

| November Birthdays |               | November Anniversaries |  |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|--|
| 3                  | Ian Stewart   |                        |  |
| 13                 | Len Gates     |                        |  |
| 20                 | Eli Davis     |                        |  |
| 24                 | Marybeth Ward |                        |  |
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**Mission Work Areas**

Quito, Ecuador  
Mazatlán, Mexico  
Reitoca & San Carlos, Honduras

**New Prayer Requests**

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| Wayne Bartlow – struggling with health issues. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.   |
| Austin Petty (Zirkle’s Grandson) – will be changing to a different oral chemo treatment. The first one was not helping. Keep him and his family in your prayers.   |
| Dr. Richard “Dick” Burt (Margo Greene’s brother) – he is having health issues and fell last week injuring his neck. They performed surgery and now he appears to be paralyzed. He and all of his family needs our prayers. |
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**Long Term Prayer List**

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| Ron Hansen   | Richard Pedrie  |
| Ian Stewart  | Greg Pyle   |
| Gary Stewart   | Beth Pedrie   |
| Wayne & Marilyn Bartlow  | Norma Bartlow   |
| Joan Lawrence (stroke recovery)  | Melissa Wagle (cancer)  |
| Kendra Tate (Stanten’s niece) – recovering from accident at home             | Cavasos Family – multiple health issues and moving to Iowa.         |
| Austin Petty (Zirkle’s Grandson - cancer)                                    | Tom Hartman (friend of Jeff Richards) – Mt Bike accident and cancer |
| Betty & Danny Sidebottom –have had to move into an assisted living facility. |   |

**November 20, 2022**

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| Greeters:       | Terry Reader  | Len Gates   |
| Announcements:  | Terry Reader  |             |
| Song Leader:    | Kelly Beek    |             |
| Opening Prayer: | Terry Reader  |             |
| Closing Prayer: | Stacy Moss    |             |
| Lord’s Table:   | Len Gates     | Joe Autry   |
|                 | Gene Petersen | Stacey Moss |
| Coordinator:    | Kelly Beek    |             |

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**When you visit us... November 13, 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   |                        |

If you have bulletin information or updates, please send them to Terry or Linda Reader

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Assurance of Salvation

Lawrence Kelley

There is such a thing as a well grounded assurance of salvation and there is also such a thing as ill founded presumption. One of the primary goals of the Apostle John in the letter of 1John is to instill confidence in genuine believers that they are right with God and need not fear His judgment. Consider some of the signs of life given to us in 1 John that help answer the question of “Where do I stand with God?”

The first sign of life is that we are **walking in the light** – 1 John 1:6-7. Light & Darkness are typically used in scripture with reference to moral uprightness or perverseness respectively. The faithful walk (their general manner of life) in light. They habitually prefer the pure to the impure; clean to dirty. The presumptuous may speak of a commitment, but they love the darkness. You regularly find them skulking about in dark alleys.

Second, is an **awareness of sin** – 1 John 1:8,10. The more time spent communing with God, the more glaring our sin becomes to us. The real believer knows that if sin were blue, everything he did, thought or said would be in some way shaded blue. By contrast the falsely assured become increasingly convinced that their sins are actually virtues. “I’m not gossiping, I’m just concern about how sister molly is doing with her alcohol problem.”

Third is **obedience** – 1 John 2:3-5; 3:7-8,10. True assurance knows that salvation is by grace through faith, but that it is a faith that is revealed in specific acts of obedience. False assurance says that it is legalistic to worry about obedience. Obedience grows in the faithful. Excuses grow in the presumptuous.

Next is a **genuine longing to see the Lord** – 1 John 3:2-3. Do you love theology and the discussion of issues? Nothing wrong with this, but it is possible to imagine we love the Lord, when we are actually in love with ideas and doctrines. Do you ache to see His face, hear His voice, touch His hand? Do you long for the day when you will be perfected and never have another sinful thought or action? If so you will be striving in the present to become what you are destined to be in eternity.

Last is **love for the brethren** – 1 John 3:14; 4:12-5:3. This is the proof John is most adamant about. The problem with the test of love is that, everyone thinks they are a loving person, but John reminds us that love is not “whatever I define it to be,” but love is seen in God’s sending His Son to take away our sins. In other words, love is actively seeking the best interests of others. Love is not just a pleasant attitude or empty words, but involves emptying ourselves in order to fill others.

Love calls for the sacrifice of time, energy and money. In order for our love to give us confidence and assurance in the most frightening place imaginable - before the judgment seat of God - our love must parallel His love. So the question is clear. Do you love others? Are you sure? What deeds and actions are there to prove it?

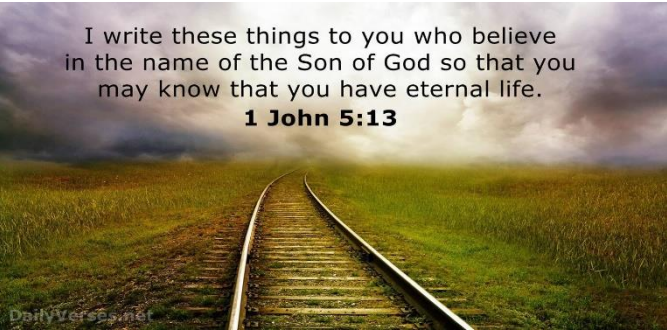
This kind of evaluation always reveals shortcomings to the genuine soul searcher. Interestingly, the more you are troubled over your lack of holiness, the greater your assurance will be. This is because the one who finds himself regularly in need of the blood of Christ is the one who is daily pursuing Christ. If you find nothing in this article that convicts you or if your shortcomings do not bother you, then you have a deadly serious problem. The characteristic of the falsely assured are three: they are smugly confident that they are lacking in nothing, or they are angry that someone has pointed out their fault, or worst of all they see their errors, but don’t care.

So, let me exhort you to be a confident Christian. As the Apostle said, These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God (1 John 5:13). Do you believe in the name of the Son of God? Are you trusting in Him alone to save you from your sins? Have you been joined to Him in Baptism? Are you striving to show your love for Him by the obedience of your faith? Then stop doubting and rejoice that your sins are forgiven and your name is written in His book.

Annual Turkey Shoot  
Next Sunday - November 20



Immediately after our Fellowship Lunch  
Come on and let's get those Turkeys



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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.  
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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.....                             |                               |
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| Weekly Fellowship Luncheon                         | Sunday – 12:00 Noon           |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday Singing                  | December 7 – 7:00 PM          |
| Colorado Christian Services – Special Contribution | November 13                   |
| Turkey Shoot                                       | November 20 – following lunch |
| Santa Visit  | Dec. 14 – 7:00 PM             |