

<b>September Birthdays</b>		<b>September Anniversaries</b>	
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's had surgery to remove the wires from her jaw and she is starting to regain some memory and other brain function. She is improving, but 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.
Cathy Chochon (friend of Richards) – had a bicycle accident. Please keep her 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.	

<b>October 2, 2022</b>		
Greeters:	Len Gates	Larry Fulton
Announcements:	Ian Stewart	
Song Leader:	Terry Reader	
Opening Prayer:	Jim Richards	
Closing Prayer:	Ian Stewart	
Lord's Table:	Dan Greene	Ken Davis
	Kelly Beek	Larry Fulton
Coordinator:	Stacey Moss	

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**When you visit us...**

September 25, 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	

## Jesus and Sinners

Brandon Starling

As soon as I saw my article topic, a passage came to mind: *Luke 7: 36-49*. I suppose that might have something to do with the fact that it is a personal favorite of mine. But more pertinently, it is a story that perfectly illustrates the love that Jesus has for sinners.

A Pharisee named Simon invited Jesus to eat with him. During the meal, a woman, who is identified in the Pharisee's mind as "a sinner," entered his home with a flask of expensive ointment. She washed Jesus' feet with her tears, dried them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the oil. Simon's inner thoughts about this turn of events and Jesus' response to those thoughts teach us some important lessons about how we should regard sinners.

First, sinners need compassion, not contempt. Verse 39 says: "Now when the Pharisee who invited him saw this, he said to himself 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.'" The implication is clear - if Jesus really knew what kind of woman this was, then he would have rejected her efforts.

Even in my lifetime, our society's moral compass has changed drastically for the worse. Sins like fornication, homosexuality, dishonesty, violence, abortion, hatred, idolatry, and all kinds of disrespect for God are not only accepted but often honored. Our response, however, should not be to shun those who practice such sins. Instead of avoiding sinners, or even hating them, Jesus would have us show them kindness, hospitality, and grace.

This does not mean that we are to condone or overlook sin. After all, conviction of one's sins and repentance from them are key components of the gospel, and Jesus loved sinners enough to make this clear (*John 5: 14, John 8: 11*). Neither does this mean that we should choose worldly people to be our closest companions and confidants (*1 Corinthians 15: 33*). Again, Jesus provided us an example in this regard – it seems the three men he chose for his innermost circle were Peter, James, and John.

But how can we hope to win lost souls for Jesus without being willing to have them into our homes, to help them in times of need, to let them know that we are praying for them, to encourage them to read the Bible with us, or to invite them to join us for worship? Jesus was called a "friend of sinners" for a reason (*Luke 7: 34*).

Second, loving sinners requires a proper recognition of one's own sin. Verses 40-43: "And Jesus answering said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' And he answered, 'Say it, Teacher.' 'A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed 500 denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.' And he said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' And then

verse 47: "Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven - for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."

Of course, Jesus' point was not literally that the fewer sins one has committed, the less they will love him. His point was that those who consider their sin to be little will love little. Simon obviously saw himself as worthy to have Jesus into his home but judged this woman unfit to touch him.

On the other hand, all of the woman's actions indicate profound humility and faith. I doubt she contained a single ounce of Simon's self-righteousness. Do you look at sinners today the way Simon looked at this woman or the way Jesus did? If you're like me, that's a sobering question.

I have a deep appreciation for just how *much* sin Jesus has forgiven in my life. I am filled with awe and thankfulness for the inconceivable mercy he has shown me, and I am utterly dependent on His grace every single day.

We live in a world filled with lost souls who engage in all kinds of sin. They are not beneath us. They need the same forgiveness and hope that Jesus gives each of us. And Jesus is counting on us to show this to them.

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### Today - 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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### Lost Canyon Fall Outing



### Today - September 25

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

## Time to Sing with Poncha Springs October 9<sup>th</sup>

We will be hosting the folks from Poncha Springs for lunch and singing on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to feed some extra folks and join us for singing after morning services.



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
Singing with Poncha Springs	October 9