When you visit us

You can expect to find your friendly neighbor, assembled to worship God 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.

Mission Work Areas
Quito, Ecuador
Mazatlán, Mexico
Reitoca & San Carlos, Honduras

New Prayer Requests
Glenn Zirkle — tumor on kidney. Surgery scheduled for March 26. The renal vein is involved, so the surgeon will be assisted by a transplant surgeon to assist with vein issues. Please keep Glenn and Sabrina in your prayers.

Diana Simpson (sister of Glenda Cox) — diagnosed with lung cancer.

Cris Thompson Family of Poncha Springs (Salida) — coworker of Terry Reader’s passed away suddenly this past week. He was 59 and died of a massive heart attack. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Long Term Prayer List

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

Deacons
Wayne Bartlow (719) 395-2520
Pet Miller (719) 221-0162
Stacey Moss (719) 395-9294
Ken Davis (719) 748-8654
Kelly Beek (719) 342-5856
Larry Fulton (719) 398-9987

If you have bulletin information or updates, please send them to Terry or Linda Reader
• Terry’s contact (719)242-1843 tdr1960@yahoo.com
• Linda’s contact (928)959-5708 lntreader@q.com

March Birthdays
3 Kelly Beek
4 Paul Cunningham
5 Judy Fulton
7 Margo Greene
25 Shaundra Moss

March Anniversaries
7 Jill & Steve Carricato
8 Sandy & Mike Cavasos
19 Linda & Kelly Beek

April 5, 2020 (When services resume)
Greeters: Terry Reader Ken Davis
Announcements: Terry Reader
Song Leader: Kelly Beek
Opening Prayer: Terry Reader
Closing Prayer: Dan Greene
Lord’s Table: Larry Fulton Frank Smith
Len Gates Al Olguin
Coordinator: Pete Miller

March 22, 2020
Pulpit Minister—Stanten Sikes
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Sunday
10:00 am .... Bible Class
11:00 am .... Assembly or Bible Class

Wednesday
7:00 pm ...... Devotional
1:30 pm ...... Devotional

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Our God of Promise

Terry Reader

Our God is the God of promise and blessing. He has promised man that He will never forsake him and that He is always watching over us. As we go through times like this, it may not feel like that, but we know that God has allowed men to suffer difficult times in the past and He has always been there for them in the end.

Just think about the children of Israel as they left Egypt and wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. After their wanderings, He delivered them into the promised land of Canaan. A land flowing with milk and honey. Or what if we consider Noah and the time of the flood. God told mankind, through Noah, that He would flood the earth and provided a way for them through the ark. Only eight were saved, but after the waters subsided, God promised He would never again destroy the flesh of the world with water (Genesis 9:12-17).

Throughout His word, God tells mankind that there will be struggles, for individuals and for all men. As we are warned of these times, He also reminds us that we need to continue to focus on Him. We see in several places in the New Testament that He tries to tell us of struggles, how He will help us through them and how they will make us stronger. In all of these reminders, I am especially encouraged by what we see in Romans. And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). He has told us that “ALL” things will work together for good. However, we must read all of the passage — the requirement for this is that we must love God. We must keep our focus on Him and continue to follow His calling — His will.

When we, mankind, decide to “go our own way,” we can expect things to go awry. We see this over and over again in the history of the Israelites. God’s “chosen people” would walk with God for a while and then things would get good for them and they would begin to drift away from God and His will — His calling. God would try to warn them and they would ignore His warnings until they would end up in the captivity of others. But, our God would never forget them. They would suffer the consequences of their behavior and then He would deliver them again.

I suspect that each of you have faced difficult times in your past and if you continued to love God and focus on Him, you made it through it. And, at the end of that journey, you probably found yourself stronger in your faith in our wonderful God. And, in fact, as you look back, you might have even learned that the difficult journey was just what you needed at that time in your life. And, you might also be able to see things during that time that was really a blessing.

So, as we go through this time, let’s continue our focus on Him — both individually and as brethren. We need to make sure that we are working to encourage one another and help to lift each other up in our prayers and our conversations.

As we talk with one another, let’s be sure we are providing an ear to hear and a tongue to comfort. We don’t want to be like the friends of Job, who condemned him, but we want to be encouraging in our talk with each other. Remember, at the end of Job’s struggles, God was there and Job was blessed. The LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD increased all that Job had twofold....The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had 14,000 sheep and 6,000 camels and 1,000 yoke of oxen and 1,000 female donkeys (Job 42:10;12).

So, two things I am sure of – God is in control and He will see that “all things” work together for good. Trust in Him and His promises and seek to follow Him “every day” whether the day is “good” or “bad.”

*** Cancelled ***

All Church Activities

Due to the concerns of the COVID-19 virus, all church activities are cancelled through the end of March.

Our plan at this time is to resume our scheduled worship on April 5. The elders will continue to monitor the situation and communicate regularly with our brethren.

We will continue to post weekly sermons and bulletins on the website during this time.

Please continue your fervent prayers during these difficult times.

God is with us and we know that His will will be done.

For your calendar......

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