

June Birthdays		June Anniversaries	
2	Wayne Bartlow	6	Teclia & Paul Cunningham
10	Seth Moss	12	Linda & Ian Stewart
13	Frank Smith	19	Shaundra & Stacey Moss
16	Colleen Sikes	23	Carol & Frank Smith
26	Rosie Campbell	28	Judeen & Gene Petersen
26	Jim Taylor		
28	Ron Hansen		

Mission Work Areas

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

New Prayer Requests

Joan Lawrence – recovering from her stroke. Doing well.
Gene Petersen – Doing well following his 2 nd hip surgery
Gail Petersen (Gene’s brother) – Just diagnosed with prostate cancer
Ian Stewart – Doing much better and continuing to recover from his broken leg. Please keep Ian in your prayers.
Christy McCarty (Reader) & Kids (& Linda Reader) – slowly working through divorce and custody issues. We appreciate your prayers.
Dwayne Reader (grandson of Linda & Terry) – Leukemia – still undergoing Chemotherapy several days a week. Please keep him in your prayers.

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	Jan Paddock
Chad & Mike Cavasos	

June 30, 2019		
Greeters:	Ken Davis	Terry Reader
Announcements:	Pete Miller	
Song Leader:	Kelly Beek	
Opening Prayer:	Len Gates	
Closing Prayer:	Pete Miller	
Lord’s Table:	Larry Fulton	Joe Autry
	Frank Smith	Terry Reader
Coordinator:	Len Gates	

Elders

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

Deacons

Wayne Bartlow (719) 395-2520
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



When you visit us...

June 23, 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.

Pulpit Minister—Stanten Sikes

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Sunday

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

Wednesday

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

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

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The Hope That Lives In Us

Terry Reader

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, so that whoever would believe in Him would not perish, but would have eternal life (John 3:16). Most likely you have heard this verse and in fact, there's a chance that it may have been your very first memory verse. I know that it was mine. I don't recall how old I was....very young I think... but I do know it was the first verse I memorized as a young Sunday School student. I was so proud that I was able to memorize a Bible verse and share it with my parents. And, I would say it is a great place to start, because it tells of how great a love God has for us, His creation – mankind.

Now, many years later, I find many bible verses that give me comfort – that give me hope – because of the sacrifice that was made by the only begotten Son. One of those verses hit me hard just a few years ago – Romans 8:1 – *There is therefore now, no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.* Do you hear what that says? There is no condemnation for those who follow Jesus. What a great comfort that is. God reminds us of this because we, quite often, condemn ourselves and forget that God's love for us is so great that He who is the perfect creator does not condemn us.

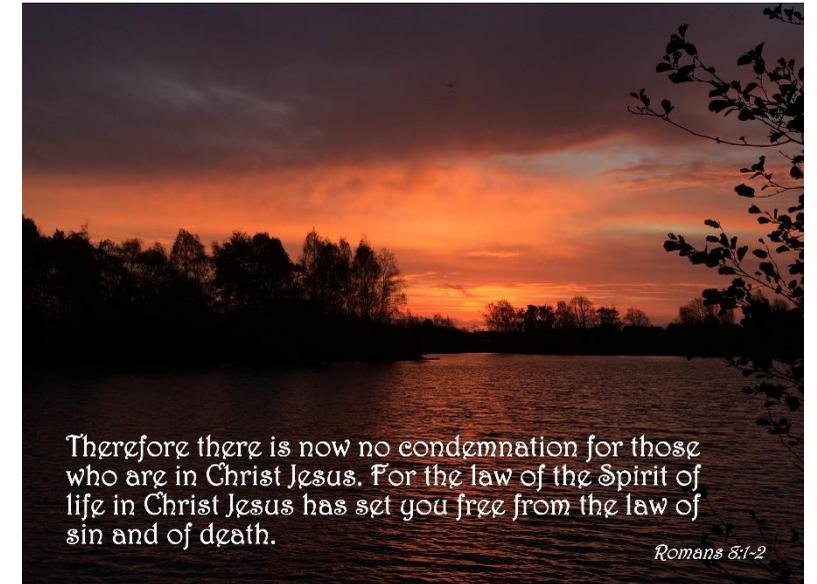
You see, God desires that all should come to know Him and that *none should perish but that all will come to repentance* (2 Peter 3:9). It is hard for us to understand this kind of love and forgiveness because so many of us become encumbered by the ways of the world around us. We give in to feelings of guilt, selfishness, greed, lust, hate and all kinds of things that interfere with our ability to have the *agape* love of God and His Son – Jesus. When we consider the words of John 3:16 – we see what this *agape* love is all about. Both God and His Son – Jesus – loved man so much that they were *both* willing to suffer at the death of our Christ. We certainly understand the suffering that Jesus the Christ went through in His death, but we must also consider the suffering of God the Father as He watched His only Son suffer on that cross. It was not only a physical suffering, but even greater was the emotional and spiritual suffering that Jesus *and* God went through because of their separation that occurred at that time. Jesus was separated from His Father as He took on the sins of the world. What an intense sorrow that must have caused.

So, as we return to the idea of *no condemnation*, we have to consider what a great blessing that is. If we follow Jesus, then we can be assured that we will not face the condemnation of God and we will be able to enter into His heavenly kingdom and live there with Him for eternity. Wow!!! What a promise that is. Yet, do we truly hold that hope within us? Or, do we let ourselves become convinced by the world that we can never be “good enough” or that there is no God and no heaven or that heaven is only for those that are “perfect” and never fail. I know that it can be easy to let ourselves be convinced that we can't enter into heaven, but God promises us that we can. In fact, He tells us that we can be good enough through His grace and His mercy.

When you feel that you've done too many bad things to ever be good enough to live with God, you need to remember some things that He has told us. *1 John 1:7; 9 – 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... If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* He has promised us that we will never be so far from Him that we can't be returned to Him... if we will work to follow Jesus and be willing to confess our sins. He also tells us that we can have confidence that we are saved *1 John 5:13 - These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.* God has promised us that we can live with Him for eternity if we believe and walk with His Son.

God has promised us that we will not be condemned by Him and in fact we can find hope in knowing that He will forgive us of our sins and cleanse us of *all* unrighteousness. We will be made clean by the blood of Jesus so that we can live in the love of God. All of these words and promises don't give us the freedom to do anything that pleases us, but it does give us the confidence to know that when we “mess up” and sin against God, He will forgive us if we walk with Him. David was not a perfect man, but he is referred to as *a man after God's own heart* because He always worked to do God's will – even when he made mistakes. We can also know that we can be with God if we have that same mindset.

So remember, there is always hope for those who are in Christ and walking in His way. Are you walking in His light?



Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Romans 8:1-2

Coming In July



Watch for Details
See Debby Olguin or Linda Beek

For your calendar.....

Wednesday, July 3	1 st Wednesday Singing
Thursday, July 4	Fire & Ice – Ice Cream & Fireworks
TBD	Congregational Workday
Wed., July 31 – 1-7PM	Bible Boot Camp