

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.

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.	

September 4, 2022		
Greeters:	Len Gates	Larry Fulton
Announcements:	Kelly Beek	
Song Leader:	Dan Greene	
Opening Prayer:	Gene Petersen	
Closing Prayer:	Paul Cunningham	
Lord's Table:	Terry Reader	Joe Autry
	Jim Richards	Stacey Moss
Coordinator:	Len Gates	

Elders

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

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Larry Fulton (719) 398-9987
Len Gates (719) 207-0039

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When you visit us...

August 28, 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 amBible Class	7:00 pm.....Devotional
11:00 am.....Assembly	or Bible Class
Noon.....Fellowship Meal	
1:30 pm.....Devotional	

Do You Have a Passion?

Travis Main

Do you have a passion? What really excite you? What charges your zeal? We all have different interests which cause us to perk up and get engaged. For some people vintage automobiles really light their fire. More than a few friends of mine would state this is a passion of theirs. As a boy I remember going to "Graffiti Night". This was a citywide cruise and vintage car show. I never knew so many people collected, restored, and even joined clubs dedicated to this passion. In another field of activity are the quilters. How much time could it take to make quilt? Ha! Squares and diamonds and all sorts of shapes and stitches everywhere of every color of the rainbow! Having worked a number of years cleaning out homes for auctions, you would be stunned at how many quilters I have found lurking out there. I have seriously emptied out rooms full of material because of other individual's avid passion in this area. Another serious passion of many folks is college sports! If you want to get someone's blood pressure up, jokingly tell them their team is inferior to any other team. Boom! Fight on! Sport's fans wear their passion on their sleeves.

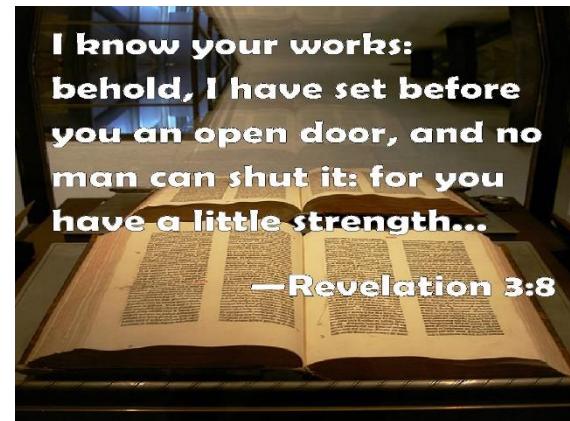
When I look to the scriptures, there are many folks who demonstrate passion. David's passion for the Lord caused him to design a temple for his son Solomon to build for God, though God told him that He did not dwell in houses made with hands (Acts 7:45-51). These men all had a passion, but they operated in a manner contrary than that to which God would have had them behave. Saul had a great passion for persecuting the Church. Philippians 3:6 and Acts 8:1-3 proclaim he ravaged the church and dragged men and women off to prison. With great zeal Apollos went about demonstrating that Jesus was the Messiah from the Old Testament. However, he had only been familiar with the baptism of John. Aquilla and Priscilla had to expound the way of God more perfectly to Him. All of these men had a passion, great zeal, but it was a "zeal of God, but not according to knowledge" (Romans 10:2). This statement, applicable to these men was particularly assigned as a description by the apostle Paul to describe the nation of Israel who also went about following a path that was not that which God had prescribed.

Of course, there are people in scripture who had zeal that was not in conflict with God's Will. Jehu had great zeal for the Lord in destroying the house of Ahab and Jezebel (2 Kings 10:16). Anna the daughter of Phanuel would not leave the temple, "but served God with fastings and prayers night and day." "She spake of [Jesus] to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem (Luke 2:36-38). Peter speaks of the righteous who "seek peace and pursue it". He preaches "Who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?" (1 Peter 3:13) God desires His people to be passionate about Good works (the very thing we were created for



according to Ephesians 2:10) for His son gave Himself a sacrifice that he might "purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for [such].

Do you have a passion for God and Good works? Do have zeal to serve others? Do you have a zeal for the Word of God? Do you have a passion to meet your Lord Jesus in the clouds when he comes again? It is wonderful to enjoy the blessings upon this earth which God has abundantly supplied us with. You may, in fact, have many passions. However, I pray your greatest passion is for the Lord and according to knowledge. Seek him day and night as he desires. Let His love consume you. Fill your life with good works and let your passion glorify God.



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	September 7 – 7:00 PM
Game Night	September 8 – 6:30
Fall Colors Outing	September 18 (Tentative)
Mazatlan – Special Offering	September 25

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 it's 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.