

<u>January Birthdays</u>		<u>January Anniversaries</u>	
1	Stanten Sikes		
25	Linda Reader		

**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
Meagan Cavasos – her biopsy on her thyroid has been postponed for now
Dale Crain – Struggling with infection and having more surgery due to that
Trustin Asbury – Grandson of Linda Reader’s cousin. Is doing quite well. He is back home (Carlsbad, NM) and can return to school tomorrow, with some restrictions. Your prayers are appreciated.
Ian Stewart – will be having knee surgery on Monday – January 7. Please pray for Ian that this will resolve the knee pain he’s been struggling with.

**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	

<u>January 13, 2019</u>		
Greeters:	Larry Fulton	Len Gates
Announcements:	Terry Reader	
Song Leader:	Dan Greene	
Opening Prayer:	Stacey Moss	
Closing Prayer:	Frank Smith	
Lord’s Table:	Kelly Beek	Al Olguin
	Ken Davis	Len Gates
Coordinator:	Dan Greene	

**Elders**

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

**Deacons**

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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

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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...** January 6, 2019

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

## Congregational Loyalty

Each Christian has certain, very definite responsibilities to his home congregation. The Christian is not a free-lancer with liberty to drift from pillar to post without feeling any obligation to the local congregation.

Frequently, someone says, "I'm not a member of any particular congregation I belong to the universal church." This attitude usually reflects a desire to evade work and duty, and more often than not, it shows an inability to get along with people. How often it is said, "I just don't like the way they carry on over there."

The church is injured by "church tramps" whose energies are expended and whose talents are wasted by their incessant drifting to and fro. These unsteadfast souls are always drifting and shifting to where attraction is greatest and responsibility is least. If one Christian has the right to drift from one church to another -- then all have that right, and if all used that right, then all would be "drifters" and none "workers."



While it is true that all Christians are members of the universal body of Christ, it remains that the only way to build up the universal church is to build up the local church. The only place that I can really use my influence for good is in the local congregation. It is here that I can work with and under the oversight of the elders of the church. It is only in the local church that the elders can "watch in behalf of the souls" of the Christians (Heb. 13:17). If one Christian has the right to defy the oversight of elders, then all have that right; then their office is worthless and meaningless, and God's purpose then is frustrated. Without loyalty to my home congregation, I deny the autonomy of the local church and upset

God's plan for any orderly conduct and discipline of affairs in the church.

Christians should have the privilege of visiting with some sister congregation occasionally, but not often enough to weaken the work at home. The Christian must forego the pleasure and personal satisfaction that might be derived from there and base every choice upon what is best for the cause we love.

Every Christian owes his financial support to his "home church." If the local church is to plan and maintain a budget, then its leaders have every right to expect its members to be loyal, regular and unstinting in their support of its work. If one Christian can go elsewhere and give his money, then all have the right, and if all used the right then the work at home would fold. It is in the "home church" that we can best serve our Lord, our talents are known and used, our influence can be felt.

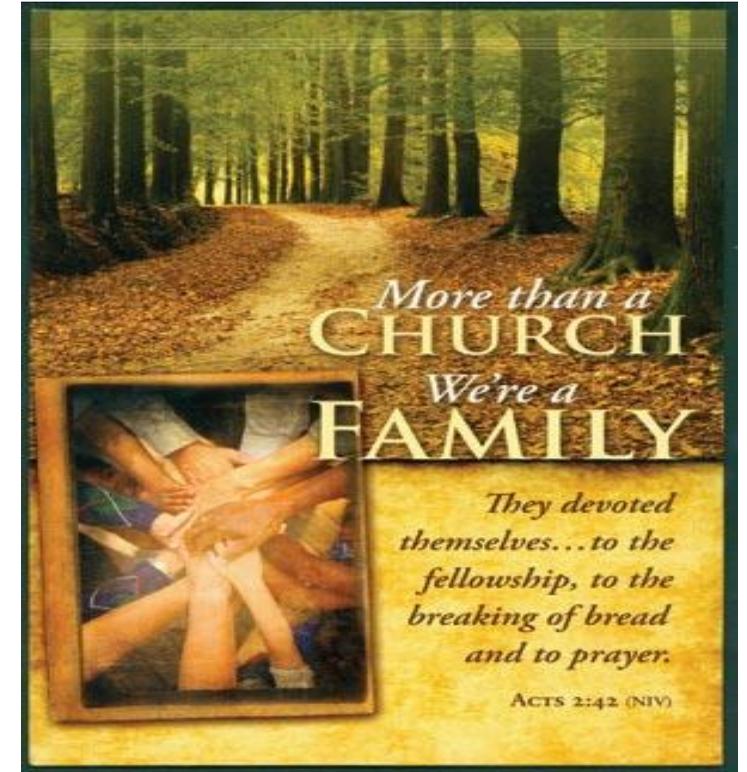
-via, The Visitor

### Hebrews 10:23-25

*23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; 24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*

### For your calendar.....

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday Singing



### A few words...

God's favorite part of His creation is "man" and it is His desire that we nurture a growing relationship with Him. He wants us to be His "family" – all of us. When we look into God's word, we see over and over again that He refers to us as His people, His children, His "called out" and this makes us His family.

If we are all to be His family, then that also makes us family with each other. If that is the case, then we should stick together as family does. I think of the commitment that Joshua made when he told the people of Israel that "he and his house (family) would serve the Lord. Are you and your house serving Him? The way we do that is to serve among His family in His kingdom. We fellowship with Him and each other Him in His house. Let's be family. ~ Terry

### Joshua 24:15

*"If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."*