

<u>January Birthdays</u>		<u>January Anniversaries</u>	
1	Stanten Sikes	1	Robin & Joe Autry
4	Robin Autry		
25	Linda Reader		

### Mission Work Areas

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

### New Prayer Requests

Charlyne Cordaro (Debbie Olguin's sister) – Passed away. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Ian & Linda Stewart family – still struggling with issues with Gary.

Grinda Salido (Al Olguin's sister) – double mastectomy in January due to a reoccurrence of breast cancer.

Sandy Cavazos – has a nodule on her right lung. She will get it checked on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Please keep her in your prayers.

### Covid-19 List

Marian Like – released from hospital & recovering at home.

Robin & Joe Autry – recovering at home.

Charlyne and Dave Cordaro (Debbie Olguin's sister & brother-in-law) – Charlyne passed away. Dave is recovering, now at home. Please keep Dave and their kids – Cassie & Tom – in prayer.

Jamie Buettner (Sybil's daughter) – at home and still recovering.

Gary & Rosie Campbell – doing well now.

Kelly & Linda Beek – recovering at home.

Jim McKillip – Has been taken to the hospital for care.

Linda & Ian Stewart – at home with moderate symptoms. Slowly recovering.

Margie Miller – recovering from Covid. Diagnosed with diabetes.

Doug & Marybeth Ward – Recovering at home.

Elizabeth Griffith – improving at home. Dan & Jane both had negative tests.

### Long Term Prayer List

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

<u>January 10, 2021</u>		
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	

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**When you visit us...**

January 3, 2021

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

## How Awesome Is This Place

Chris Gannon

There's a cool story in Genesis Chapter 28. Jacob is on the run from his brother Esau who wants to kill him after he stole his blessing. Jacob sets out for Haran, and the text says that "when he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set." The place here is described simply as a "certain" place — nothing special, just regular, nothing out of the ordinary.

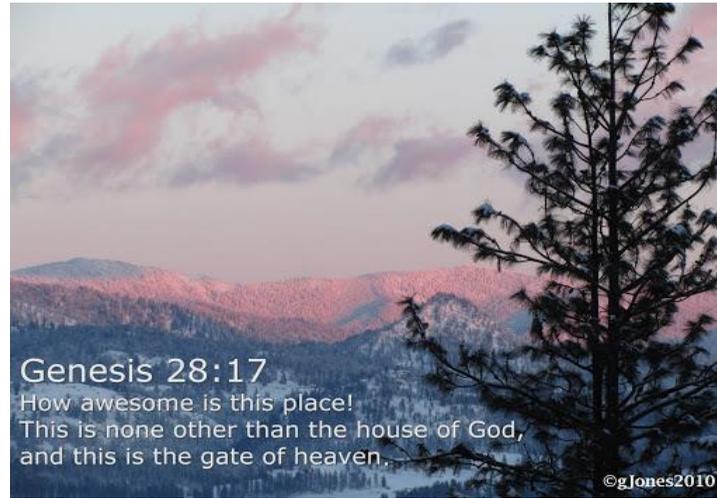
Evidently in his haste, Jacob forgot to pack a pillow, so he decides to use a rock instead. In spite of using a pillow with a sleep number of 1,000, Jacob still reaches the REM cycle and has a pretty incredible dream in which God shows him something important. In his dream, Jacob sees a stairway to heaven with angels ascending and descending. Above them stands the Lord, and He reminds Jacob of the covenant that He made with Abraham. Of how He will make him into a great nation and bless him and his offspring. He ends by reminding Jacob that He will never leave him.

Jacob wakes up from his sleep and makes an important observation about the place where this happened. He thought, Verse 16 says, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it," he goes on to say, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God."

In light of this passage, I think there is something for us all to remember. It is possible for God to be in a place, and for us not to realize it. A certain place, of no consequence, can suddenly become an awesome place where God reveals himself to us in ways we would never have expected.

As we approach the end of December, we begin to reflect a little on the year. Reflection, can at times bring painful and unpleasant parts of the year to the forefront, and we may even struggle to see how God was in that moment or place or situation. We might say things like, "I'm glad this year's over!" and certainly there may be parts we are glad to be over and are in no rush to live through again. Sometimes, however, it requires a little deeper reflection for us to see all the ways that God was with us this year - but that doesn't mean that he wasn't with us. In fact, even here, he reminds Jacob of one of the most common promises in the Bible, "I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Jacob had to close his eyes to see how God was with him; maybe we need to open our eyes, but refocus them to see just how awesome this place is!



### A few words...

We have a mighty and awesome God who has power over all things. As you read the article from Chris Gannon, consider Jacob and his acknowledgement in Genesis 28 - "surely the Lord is in this place and I was not aware." How does man get to the point where they fail to see God? How does a believer of God get to that point?

Is it because we become consumed by the things of the world? Or, maybe we do not spend enough time in His word to be able to understand His presence. Maybe it is because no one has taught us about God. Any of these can be true and we must do all that we can to ensure we do not become a part of that group.

Let us make sure we are doing the things we need to each day to maintain our relationship with God. We must not lose sight of His presence everywhere we go. God is with us always if we allow Him to enter in. And, we should do what we can to make sure others recognize Him and His presence as well. Even if it's in our conversations and example, we must show God at all times.

~Terry

### Rocky Sprott

A memorial fund for Jim & Judy Taylor's work at Mazatlan has been set up in Rocky's name.

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

## COVID 19 – Accommodations

**Church Services – Cancelled for Now due to Covid Cases**

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.*

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### \*\*\* 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>

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