

October Birthdays		October Anniversaries	
2	Joe Autry	4	Judy & Jim Taylor
8	Landry Gates	7	Mia & Ken Davis
10	Doug Ward		
29	Mike Cavasos		

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.
Terry Bartlow – taken to the hospital on Saturday and treated for kidney stones.
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 has been able to go home from the hospital and is continuing to improve, however, continue to keep her and her family in your prayers.
Cathy Chochon (friend of Richards) – had a bicycle accident. Please keep her in your prayers.
Cavaos family has multiple struggles and needs prayers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jessica – diagnosed with onset of MS and in the last week has lost sight in her right eye. ❖ Maegan – slip on the frost and tore a meniscus or MCL in her left knee. She is pregnant and cannot have surgery until after the baby is born. ❖ Mike Cavasos’ sister Kim – diagnosed with stage 3 multiple myeloma.

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 have moved into an assisted living facility.	

October 23, 2022		
Greeters:	Len Gates	Larry Fulton
Announcements:	Ian Stewart	
Song Leader:	Terry Reader	
Opening Prayer:	Jim Richards	
Closing Prayer:	Len Gates	
Lord’s Table:	Dan Greene	Ken Davis
	Kelly Beek	Larry Fulton
Coordinator:	Stacey Moss	

Elders

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Deacons

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

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When you visit us...

October 16, 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

A Convenient Betrayal

Matt Adams

"Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them. And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him" ([Mark 14:10-11](#)).

"...conveniently betray Him." What a haunting statement that is. Do we see it?

- **Convenient:** in a way that fits well with particular needs, activities, and plans
- **Betray:** to give into the hands of another; treacherously deliver up

Judas sought out those who would take Jesus, thereby betraying His Lord to evil men, and he did so for greedy "gain". But we know the end of his story, don't we? What Judas really "gained" out of this transaction was condemnation. What gain is there, really, that comes from sinning against our Lord; for, in essence, exchanging our Lord for some temporal or carnal gain ([Matt.16:26](#))?

We often, rightly, condemn Judas. Primarily because God's word does so and Jesus foretold his treachery...but in our condemnation of him, do we go too far too quickly and miss the point? Do we condemn the actions of this man without seeing ourselves in his decisions, his frame of mind, and his ultimate betrayal of Christ? Yes, we can be just like Judas Iscariot -- what a terrifying thought that is!! But we don't have to feel as if all is lost or that we have no choice in the matter. Thankfully the scripture leaves us this record so we may learn. So, let's honestly and openly consider what we have in common with Judas so we can avoid his grievous errors:

Judas heard the teachings of Christ. Judas spent three years in the presence of the Master Teacher, hearing His many parables and sermons. How often have we, too, heard the teachings of Christ through preaching of God's word or through personal study? As with Judas, simply hearing or possessing knowledge doesn't save us.

Judas had the choice to apply the teachings which he heard from Jesus Christ daily. Observe how Judas heard, yet then forsook those teachings. How many lessons and opportunities did he have to make application from the teachings of Jesus (just a few examples: [Mark 4:18-19](#); [10:23-30](#); [12:41-44](#); [Luke 12:15-21](#)). Do we not have the same opportunity before us to make the personal applications from the teachings of Jesus? As with Judas, not applying the teachings of the Lord only pushes us further away and inches us ever closer to betraying Him.

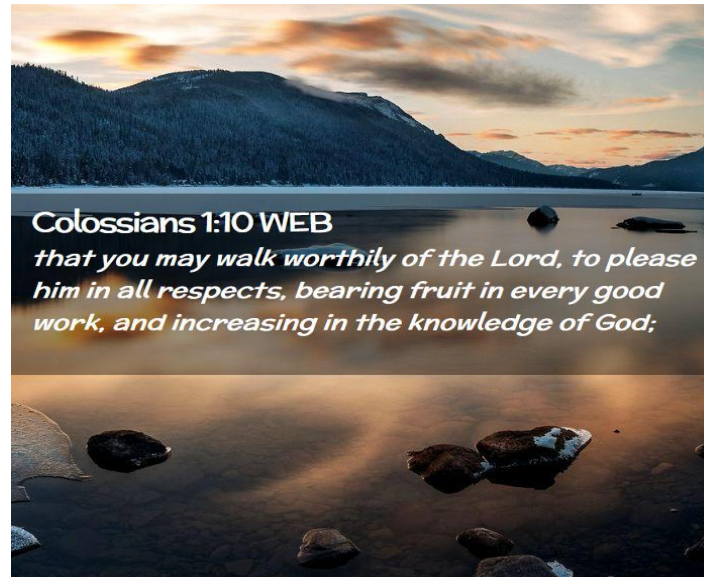
Judas was an Apostle, a disciple, a follower of Jesus Christ. He was one of twelve personally called by Jesus to follow Him. To his credit, Judas left all that he knew to follow his Lord. As a disciple of our Lord, we must allow His teachings to produce good fruit in our lives. As with Judas, just being called His disciple does not save us.

Judas had a choice of which path he would follow - his own or Jesus Christ's. Judas had the same decision to make as the other disciples did - serve the Lord or serve self. Every disciple had to make up their own mind. When we realize that he heard the same lessons as they, he knew the Lord personally, and yet still he chose to betray Him; it really begins to set in that it is possible for us to betray Him as well. No matter how big or small the circumstances may be, it really does come down to choices. As with Judas, we must decide whether we will submit and serve our Lord, or serve ourselves.

What about us? Is there anything holding us back from serving God fully and faithfully? For Judas it was greed and selfish ambition. What is it for you and me? The truth is, no matter what it may be, whatever we let stand between us and our Lord is what we have made our god.

Judas sought an opportunity to "conveniently betray" Jesus, and we do the same thing when we choose sin over our Savior. The world, over our Lord. Earthly gain, over loyalty and devotion. Hopefully now we can see the reality: we, like Judas, must decide whether we will lovingly obey, or selfishly betray, our Lord.

Knowing that reality, let's learn the lessons from Judas's life. Let's make the conscious choice to truly be followers of Jesus Christ in every regard. Lay aside whatever sin may be holding you back and look to Jesus ([Hebrews 12:1-4](#)). Just take the next right step, one after another, all the way home to Him.



Colorado Christian Services - Special Offering November 13

We will have a special offering for the Colorado Christian Services. They provide adoption services with consideration for Christian principles. Several people here at Mountain View have used their services in the past and found them to be great blessing. So please plan for this special offering to support this good work.



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	November 2 – 7:00 PM
Colorado Christian Services – Special Contribution	November 13