

September Birthdays		September Anniversaries	
26	Jan Paddock	2	Margie & Pete Miller
29	Stacey Moss	8	Debbie & Al Olguin
		30	Marybeth & Doug Ward

**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 Stanten) – was in a car accident several weeks ago and suffered multiple injuries, including a brain injury. She is showing some improvement, but still needs our prayers. Please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers.
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 18, 2022**

Greeters:	Len Gates	Larry Fulton
Announcements:	Kelly Beek	
Song Leader:	Kelly Beek	
Opening Prayer:	Ken Davis	
Closing Prayer:	Dan Greene	
Lord’s Table:	Terry Reader	Joe Autry
	Jim Richards	Stacey Moss
Coordinator:	Len Gates	

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***When you visit us...*** September 11, 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	

## Jesus and the Little Children

Stanley Zavala

*“And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it. And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.” – Mark 10:13-16*

With VBS just behind us we have focused, and rightfully so, on our children and lessons we can learn from them. However, I would like for us to consider the above verses from a different perspective. At the very beginning of the passage it says, *“they were bringing children to him.”* Please do not take this part of the account lightly. They brought their children to Jesus because they understood who he was and knew that their children needed him as much as they did.

No one today can take their children to physically see Jesus, so what does the application of this account look like for us? I would like to suggest three ways that we can bring our children to Jesus.

First, share your testimony. This is a great way for children to get to know who Jesus is and what he can do for them. Paul used this approach to bring others to Jesus. In Acts 26 he shared his conversion story with King Agrippa. We should be unashamed of what Jesus has done for us. We should desire to share our new life with Jesus not only with strangers, but with our children. As the song says, “hide it under a bushel, NO. I’m going to let it shine.” Our children should know Jesus from the change he has made in our lives.

The second way is to routinely expose children to the church. Jesus is the cornerstone on which the church is built (*Ephesians 2:20*), and the church is the body of Christ (*Colossians 1:18*). What an awesome opportunity to expose our children to *“living stones being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” – 1 Peter 2:5*. This experience is not something that happens on just Sunday and Wednesday night, but in our daily commitment to fulfill the purpose of the church. If we want to bring our children to Jesus, we must expose them to the church.

Thirdly is to teach them theology (the study of God). *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” – John 14:6*. When we study the truth of God’s word, we are bringing our children to Jesus. Children should learn and develop the skills to be *“a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth” – 2 Timothy 2:15*. This is something that should be taught daily when you are eating a meal together, going for a walk, or watching TV. Could you say that your words and actions bring our children to Jesus?

To me, the best part of the account can be found at the end when we are told *“he took them in his arms and blessed them.”* Jesus is waiting for all

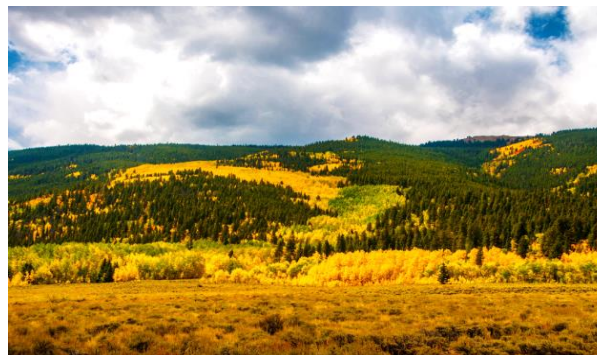
of his children with open arms and is wanting to bless them. What a great opportunity and responsibility we all have to bring our children to Jesus. We sometimes sing this prayer in the hymn “Father, Help Us Raise Our Children.”

*When our time to go draws near,  
We may leave our children here;  
To the new land, far away,  
Father, bring them home someday.*

May God bless us as we strive to help our children see Jesus.



## Lost Canyon Fall Outing



**September 25, 2022**

*We will travel to Lost Canyon immediately following services  
for our Fellowship Lunch, Devotional and fun.*

### Matthew 18:1-6

*1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, 3 and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5" And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.*

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### Mazatlan - Special Offering

Jim and Judy Taylor will be making their trek back to Mexico in early October, so we will have our special offering for their work there on September 25. Please plan for this offering at that time.

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**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	October 5 – 7:00 PM
Fall Colors Outing	September 25
Mazatlan – Special Offering	September 25