

December Birthdays			
2	Al Olguin	23	Sandy Cavasos
5	Gabriel Davis	23	Jessica Cavasos
5	Judy Taylor	23	Teclia Cunningham
13	Larry Fulton	25	Linda Beek
14	Sybil Atha	27	Steve Carricato
No December Anniversaries			

Mission Work Areas

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

New Prayer Requests

Colleen & Stanten Sikes – tested positive for Covid. They are at home with mild symptoms.
Charlyne and Dave Cordaro (Debbie Olguin’s sister & brother-in-law) – in the hospital with Covid and other health issues.
Grinda Salido (Al Olguin’s sister) – double mastectomy in January due to a reoccurrence of breast cancer.
Rocky Sprott – passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 2. He suffered a massive stroke or brain aneurism while being treated for Covid. Please keep Janice in your prayers.
Jamie Buettner (Sybil’s daughter) – Covid-19 – is home and still recovering.
Alyssa Condiles (Ed & Sandra Kretch’s granddaughter in college) – Covid-19 – is home and recovering.
JJ Autry (youngest son of Joe & Robin) – pelvis surgery went well and is at Joe & Robin’s rental home in BV for now. Please keep them in your prayers.
Richard Atha (Sybil’s brother-in-law) – Also in hospital recovering from Covid.
Ian & Linda Stewart family – still struggling with issues with Gary.

Long Term Prayer List

Ron Hansen	Richard Pedrie
Obi Obias (Colleen’s bother-in-law)	Steve Iverson (friend of Petersens)
Lauren Stewart	Eunice Nettles (Dave’s Mother)
Ian Stewart	Beth Pedrie
Marilyn Bartlow	Wayne Bartlow
Norma Bartlow	Jan Paddock
Greg Pyle	Dwayne Reader (leukemia)
Marilyn Strickland	Joan Lawrence
David Murphy (Colleen’s brother)	Gary Stewart
Diana Simpson (Glenda Cox’s sister) - cancer	Christy Reader & kids – Penelope & Preston – still some custody issues

December 20, 2020		
Greeters:	Terry Reader	Ken Davis
Announcements:	Terry Reader	
Song Leader:	Dan Greene	
Opening Prayer:	Ken Davis	
Closing Prayer:	Larry Fulton	
Lord’s Table:	Joe Autry	Stacey Moss
	Frank Smith	Ken Davis
Coordinator:	Dan Greene	

Elders

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 Ian Stewart (720) 878-2919
 Terry Reader (719) 427-7141

Deacons

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 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

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When you visit us... December 13, 2020

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	

Rocky Jim Sprott



Rocky Jim Sprott, 69, of Stratford, TX passed away on December 2, 2020.

Rocky was born in Temple, TX on August 8, 1951, to Darrell B. Sprott and Margaret Harrison Sprott. He graduated from Belton High School in Belton, TX in 1969. He graduated with honors in 1973 from Abilene Christian University in Abilene, TX, with a degree in Agriculture and Bible.

On September 8, 1973, Rocky married Janice Kay Johnson, of Abilene, TX. Together they moved to Killeen, TX and he began a career in the United States Post Office.

In 1979, he transferred to the Belton, TX Post Office. In Belton, he purchased a historic home built in 1929, and they lived in the home and worked on its restoration for the next 30 years.

In 2006, after 33 years with the Post Office, he retired. After retirement, Rocky began his new career as a rancher, moving to Stratford, TX. In Stratford, he was active with the Museum and Historical groups, as one of his great loves was history. He had a great love for books and knowledge.

Rocky was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, where he participated in fellowship, and living history educational programs. He was instrumental in a statewide cemetery survey program to record, honor, and memorialize both Confederate and Union soldiers. This cemetery research is permanently in the archives of the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX. These records are available to the public for ancestral research.

Throughout his adult life, he preached for small-town congregations of the Church of Christ. He was a member of the Texhoma, OK, Church of Christ, and when in Colorado, the Mountain View Church of Christ in Buena Vista, CO.

Since his retirement, he has spent summers in Leadville, CO, continuing his lifelong pursuit of climbing almost all of Colorado's 14,000-foot mountains. While spending summers at Leadville's 10,000-foot elevations, he enjoyed an active outdoor life.

He enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. He loved people, but one of his greatest joys was his two dogs.

Rocky was preceded in death by his father, his sister, Jaque, and his mother.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Janice Sprott, numerous extended family members, and a large host of friends.

There are no funeral plans at this time. A memorial service will take place at a later date at the ancestral Sprott family plot in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Nolanville, TX.

Memorials can be made to the Mazatlan, Mexico work of Jim and Judy Taylor, a work instrumental in feeding the hungry. Their address is Mountain View Church of Christ, P.O. Box 1479, Buena Vista, CO 81211, with a note for Mazatlan work.

A Writer Writes

A young man made an appointment to meet with a well-known published writer. The first question the writer had for the young man was, "Why did you want to see me?" The young man replied, "Well, I am a writer, too. I was hoping you could share with me the secrets for success."

The author asked a second question: "Well, what have you written?"

"Nothing, at least nothing that I have finished," the young man replied.

"If you have not finished anything yet, at least tell me what you have been working on," said the author.

The young man answered, "Well, I am in school, so right now I am not writing anything."

The author asked one final question: "So why do you call yourself a writer?"

A writer writes. A painter paints. A cook cooks. A teacher teaches. You can't honestly call yourself something unless you are doing the work.

The same thing is true for people calling themselves Christians. You shouldn't call yourself a follower of Christ unless you are following Christ! When it comes to Christianity, there are too many people sitting on the sidelines doing nothing, though claiming to be playing the game. Innumerable people claim to be Christians, but when it comes down to it, what have they done to follow Christ? How has their life changed? What are they doing in service to Him?

Jesus said in Mark 8:34, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." Being a Christian is not a spectator sport. So let us not merely claim to be followers of Christ – let us show whose we are by the way we live.

--Luke Bower

Rocky Sprott

Passed away on Wednesday, December 2.

There will be a memorial fund in Rocky's name, for Jim & Judy Taylor's work at Mazatlan.

Please make your checks out to Mt. View Church of Christ and put Rocky Sprott – Mazatlan in the memo so that we can keep track of this giving.

We will update you on deadlines for giving.

Here is a link/web address to Rocky's Obituary
<https://boxwellbrothers.com/obituary/rockv-iim-sprott/>

COVID 19 – Accommodations

Church Services Resume

Sundays – 10:00AM Bible Study
- 11:00 AM Worship
Wednesdays – 7:00 PM Bible Study

*** Bible Study Classes ***

At this time **ALL** classes (including children) will be held in the auditorium in order to facilitate the social distancing expectations of our government officials.

As we continue to work through these times, please be sure you are following the government guidelines. You must wear a mask while entering and moving around the building. We will also be asking people to ensure distancing from others, which means we will need to spread out around the auditorium (by families). We will continue to handle our communion and offering as we have since we resumed worship – no passing trays and cups placed in plastic bags after use to be gathered and disposed of afterwards.

*Our first desire and priority is to ensure that we are doing all we can to keep everyone **safe and healthy**.*

Again, we are so happy that we are able to join together again in our assembly of worship as God desires – Hebrews 10:25.

*** Colorado Executive Order ***

Effective Friday, July 17 & extended into mid-October

The governor issued a new executive order requiring that masks be worn in all indoor public places. As an executive order, this is required by law.

As of Sunday, July 19 – we will be required to wear our masks while entering or moving around inside of the building. Once seated and socially distanced, the mask can be removed if you desire.

This applies to anyone 11 years of age or older.

There are exceptions for people that have a medical condition that will not allow them to tolerate a mask.

Those officiating the services will not be required to wear a mask while leading their portion of the service.

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/worship-guidance>
<https://covid19.colorado.gov/mask-guidance>