

<u>November Birthdays</u>		<u>November Anniversaries</u>	
3	Ian Stewart		
13	Len Gates		
19	Martha Kelly		
20	Elias Davis		
22	Valor Olguin		
24	Marybeth Ward		

Mission Work Areas

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

New Prayer Requests

Polly Atha – taking a new medication. Her doctor believes it could put her in remission.
Carroll Fulton (Larry’s Brother) – Doing better but still needs prayers
Gwynn Bulmer – Breast cancer has returned – recovering from a mastectomy.
Meagan Cavasos – Doctor found a nodule on her thyroid. Biopsy is scheduled, but it is putting pressure on her vagus nerve causing fainting.
Aubrey Cavasos – will be having her tonsils removed on Nov. 29.

Long Term Prayer List

Ron Hansen	Richard Pedrie
Jeri Obias (Colleen’s sister)	Steve Iverson (friend of Petersens)
Lauren Stewart	Martha Kelly
Ian Stewart	Marilyn Bartlow
Julie Wilson (Rosie’s Sister)	Wayne Bartlow
Norma Bartlow	Sandy Cavasos
Greg Pyle	
Dean Strub	

<u>December 1, 2018</u>		
Greeters:	Terry Reader	Len Gates
Announcements:	Ian Stewart	
Song Leader:	Kelly Beek	
Opening Prayer:	Terry Reader	
Closing Prayer:	Larry Fulton	
Lord’s Table:	Joe Autry	Dan Greene
	Stacey Moss	Pete Miller
Coordinator:	Gary Campbell	

Elders

Stanten Sikes (719) 395-8689
Ian Stewart (720) 878-2919
Terry Reader (719) 486-3147

Deacons

Wayne Bartlow (719) 395-2520
Gary Campbell (719) 395-0589
Pete Miller (719) 221-0162
Stacey Moss (719) 395-9294
Ken Davis (719) 748-8654
Kelly Beek (719) 342-5856
Larry Fulton (719) 398-9986

If you have bulletin information or updates, please send them to Terry or Linda Reader

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When you visit us... November 25, 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	

Making Deals With The Devil

Victor M. Eskew

Our spiritual lives are extremely important. How we live life here will determine where we will be in the hereafter. Our lives should be totally wrapped up in our Savior Jesus Christ. Having escaped from the clutches of Satan, we certainly do not need to try to make any deals with the devil. But, sadly, we often do. "How?" you ask.

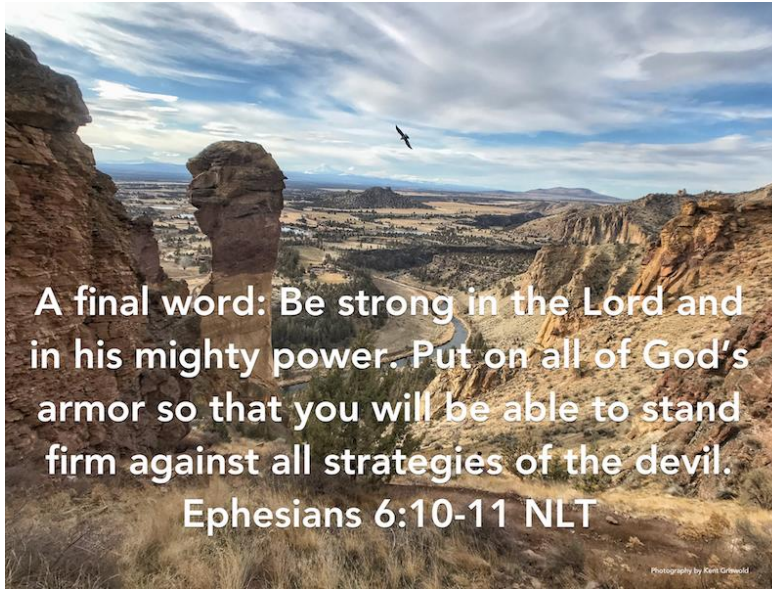
1. We make a deal with the devil when we say that we will do something God wants us to do at a later time. Satan is fine with our putting off anything that God wants us to do. He may be able to get us to put it off the next time and the time after that as well.

2. We make a deal with the devil when we find ways to participate in sin. Sin is the transgression of God's law. Satan understands this. However, he wants us to believe that sin is not so bad, or, that it is not hurting others. We think that we might be able to engage in it "just a little" and our spiritual lives will still be just fine. Yet, sin stains the soul every time. It also separates us from God.

3. We make a deal with the devil when we find ways to engage in less service to God. We do a little and convince ourselves we have done enough for a period of time. Then, we will go a long time without engaging in any service to God. A little here and little there. Satan has convinced us that a little goes a long way. But, spiritual service is supposed to fill the life of the child of God.

4. We also make a deal with the devil when we fellowship with those who are aligned with Satan. They have convinced us that they are harmless. In fact, some of them have convinced us that they are doing God's work. Therefore, we fellowship them. Over time, their influence over us takes us farther and farther from the truth. Instead of fellowshipping them, the Scriptures teach us to reprove them.

Making deals with the devil, even little ones, is dangerous to one's soul. When we converted, we made a "deal" with Jesus Christ. We told Him that He is now our owner, our Master, and our Lord. Our full allegiance needs to be to him. We all need to tell the Devil: "Get thee hence Satan!" AND MEAN IT!



A Few Words.....

How do we live our life? Do we live in such a manner that others will look at us and be sure that we are "people of God" or might they think that we lean towards the devil and his ways? If we walk with God in our daily lives, people around us will see that and we will be doing His work by setting the example that He desires. Through our example, we can influence others and we may cause someone to seek Him.

Now, in today's world (and even yesterday's world) it is not always easy to walk in the manner that God desires. We are influenced and even bombarded with the things that God describes as the "lusts of the flesh." "Worldly people" are more interested in doing those things that bring them "pleasure" than they are in following the will of God. Of course, I would argue that we find pleasure when we follow God. If we are truly walking in His ways, He blesses us and He fills us with joy (**Acts 13:52**). It is different than what the man of the flesh seeks, but it is an everlasting joy that comes from knowing God and sharing in His promise.

So what shall we do in order to be true to God and avoid the devil and his evil ways? In **1 Peter 5**, we are reminded that the devil is "like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour." He is always prowling around seeking a way to tempt men...and especially men of God... to forsake God, the Creator, and follow him. In **Ephesians 6**, Paul encourages us to "Be strong in the Lord and His mighty power using the armor of God so that we can stand firm." If we try to stand on our own, what we will find is that the fleshly man is weak. But the spiritual man

that is yoked with God has the strength to endure. In fact, Paul talks about this in **Romans 7** when he speaks about his own inner battle between the spiritual man and the fleshly man. We all have this battle and the only way to overcome is to continue to move closer to God and let His spirit dwell within us.

If we are to be the men and women that God desires us to be, we must be willing to "submit to God and resist the devil and he will flee from you" (**James 4:7**). By consciously thinking about this, God will provide us strength and help us to overcome the devil and his evil. In **1 John**, He tells us that by walking in the Light, we can have fellowship with Him. We can have fellowship with Him here and now, and that will lead us to that eternal fellowship we will have with Him in heaven.

So, let's be sure that we are working to humble ourselves and submitting to God and allowing Him to help us resist the devil's evil influence. Let's make sure that our life is demonstrating that we are His so that others might see our joy and seek Him. Let us make sure that we are walking in the Light as He is in the Light so that we can fellowship with Him and be His people. ~ Terry

1 John 1:6-7

If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you."

For your calendar.....

Wednesday, Dec. 19 - 7:00 PM	Santa's Visit