

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 Stanton) – was in a car accident several weeks ago and suffered multiple injuries, including a brain injury. She is improving, but still having some struggles and 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 25, 2022		
Greeters:	Len Gates	Larry Fulton
Announcements:	Kelly Beek	
Song Leader:	Dan Greene	
Opening Prayer:	Ian Stewart	
Closing Prayer:	Larry Fulton	
Lord's Table:	Terry Reader	Joe Autry
	Jim Richards	Stacey Moss
Coordinator:	Len Gates	

Elders

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Deacons

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Ken Davis (719) 748-8654
Kelly Beek (719) 342-5856
Larry Fulton (719) 398-9987
Len Gates (719) 207-0039



When you visit us...

September 18, 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

10:00 amBible Class
11:00 am.....Assembly
Noon.....Fellowship Meal
1:30 pm.....Devotional

Wednesday

7:00 pm.....Devotional
or Bible Class

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Lessons From a Day of Tragedy

Greg Chandler

Today marks the 21st anniversary of the bombings of the Twin Towers in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, and the heroic downing of United Airlines Flight 93 to prevent terrorists from using the plane as a weapon against the United States. Those of age likely remember exactly where they were upon learning of this harrowing event and have difficulty accepting that enough time has passed that an entire generation knows these things only as historical events. As commemorations take place and multitudes of words are spoken about these tragedies, it provides good opportunity to be reminded of the spiritual lessons that can still be gained two decades later.



1. **Enemies seek to strike without warning.** None who perished on that fateful day twenty-one years ago knew their lives would end so tragically. To accomplish this, the enemy clandestinely made plans to maximize the damage with minimal forewarning. The ultimate terrorist employs the same strategy; thus, the apostle Peter warned, "Be sober-minded, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). One of his most successful tactics is to attack without warning. Sadly, many allow vigilance to slide and suffer the spiritual consequences. As the old admonition goes, it is of extreme importance to "know your enemy."

2. **Familiar things can become effective weapons.** The farthest thoughts on air travelers' minds as they boarded planes on September 11 was that their means of transportation would be weaponized to inflict damage and death. This observation should prove important as one considers how those things in familiar surroundings can become weapons of the devil. A phone used to text and transmit gossip, a laptop repurposed into a porn center, a social media account used to slander those both in private and public life are but a few seemingly innocent items that the enemy twists to his advantage. The child of God should note the apostle Paul's admonition: "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you, sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming" (Colossians 3:5-6). Those who willingly make themselves targets forfeit the "new self" and resurrect the "old self" who is bent on destruction.

3. **Many desire to pass the blame.** After a brief period of unity visualized by members of Congress uniting on the Capitol steps to sing "God Bless America," fingers began to point across the political aisle. Surely the president should have seen this coming, or his staff, or the military, or the CIA and on and on it went. Rather than working together, the desperation felt in the moment looked for someone to take the fall. One need only make it to the third page of the Bible to see this in action in the spiritual realm. After the serpent's crafty dealings that led to humanity's first sin,

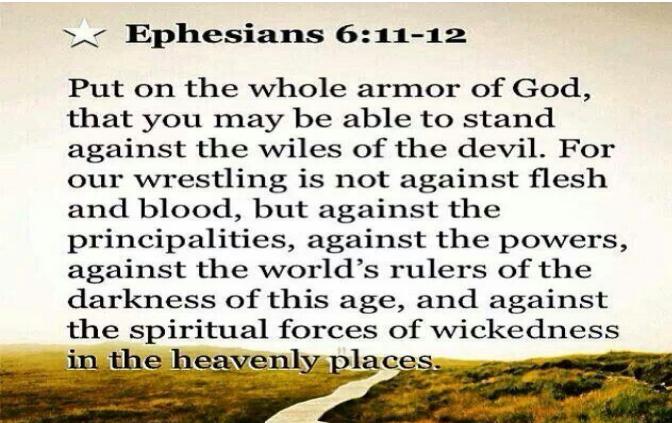
Adam blamed Eve who blamed the serpent (see Genesis 3:11-13). Sinful actions are sometimes blamed on poor parenting, ineffective preaching, derelict elders, or uncaring churches. Sometimes it is even blamed on God who "made me this way." While fellow-humans can certainly serve as stumbling blocks, each ultimately will stand alone before God: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil" (2 Corinthians 5:10). While others may be judged for being poor examples, each will answer for his or her personal actions.

4. **The actions of a few can lead to prejudging many.** In the days and years following the September 11 attacks, those of Middle Eastern origin came under suspicion in the minds of many. Sadly, an entire group was transformed into "they" as in "they can't be trusted." Such prejudices have a long and sordid history in mankind's past and are used effectively by Satan. Prejudice leads to hatred which leads one in the opposite direction of the God who is love. Suspicion toward neighbors prevents loving one's neighbors; thus, "the second great command" is forfeited. God's people do well to imitate the One who desires for all to be saved!

5. **While one cannot know what the day holds, one can know what eternity holds.** As this horrific day is commemorated, all should remember that God has said that, barring His return, all can be certain death is coming. He also makes it abundantly clear one can be certain about eternal destinations. If each child of God lives every day for Him and lives every day like it was his or her last, the fear of death can be swallowed up in eternal optimism. May each commit this day to those worthy goals.

Events of twenty-one years ago serve as reminders that while the world continues in its present course bad things will happen. While the people of God are saddened by these times of needless bloodshed, none should despair. God is in control!

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.

Lost Canyon Fall Outing

September 25, 2022

We will travel to Lost Canyon immediately following services for our



Fellowship Lunch, Devotional and fun.



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