniel, return to eat his favorite macaroni-and-cheese for dinner, and later to bed.

The only variation in the entire scheme is laundry, when he hovers excitedly over the washing machine like a mother with her newborn child.

He does not seem dissatisfied. He hops out to the bus every morning at 7:05, eager for a day of simple work. He wrings his hands excitedly while the water boils on the stove before dinner, and he stays up late twice a week to gather our dirty laundry for his next day's laundry chores.

And Saturdays - Oh, the bliss of Saturdays! That's the day my Dad takes Kevin to the airport to have a soft drink, watch the planes land, and speculates loudly on the destination of each passenger inside. "That one's goin' to Chi-car-go!" Kevin shouts as he claps his hands.

His anticipation is so great he can hardly sleep on Friday nights. So goes his world of daily rituals and weekend field trips.

He doesn't know what it means to be discontent. His life is simple. He will never know the entanglements of wealth, of power, and he does not care what brand of clothing he wears or what kind of food he eats. His needs have always been met, and he never worries that one day they may not be.

His hands are diligent. Kevin is never as happy as when he is working. When he unloads the dishwasher or vacuums the carpet, his heart is completely in it.

He does not shrink from a job when it is begun, and he does not leave a job until it is finished. But when his tasks are done, Kevin knows how to relax.

He is not obsessed with his work, or the work of others. His heart is pure. He still believes everyone tells the truth, promises must be kept, and when you are wrong, you apologize instead of argue.

Free from pride and unconcerned with appearances, Kevin is not afraid to cry when he is hurt, angry or sorry. He is always transparent, always sincere.

And he trusts God. Not confined by intellectual reasoning, when he comes to Christ, he comes as a child. Kevin seems to know God - to really be friends with Him in a way that is difficult for an "educated" person to grasp. God seems like his closest companion.

In my moments of doubt and frustrations with my Christianity I envy the security Kevin has in his simple faith. It is then that I am most willing to

admit that he has some divine knowledge that rises above my mortal questions.

It is then I realize that perhaps he is not the one with the handicap I am. My obligations, my fear, my pride, my circumstances - they all become disabilities when I do not trust them to God's care.

Who knows if Kevin comprehends things I can never learn? After all, he has spent his whole life in that kind of innocence, praying after dark and soaking up the goodness and love of God.

And one day, when the mysteries of heaven are opened, and we are all amazed at how close God really is to our hearts, I'll realize that God heard the simple prayers of a boy who believed that God lived under his bed. Kevin won't be surprised at all!

~ Author Unknown

Family of Hearts Dinner



**Friday, February 16
6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall**

For your calendar.....

Feb. 16 – 6:00PM	Family of Hearts Dinner – Mt. View Church of Christ Fellowship Hall