

January Birthdays		January Anniversaries	
1	Staten Sikes	1	Robin & Joe Autry
4	Robin Autry		
25	Linda Reader		

Mission Work Areas

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

New Prayer Requests

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.

Bill Phillips (Terry Reader's brother-in-law) – diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer. Has begun chemotherapy and is feeling a little better.

Dick McClain (friend of the Readers) – diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. He is in treatment and seems to be doing well.

Dr. Richard "Dick" Burt (Margo Greene's brother) – Is starting to show some improvement. He has had some movement in his arms and is able to feed himself. He and all of his family continue to need 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.

Long Term Prayer List

Ron Hansen	Richard Pedrie
Ian Stewart	Greg Pyle
Gary Stewart	Beth Pedrie
Marilyn Bartlow	Norma Bartlow
Joan Lawrence	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 –are living with their son	

January 15, 2023		
Greeters:	Terry Reader	Ken Davis
Announcements:	Terry Reader	
Song Leader:	Terry Reader	
Opening Prayer:	Gene Petersen	
Closing Prayer:	Kelly Beek	
Lord's Table:	Kelly Beek	Len Gates
	Al Olguin	Ken Davis
Coordinator:	Len Gates	

Elders

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Terry Reader (719) 427-7141

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Larry Fulton (719) 398-9987
Len Gates (719) 207-0039



When you visit us...

January 8, 2023

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.

Pulpit Minister—Stanten Sikes

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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

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

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Close to Having a Heart Attack

Dan Jenkins

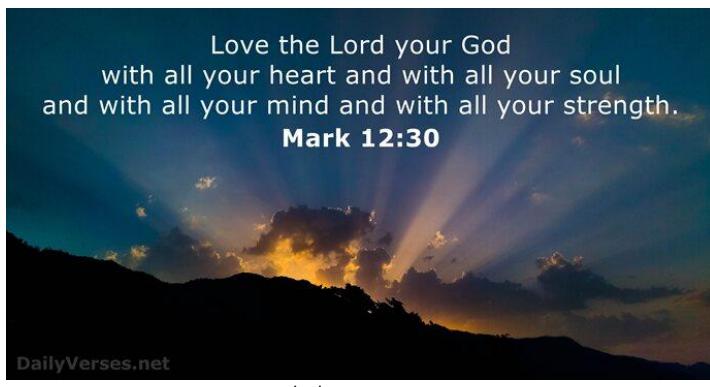
When the Lord said, "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life" (*Proverbs 4:23*), He obviously is not talking about that large muscle in our chests. The Bible uses the word "heart" over 800 times and almost always, if not actually always, refers to that inner part of our being. When the Lord discussed the greatest commandment, He spoke of loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind. That inner part of us is our soul.

What does it mean to keep your heart with all diligence? Our time and energy is limited and priority must be given to those things which are truly important. When the Lord described the attention which must be given to the heart, He used the word "all." There is nothing more important than to devote ourselves and our time and energy to caring for our heart. Satan understands this and works to cause a severe "heart attack."

Look at some of the words used to describe how we are to keep our heart. We are to *love* the Lord with all our heart (*Deuteronomy 6:5*). We are to *seek* the Lord with all our heart (*Deuteronomy 4:29*). We are to *serve* the Lord with all our heart (*Deuteronomy 10:12*). We are to *obey* the Lord with all of our heart (*Deuteronomy 30:2*). We are to *trust* the Lord with all our heart (*Proverbs 3:5*). We are to *turn* to the Lord with all our heart (*Deuteronomy 30:10*). Consider carefully the words mentioned above—love, seek, serve, obey, trust and turn. What could be more important than these words!

Think about it for a moment. If you were Satan, how would you attack the heart of Christians? It would not be a full-frontal attack using temptations he might openly use against the most worldly individuals. Is it not reasonable to see him getting the righteous to modify the level of their dedication? Would he not seek to weaken the love, the seeking, the serving, the obeying, the trusting and the turning to God? Would he not do this while at the same time deceiving us so we can hardly see the changes? In reality, it is a full-frontal attack, and we are not even aware of it. This is why the Bible speaks of the deceitfulness of sin.

Sometimes we measure our heart conditions by looking in the wrong places. Jesus described how the people in the first century focused on the external. "This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me" (*Mark 7:6*). These same words seem to describe our own day. Can we not see the danger in the way he attacks us? Satan attacks our hearts in this same way, and he wins if we are deceived by him. Think about the list of words mentioned above, just make sure that you are not close to a heart attack.



A few words...

Our God is truly an amazing and awesome God. His love for us transcends anything that we can understand or imagine. Is our love for Him the same? Do we love Him enough that we are giving our whole heart to Him? Do we even know what that means – to give our whole heart to Him?

When we think back to the time of creation, we should recall that as God – Father, Son and Spirit – were completing their creation, they came down to the creation of man. Think of their words – Let us create man in Our image, according to Our likeness (*Genesis 1:26*). We were created to be like God. He intended for us to have His love...His spirit. As we think about this, we need to ask ourselves how much He loves us and how much He has done for us. The ultimate evidence of His love is found in Jesus' own words – "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." (*John 3:16*). Just imagine what that was like for God. Think about what it would be like to knowingly give your child up to save the lives of those who have done you wrong. This is what God has done for us.

As you think about the amazing gift of eternal life that God has given us through His Son – Jesus (*Romans 6:23*). God has given us this free gift. There is no cost to us and in fact Jesus has paid the price that we owe for our disobedience – death. By His amazing sacrifice our debt is paid. So, wouldn't that lead us to think about what we can do for Him. It's not that we can do anything to repay Him, but if we truly understand what He has offered us, wouldn't that lead us to want to try to do something for Him?

God has told us what He wants from us many times in His word. The one thing that He desires is our heart. God wants us to love Him and if we love Him, we should demonstrate it in the way we live. It should cause us to follow His will – obey His commandments.

Remember, at creation, we – mankind – were created to be like Him. We were created to be like God in the way we live and behave. And certainly, God's greatest attribute is His amazing love for His creation. He has given us everything we need to be able to live with Him, but certainly the greatest gift is His Son. Isn't that magnificent sacrifice worthy of us giving Him our heart?

~ Terry

Deuteronomy 30:9-10

9 Then the LORD your God will prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your cattle and in the produce of your ground, for the LORD will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers; ¹⁰ if you obey the LORD your God to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this book of the law, if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and soul.



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	February 1 – 7:00 PM