

November Birthdays		November Anniversaries	
3	Ian Stewart		
13	Len Gates		
20	Elias Davis		
24	Marybeth Ward		

Mission Work Areas

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

New Prayer Requests

Melissa Wagle (Fulton's Daughter) – She will need chemotherapy. This will be difficult for her and the family. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
Austin Petty (Zirkle's grandson) – has been diagnosed with a malignant tumor. He is starting the radiation therapy – 5 days a week for 5 weeks and then some surgery. Please keep him and that family in your prayers.
Jim Taylor – is home and doing better each day. He is using a walker and gaining strength. Please keep him and Judy in your prayers.
Becky Geske (Judy Fulton's sister-in-law) – home from the hospital but on full time oxygen and wearing a heart monitor for a couple of weeks.
Sandy Cavazos – surgery for her neck and thoracic spine is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 13.

Long Term Prayer List

Ron Hansen	Richard Pedrie
Ian Stewart	Lauren Stewart
Gary Stewart	Beth Pedrie
Wayne & Marilyn Bartlow	Norma Bartlow
Greg Pyle	Jamie Buettner (Sybil's daughter)
Joan Lawrence	
	Christy Reader & kids – Penelope & Preston – still some custody issues

November 14, 2021		
Greeters:	Len Gates	Terry Reader
Announcements:	Terry Reader	
Song Leader:	Dan Greene	
Opening Prayer:	Terry Reader	
Closing Prayer:	Len Gates	
Lord's Table:	Len Gates	Gene Petersen
	Joe Autry	Stacey Moss
Coordinator:	Kelly Beek	

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When you visit us...

November 7, 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	Wednesday
10:00 amBible Class	7:00 pm.....Devotional
11:00 am.....Assembly	or Bible Class
Noon.....Fellowship Meal	
1:30 pm.....Devotional	

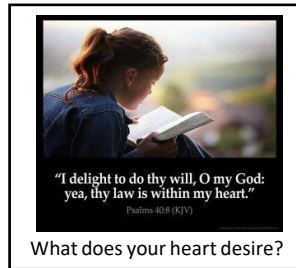
What Does Your Heart Desire Most?

Dan Jenkins

The older I get as a Christian the more I am convinced that the key to greater spirituality is found in meditating on the psalms. David was a man after God's own heart. By letting our hearts speak these words which flowed from the heart of David, our hearts will become like David's heart and at the same time become like the heart of God.

I am not sure which psalm appeals to you, for the one that appeals to me is determined by what is happening in my life as I read them. One important psalm answers the question, "David, what is the one thing you have desired of the Lord?" If I asked you the same question, how close would your answer be like the answer David gives in Psalm 27?

"One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek..." Receiving from the Lord is dependent on our seeking His help in finding it. Our service to Him cannot be far down on our list of the most important things in our lives. The Bible speaks of "with all your heart" nine times in the book of Deuteronomy (4:29; 6:5; 10:12; 11:13; 13:3; 26:16; 30:2, 6, 10) and each shows the importance of seeking Him with our all.



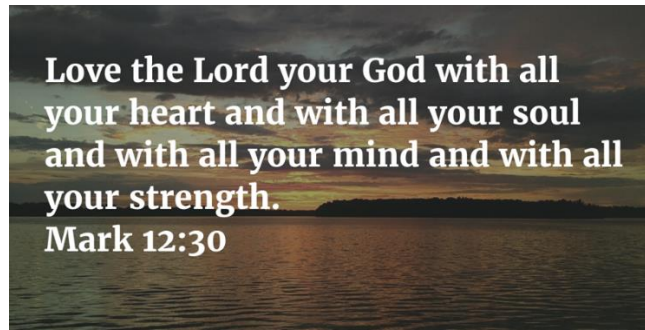
"...that I may dwell in the house of the Lord..." It is likely that David's house of the Lord was the tabernacle given at Sinai. It was a tent, yet David said that his desire above all things was to dwell in that house. God was there. How important is it in your life to be in His presence to worship Him?

"...all the days of my life..." As a young man who was facing Goliath, he looked back to past events which had happened and said, "God delivered me from the ... lion and ... the bear," and then added, "He will deliver me..." ([1 Sam. 17:37](#)). He believed deeply in the providence of God as a youth and all the days of his life, even as an old man ([Psa. 37:25](#)).

"...to behold the beauty of the Lord..." David knew that it was in the house of the Lord he would be able, not just to glimpse at His beauty, but to behold it. We come into His house, to sit at the table of the Lord and view the most beautiful manifestation of the Lord as we commune with Him at the cross.

"...and to inquire in His temple." We come into His temple and listen to Him speak His words to us in Bible classes and worship. Bible study by its very nature generates questions as we seek for deeper knowledge and the closest relationship we can have with Him. Every time, without fail, we inquire of Him and His will for our lives He gives the answer. The Creator of the world longs to have fellowship with us and provides the answers our souls seek in His temple.

How close does your one desire parallel the one thing David desired of the Lord? Think about your answer.



A few words...

Have you ever thought about what it means to be a follower of God? If we are to be His "followers", we must consider that. We must be willing to look to His word and understand what it means for our life. There is more to it than just saying the words "I Believe". It means that we are to believe **and** obey.

It is so easy for a person to say "I believe in God and Jesus" yet, they never show that belief in the things that they do. In James, God tells us "But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves" ([James 1:22](#)). In fact, James goes on to say that if we think we are "religious" but do not do the will of God, that religion is worthless.

If we are to truly be the people of God, we must understand that He is our Creator – our Father – and we should treat Him as that. We must recognize that without Him, we would not even exist and that it is only by His will that we live. Now, if you consider that, you would think that people would be grateful to Him for everything and have a desire to please Him. Yet, we live in a time when the desire of so many people is to please themselves and they give little or no regard to God.

Even in "church" organizations, we see people that are more concerned about pleasing people than they are about pleasing God. If we are to please God, we must be obedient to His word in all things, yet we see those who choose to ignore some things in order to help people "feel good" rather than recognize their sin and seek to be cleansed. God tells us in 1 Peter – "and corresponding to that, baptism now saves you--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience--through the resurrection of Jesus Christ ([1 Peter 3:21](#)). This verse, along with many others, shows us not only the importance of something like baptism, but that it is a command of God. And still, people choose to ignore this and say that it is not important, you only have to accept Jesus into your heart.

Certainly, we must accept Jesus into our hearts, but God has given the way in which we are to do that – through baptism. If you look at Paul's

writing to the Romans we find that through this baptism, we are joined with Christ ([Romans 6:1-13](#)). We – mankind – do not have the right or the authority to decide it is something different – like the "sinner's prayer". Nowhere, does scripture tells us "just pray Him into your heart" and all will be okay.

If we are to be *true followers of God*, we must be ready to obey His commandments. In 1 John, we see the following - *And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked (1 John 2:3-6)*. We must walk as He walked.

Even Jesus was totally and completely obedient to the Father – in baptism and even to His death. We must walk to show the desire for that same obedience. ~Terry

Ephesians 5:1-2

1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; 2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.



We invite you to stay for our Weekly Fellowship Lunch & Afternoon Devotional! We hope you'll stay and eat, fellowship and worship with us immediately following morning services.

For your calendar.....

Weekly Fellowship Luncheon	Sunday – 12:00 Noon
1 st Wednesday Singing	Dec. 1 – 7:00 PM
Santa's visit	Wed. 15 – 6:00 PM