

January Birthdays		January Anniversaries	
1	Stanten 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.

Dave Nettles and Lauren Nettles-Broussard (daughter) – she needs a kidney and David will be giving her one of his. Testing is complete and surgery is not scheduled yet. Please keep them both in your prayers

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	Bill Phillips (Terry's Brother-in-law) – prostate cancer
Dick McClain (friend of Readers) – lung cancer	

January 29, 2023		
Greeters:	Terry Reader	Ken Davis
Announcements:	Terry Reader	
Song Leader:	Dan Greene	
Opening Prayer:	Ian Stewart	
Closing Prayer:	Joe Autry	
Lord's Table:	Kelly Beek	Len Gates
	Al Olguin	Ken Davis
Coordinator:	Len Gates	

Elders

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



When you visit us...

January 22, 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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Robust Faith

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"Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him" (Heb 11:6).

Christians are meant to be a people of faith, and that faith need to be robust and intentional. Some see faith as trite, involving merely believing something. Just believe; no action is needed. This makes faith workless—a nice thing to say perhaps (“you just have to have faith”), but it amounts to saying, in the minds of many, “I’m just going to sit here and believe. I don’t have to act. I have faith.” We can say, “Trust God. Live by faith,” and this may be taken to mean that we do nothing but sit and wait for God to do everything. This cannot be more unbiblical, and Christians need to guard against imbibing that kind of mindset. To be sure, God does not need my hands, as though He needed anything (Acts 17:25), but we are expected to respond to the opportunities before us (cf. Esth 4:14). Biblically, faith is at work.

A robust view of faith — true biblical faith — will consider faith as a trust that acts, an allegiance to God that is fully invested in His will and His way. It does not merely sit back and do nothing, for that shows little trust in what God says to do and how to behave. True faith stands for God, for God's will, for all that is right and good, unashamed of the gospel and the righteousness of God (Rom 1:16-17). It is conviction standing under hope (Heb 11:1). It seeks, without prejudice, the reconciliation of all to the Lord (Acts 10:34-35). It is, with the Lord firmly sanctified in heart, willing to defend the reason for the hope within (1 Pet 3:15). It seeks first God's kingdom over any earthly kingdom, and, at the same time, seeks the welfare of the place where the faithful reside (cf. Jer 29:7).

Those who maintain this kind of faith will be the best citizens on the earth because they are first citizens of heaven who are partaking of the fruit of the Spirit (Phil 3:20; Gal 5:22-25). They will be the best workers because they know they are first serving the Lord and will do to their best ability whatever their hands find to do (Col 3:23-24). They will seek to serve others over self because they want to follow the example laid down by Jesus (Phil 2:3-8; 1 Pet 2:21-23). They will stand for what is right without resorting to reviling or carnal tactics, for “although we live in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh, since the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments and every proud thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ” (2 Cor 10:3-5).

Those with a robust faith will intentionally live in this world as lights and seek to represent Christ appropriately. They will strive to be “blameless and pure, children of God who are faultless in a crooked and perverted generation” because they “shine like stars in the world, by holding firm to

the word of life" (Phil 2:15-16). They are concerned about their influence. They know they are salt and light and cannot afford to hide their faith under a cover (Matt 5:14-16). Faith responds to the slanders of the world by honorable conduct, not by returning slander for slander (1 Pet 2:12).

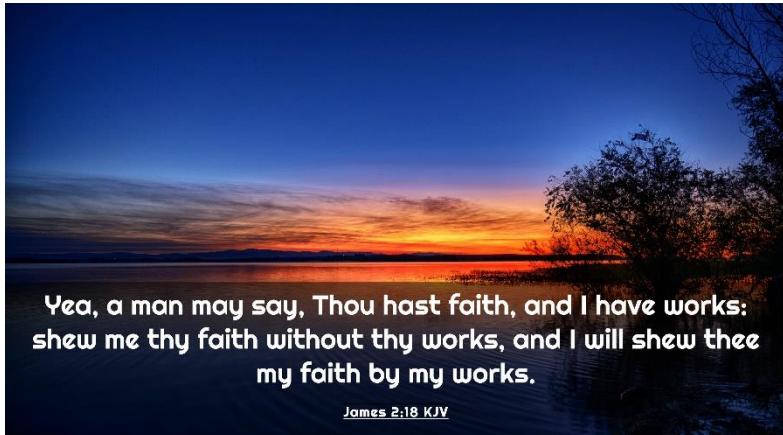
Let us never, then, think that calling on people to walk by faith and trust God is resorting to bumper-sticker slogans. Never think that such is calling on others to stand idly by or not care about what's going on around them. Christians must take a robust view and see faith as a high calling that will, at all cost, follow Jesus, for "without faith it is impossible to please God" (Heb 11:6). We must eagerly seek Him.

The only alternative is to set aside trust in God for trusting in self. This, in the end, will fail because people fail. The wise man put it this way:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own understanding;
in all your ways know him,
and he will make your paths straight. (Prov 30:5-6)

There is no part of our lives that is left untouched by faith. At no time can we afford to lay our faith down, whether it be in jobs, family, politics, or even our daily provisions (Matt 6:25-34). So then walk by faith and trust God. The Lord is looking for a robust faith from His people.

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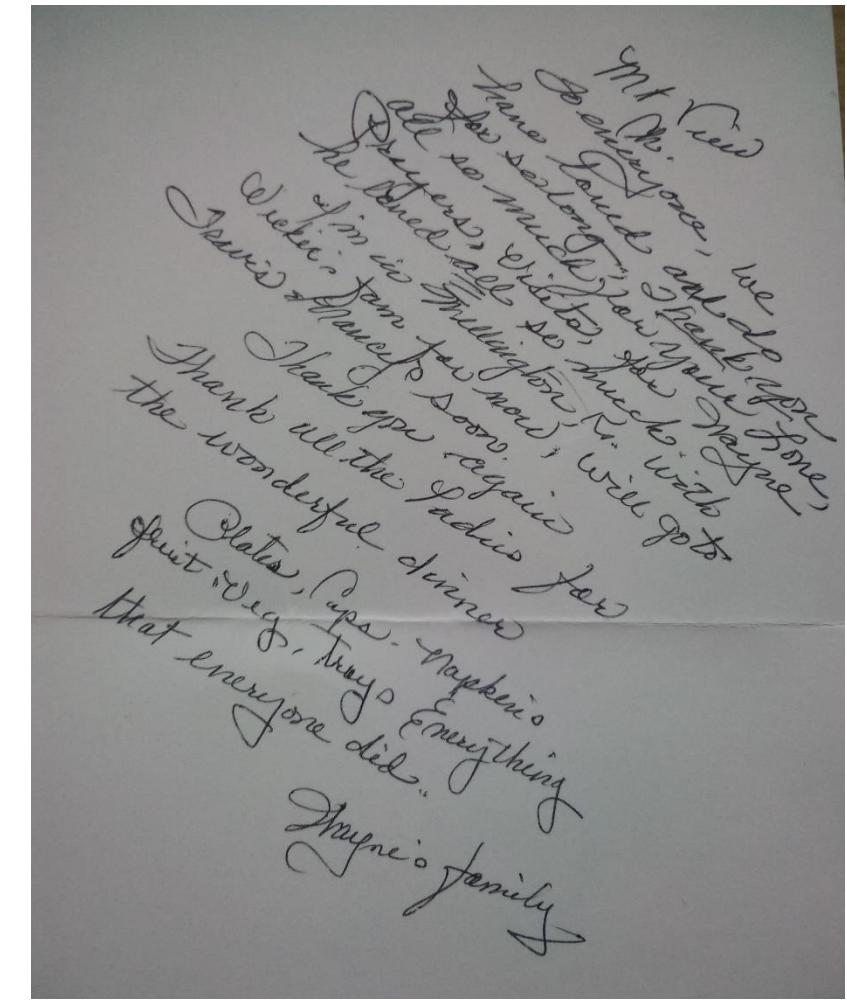


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For your calendar.....

Weekly Fellowship Luncheon	Sunday – 12:00 Noon
1 st Wednesday Singing	February 1 – 7:00 PM