

December Birthdays		December Anniversaries	
2	Al Olguin		
5	Gabriel Davis		
5	Judy Taylor		
13	Larry Fulton		
14	Sybil Atha		
23	Teclia Cunningham		
23	Sandy Cavasos		
23	Jessica Cavasos		
25	Linda Beek		
27	Steve Carricato		

### Mission Work Areas

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

### New Prayer Requests

Jerry Smith (Elder at Poncha Springs) – passed away in his sleep. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.
Wayne Bartlow – passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 29. There will be a memorial on Dec. 17. Please keep the Bartlow 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) – fell a few weeks ago injuring his neck. They performed surgery and now he is paralyzed. He has been moved to Baylor Institute for Rehab in Dallas and will get better care there. He and all of his family needs our prayers.
Glenda Cox' Mother – having sciatic back problems and is being admitted to a rehab nursing home until she can strengthen her back. Please pray for her.
Melissa Waigle – had her reconstruction surgery and all went well. She is home and doing well.

### 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)	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	

December 18, 2022		
Greeters:	Terry Reader	Ken Davis
Announcements:	Kelly Beek	
Song Leader:	Kelly Beek	
Opening Prayer:	Ken Davis	
Closing Prayer:	Terry Reader	
Lord's Table:	Larry Fulton	Jeff Richards
	Ken Davis	Terry Reader
Coordinator:	Dan Greene	

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**When you visit us...** December 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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<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	

Preaching and Personality

Dee Bowman

Oratory is an important factor in the history of mankind. The contributions made by great speakers dot the pages of history. Ancient oratory reached its prime with speakers like Demosthenes and Aristotle, who were known for their eloquence. Modern times have produced great orators as well. Men like General Kitchener, who stirred his troops with emotion toward Flanders fields during World War I. Adolph Hitler—a man of meager talents and a poor education, but of extraordinary abilities to move people by oratory—induced his people to the brink of total immorality by his impassioned speeches in the 1930s. And it is said that Sir Winston Churchill once actually turned Parliament from one position to a totally opposite one by use of his unique oratorical skills.

The great orators of Jewish history—Noah, Moses, Joshua, Ezra, Daniel—admittedly guided by the Holy Spirit, but speaking in their own vernacular and in accordance with their own personalities, gave meaning to the will of God and caused people, by their grand speeches, to return to the old paths. While the preaching of the ancient Greeks lacked morality as the one ingredient to qualify it for greatness, God’s interjection of the same into the preaching of the Old Testament prophets by the Holy Spirit brought not only greatness but effectivity to their speeches.

Preaching is “the gospel in personality” says Dr. Broadus in his *Preparation and Delivery of Sermons*. That fact is illustrated in every New Testament preacher. The preaching of John the Baptist gives us some idea of what kind of person he was—fiery, unmovable. Barnabas is called “the Son of Encouragement” (**Acts 4:36**), telling us something about his personality as well as his preaching. Peter’s impetuosity is continually in evidence in his preaching, and Paul’s dedication was not only common to his preaching, it was part of his personality. Apollos is referred to as “an eloquent man” (**Acts 18:24**), a fact which would have been so whether or not he ever preached the gospel. Preaching is a blend of the personality of the preacher with the message of the Savior.

Amos was a preacher with little emotion, one who “was not a prophet nor the son of one” (**Amos 7:14**); his call was for justice, not mercy; while Jeremiah, sometimes called “the weeping prophet,” had an obviously different disposition. Jonah is an example of arrogance coupled with superb oratorical skills (he converted a huge city-state). Luke’s gospel is a manifestation of his own deliberate and cultured personality, and Paul’s concern in the book of 2 Corinthians shows us a side of him not seen in some of his other epistles. The books written by these men would lose some of their flavor, some of their appeal, if divorced from the personality of the writer.

It is somewhat of a paradox that the same message—unaltered, undisturbed by human innovation—is to be delivered in so many different personalities. What a disservice is done to the arrangement of God when we seek to make every man into a clone of what we have surmised in our imaginations to be the best preacher. What is the best preacher, anyhow?

Is he timid or gregarious, loud or soft, verbose or concise? And who decides the matter?

God did not choose one man to write the Bible, nor did He choose only one kind of temperament to preach it. He put His gospel in personality. Certainly it is one gospel—complete, immutable—but we do it a great disservice when we try to make every man say its message in the same way, with the same emphases, the same inflections, and without respect to his own personality.

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A few words...

We are so thankful for the many men that have dedicated their lives to teaching the Gospel of Jesus. Each has his own way, his own personality, but all of those are needed to reach people of all kinds. Please, remember these teachers in your prayers, that they might always be covered by God’s hand and His love.

~ Terry



On Wednesday, December 14, we will have a short devotional followed by an evening of singing Christmas carols along with hot cocoa and Christmas treats.

Please bring your favorite finger foods and let’s enjoy this evening with the kids and hopefully a visit from our old friend – Santa Claus.



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Wayne Bartlow

Passed away on Tuesday, November 29 at home.

The family is planning a memorial service for Wayne at the Mountain View Church of Christ on Saturday, December 17 at 1:00 PM.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to

Heart of the Rockies Home Health & Hospice Care

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Young Timothy Class Devo

Today - November 11

Sunday Afternoon Devotional

Following our Fellowship Lunch



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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	January 4 – 7:00 PM
Young Timothy Class Devotional	December 11 – following lunch
Santa Visit	Dec. 14 – 7:00 PM