

August Birthdays		August Anniversaries	
6	Danny Greene	16	Margo & Danny Greene
7	Richard Pedrie	27	Nita & Ron Hansen
9	Carole Smith		
11	Penny Pearson		
13	Isaac Davis		
21	Jonah Davis		
22	Marilyn Bartlow		
26	Marian Like		
29	Toni Gates		

### **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.
Austin Petty (Zirkle's Grandson) – has started an oral chemo to slow the cancer and manage its effects. Keep him and his family in your prayers.
Kendra Tate (niece to Stanton) – was in a car accident and has been unconscious since. She has significant jaw damage and a head injury. She has shown some response, but is still being sedated.
Tom Hartman (friend of Jeff Richards) – had a mountain bike accident leading to paralysis early this year. He is struggling emotionally due to his condition. Please pray for him and his family.
Rick Moen (friend of the Gates) – Passed away last week. He had a tumor in his neck that was treated earlier this year. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.

### **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 & Mike Cavasos – back surgeries
Austin Petty (Zirkle's Grandson - cancer)	Tom Hartman (friend of Jeff Richards) – Mt Bike accident and cancer
Betty & Danny Sidebottom – have had health issues and will be moving into assisted living.	Perry Davis (Sybil's brother) – has been diagnosed as cancer free

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Greeters:	Ken Davis	Terry Reader
Announcements:	Terry Reader	
Song Leader:	Kelly Beek	
Opening Prayer:	Stacey Moss	
Closing Prayer:	Jim Richards	
Lord's Table:	Len Gates	Larry Fulton
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**When you visit us...**

August 21, 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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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
10:00 am ....Bible Class	7:00 pm.....Devotional
11:00 am.....Assembly	or Bible Class
Noon.....Fellowship Meal	
1:30 pm.....Devotional	

## America, Hope, and the Valley of Achor

Dan Jenkins

The parallel between the demise of the Jewish nation as they headed for captivity and the demise in our land is so striking. We know specifically that God had chosen the nation of Israel and brought them into a land flowing with milk and honey. The remarkable history of America and its elevation to being a world power in it such a short time is almost unheard of in world history. We are not God's chosen nation, but we have been brought into our land of blessings.

Look carefully at how the Jews responded to their blessings. They lived in the abundance He gave to them, but almost immediately forgot about the One who gave them such blessings. Our land was born under the banner being one nation under God. Isn't it remarkable how our nation is now doing all it can to be one nation *out from under* God!

As the northern kingdom of Israel was about to be destroyed God sent His messenger, Hosea, to make a final appeal. What was that message? Where could that nation who had left God find in hope of reconciliation? Hear the words of Hosea. "I will give her...the valley of Achor as a door of hope" (*Hosea 2:17*). The hope of Israel was to be found in a valley that was part of the birth of that nation (*Joshua 7*).

The young nation of Israel had just captured the city of Jericho as God collapsed the walls of that fortified city. He was with them! The joyful prospect of now conquering the rest of the land with God's help was within the heart of every Jew. God had promised that land to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and now He was giving it to them. The pagan nations seemed powerless before Him. To the Jews' amazement, they came to the next city, Ai, and were soundly defeated. What had happened? The answer is found in the valley of Achor.

The nation was not aware that one man had taken some of the spoils of Jericho which had been sanctified as belonging to God and hid them in his tent. The small village of Ai had routed the mighty army of God. Why? Because of the sin of one man. How did God look at that sin? He made it an example for every Jew as they conquered the rest of the land.

What did they do to this man? More importantly, where were they when they dealt with the sin? They stoned that man, Achan, and his entire family. They burned all his possessions and raised a heap of stones as a "memorial" to the importance of dealing with sin. Where was the monument? It was in the valley of Achor (*Joshua 7:25-26*).

That valley was the only hope Israel had of surviving in Hosea's day. Their failure to deal with sin was their demise. America has left God. Perhaps it is time we go the valley of Achor and find the only hope we have!

### From Glenn Zirkle – Update on Austin

I don't think I can add anything to my daughter's post. Thanks for all your prayers. We'll take it as it comes.

Lisa Ann Woolrich

August 16

For the past year, we have tried to get ahead of Austin's cancer with surgeries and radiation treatments. Friday, he will start a new treatment when his chemo pills are delivered. However, the path we are on is no longer one that is meant to cure his cancer. Instead, we are now on a path to try and slow its progress and manage its effects so he can have the best quality of life for as long as possible.

I know that many will ask "Are they sure that there isn't anything else they can do or try?" Know that this cancer is an extremely challenging one. Any of you that know me well, know that I have spent his entire life studying and researching his condition, neurofibromatosis type 1, and its potentials. I have read countless medical journals and research studies. If I had found ANYTHING that I thought would give us better odds, I would be pushing for it. I also have complete confidence that the doctors at Shands have treated this extremely rare cancer using the best options available.

No, we do not have any definite timelines at this point. If the chemo helps to slow it, we could use SBRT radiation to target the most problematic tumors. We may be able to keep it at bay for months, maybe a couple of years. The next two months of chemo will tell us more.

We are hoping that the side effects of this particular chemo will be manageable and allow Austin to live a fairly normal life while he is on it. When it comes to his care, I have always had the mentality that you go to the doctors when you need to, address issues as they arise, and live life in between. That is what we plan to keep doing for as long as possible.

Lastly, everyone always asks if there is anything we need or that they can do. At this time, just keep praying for us. If somewhere down the line our needs change, we will definitely reach out. I know at some point he may not be able to work anymore and I will need to spend more time with him, either up in Mayo or down here if he moves back home. It is a great comfort to know that we have people willing to step up and help if we are ever in need. We would like to thank all of you for your continued prayers and support.

### Candy for Honduras

We have been collecting candy for Ken and Gabriel to take to the kids in Honduras in November.

Ken has decided there is enough candy. Thanks to everyone who helped.



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 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday Singing	September 7 – 7:00 PM
Game Night	September 8 – 6:30
Mazatlan – Special Offering	September 28