

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

### **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
Ian Stewart – knee surgery went well. Ian is still recovering. Linda is doing better, but still needs prayers too.
Dale Crain – Struggling with infection and having more surgery due to that
Trustin Asbury – doing well. Continued prayers would be appreciated as he continues his recovery.

### **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	

<b>February 10, 2019</b>		
Greeters:	Larry Fulton	Ken Davis
Announcements:	Ian Stewart	
Song Leader:	Dan Greene	
Opening Prayer:	Frank Smith	
Closing Prayer:	Pete Miller	
Lord's Table:	Dan Greene	Stacey Moss
	Gene Petersen	Joe Autry
Coordinator:	Gary Campbell	

### **Elders**

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

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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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**When you visit us...**

**February 3, 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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### **Sunday**

10:00 am ....Bible Class  
11:00 am.....Assembly  
Noon.....Fellowship Meal  
1:30 pm.....Devotional

### **Wednesday**

7:00 pm.....Devotional  
or Bible Class

**DON'T GET STUCK**

**Philippians 3:10-16**– I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, **(11)** and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. **(12)** Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. **(13)** Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, **(14)** I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. **(15)** All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. **(16)** Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

While growing up in Pennsylvania my grandmother would occasionally take me, my brother, my sister, and cousins to stay in a small cottage for a few days. There were a bunch of things to do and a lot of other kids to play with. There was a creek nearby where we fished for trout but caught mostly carp and chubs. There was also a pond with a wooden dock floating in the middle where we loved to swim and cool off on a hot summer day. As I would start wading out into the pond heading toward the float, sometimes I would step into mud so soft and deep I could hardly get my foot freed. I would call out, "I'm Stuck!" and a friend or cousin would help me get "unstuck" after losing a sneaker to the muddy abyss.

In the passage above, Paul gives the perfect guidance to help us avoid becoming "spiritually stuck." Paul was thankful for all that God had done for him in the past and all that God was doing for him in the present. Remember he said he learned to be content in all circumstances. Yet, he seemed to always live with a view toward the future- "...but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me". How could Paul do this? Remember

all the trouble he endured after deciding to take up his cross and follow Jesus.

It appears that the key is found in verse 13 – "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead...." Ten words that are easier said than done! Just think about what this meant for Paul. Forgetting about his destructive actions before becoming a Christian! (*Acts 8:3*- But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.) But never forgetting how much God had forgiven Him and the limitless grace of God that motivated Him to "press on".

We can "press on" and avoid becoming "spiritually stuck" every year God grants us to serve Him here on earth, but only when we're willing to follow Paul's example and "forget what is behind and strain toward what is ahead". It can be difficult for us at time, even as it must have been for Paul, to forget those things we have said or done that we are ashamed of and wish we could turn back the hands of time and change. The only way we can go on to live productive Christian lives in service to our Lord is to accept God's grace and forgiveness and "press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." It's the only way we can be the spiritually mature children of God that He intends for us to become – "All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things...."

*Mike Sherman*

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<b><i>For your calendar.....</i></b>	
Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday Singing
Friday, Feb. 15 Hors d'oeuvre – 6:00 Dinner – 6:30	Family of Hearts Dinner – Please RSVP with cards in the Fellowship Hall



*James 1:2-5*

*2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. 5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.*