

June Birthdays		June Anniversaries	
2	Wayne Bartlow	6	Teclia & Paul Cunningham
10	Seth Moss	8	Judy & Larry Fulton
13	Frank Smith	18	Linda & Ian Stewart
16	Colleen Sikes	19	Shaundra & Stacey Moss
26	Jim Taylor	23	Carole & Frank Smith
28	Ron Hansen	28	Judeen & Gene Petersen

June 26, 2022		
Greeters:	Larry Fulton	Ken Davis
Announcements:	Terry Reader	
Song Leader:	Kelly Beek	
Opening Prayer:	Joe Autry	
Closing Prayer:	Ken Davis	
Lord’s Table:	Len Gates	Joe Autry
	Stacey Moss	Paul Cunningham
Coordinator:	Stacey Moss	



When you visit us... June 19, 2022

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 am ....Bible Class	7:00 pm.....Devotional
11:00 am.....Assembly	or Bible Class
Noon.....Fellowship Meal	
1:30 pm.....Devotional	

Mission Work Areas

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

New Prayer Requests

Wayne Bartlow – struggling with health issues. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
Gwynn Bulmer – had her hip replacement surgerv on Wednesday. She is at home recovering and is doing well. Please keep her in your prayers.
Linda and Kelly Beek – keep them in your prayers as they continue to travel.
Floyd Hardesty (Linda Reader’s cousin) – had heart bypass surgery last month and is struggling with blood pressure issues.

Long Term Prayer List

Ron Hansen	Richard Pedrie
Ian Stewart	Greg Pyle
Gary Stewart	Beth Pedrie
Wayne & Marilyn Bartlow	Norma Bartlow
Joan Lawrence (stroke recovery)	Jamie Buettner (Sybil’s daughter)
Melissa Wagle (cancer)	Sandy Cavasos – back surgery
Rosie Campbell – hip surgery	Scott Bulmer – knee replacement
Rick Moen – tumor in neck - radiation	Tom Hartman (friend of Jeff Richards) – Mt Bike accident and cancer
Austin Petty (Zirkle’s Grandson - cancer)	Perry Davis (Sybil’s brother) – prostate cancer

Elders

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

Deacons

Wayne Bartlow (719) 395-2520  
Stacey Moss (719) 395-9294  
Ken Davis (719) 748-8654  
Kelly Beek (719) 342-5856  
Larry Fulton (719) 398-9987  
Len Gates (719) 207-0039

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Forever / Ever or Forever / Never

Dan Jenkins

The words of our eternal God are forever true. He cannot lie. Whenever He decrees a matter, no mortal can ever change it. David affirmed this truth when he said, “Forever, O Lord, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens” (Psalms 119:98, ESV). We should not be surprised that the phrase “forever and ever” is found forty-seven times in the Bible.

There is another way to look at the eternal nature of the truths of God. Instead of looking where He said forever/ever, consider some of those times when He said “forever/never.”

When Noah came out of the ark, God made a covenant with Noah, his sons, all mankind and even the living creatures on the earth. “I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh” (Genesis 9:15). His “never” promise shows that the flood in Noah’s day was a universal, one-time event, which shall never be repeated.

God uses the word “never” in reference to nations. He said that when Babylon was destroyed it would never be inhabited again (Isaiah 13:10). He looked at the splendor of Tyre and said, “You shall never be rebuilt” (Ezekiel 26:14). The ruins of these cities show how God’s word can be trusted.

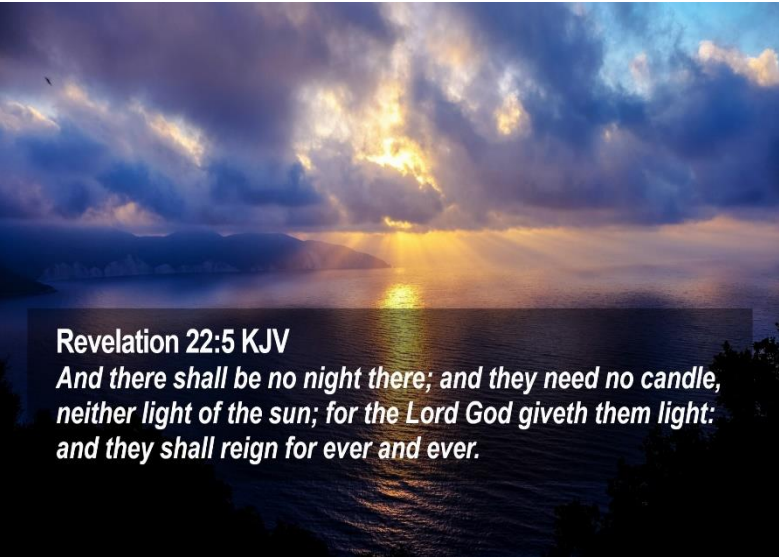
Ancient history shows the grandeur of Egypt. Those pyramids stand today as evidence of the wisdom and wealth of Egypt. However, our God then uses the word “never” to describe what has happened to this magnificent culture. “It shall be the lowliest of kingdoms; it shall never again exalt itself above the nations” (Ezekiel 29:25).

When Daniel interpreted the dream of Nebuchadnezzar, he describes in great detail four world kingdoms and says that in that fourth kingdom (the Romans), “the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed” (Daniel 2:44). Jesus came and established that kingdom, the church, and the fact that this same kingdom is on the earth day shows how much we can trust the words of our eternal God.

Finally, look at how God describes the destiny of the wicked. His use of the words “no rest” coupled with the words “forever and ever” have the same force as using the word “never.” “And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have

no rest day or night, who worship the beast” (Revelation 14:11). These eternal words of God should be part of the souls of every person on this earth.

Thank God who gives us both forever/ever and also forever/never affirmations of His eternal, unchanging truths which build our faith and mold our lives. Thank God that He has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5).



*Isaiah 25:8*

*He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.*

**Fire & Ice Celebration**

**July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 PM**



**At the Church Building**

**– bring a dessert & a chair**



**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
July 4 <sup>th</sup> – Fire & Ice Social	July 4 – 7:30 PM
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday Singing	July 6 – 7:00 PM