

| February Birthdays | | February Anniversaries | |
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| 2 | Samuel Addae | | |
| 5 | Ken Davis | | |
| 8 | Debbie Abrams | | |
| 9 | Debbie Olguin | | |
| 14 | Judeen Petersen | | |
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Mission Work Areas

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

New Prayer Requests

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| Presley Close (Megan Cavasos' baby) – being tested for hearing problems |
| 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. |
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Long Term Prayer List

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| Ron Hansen | Richard Pedrie |
| Ian Stewart | Greg Pyle |
| Gary Stewart | Beth Pedrie |
| Marilyn Bartlow | Norma Bartlow |
| Joan Lawrence | Melissa Wagle (cancer) |
| Betty & Danny Sidebottom | |
| Austin Petty (Zirkle's Grandson - cancer) | Tom Hartman (friend of Jeff Richards) – Mt Bike accident and cancer |
| Cavasos Family – multiple health issues and moving to Iowa. | Bill Phillips (Terry's Brother-in-law) – prostate cancer |
| Dick McClain (friend of Readers) – lung cancer | Kendra Tate (Stanten's niece) – recovering from accident at home |

| February 12, 2023 | | |
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| Greeters: | Larry Fulton | Ken Davis |
| Announcements: | Terry Reader | |
| Song Leader: | Kelly Beek | |
| Opening Prayer: | Dan Greene | |
| Closing Prayer: | Len Gates | |
| Lord's Table: | Dan Greene | Terry Reader |
| | Stacey Moss | Joe Autry |
| Coordinator: | Kelly Beek | |

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When you visit us...

February 5, 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.

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| Sunday | Wednesday |
| 10:00 amBible Class | 7:00 pm.....Devotional |
| 11:00 am.....Assembly | or Bible Class |
| Noon.....Fellowship Meal | |
| 1:30 pm.....Devotional | |

A People After God's Own Heart

Josh Blackmer

"I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will" (**Acts 13:22b**). This beautiful compliment, "a man after My own heart" is one that should characterize every person who wears the name of Christ.

David loved the word of God, "Oh how I love your law!" (**Psalms 119:97**). This psalm, if not written by David, it certainly expresses his sentiment found elsewhere. We find one who has a great love for God's word (**Psalms 119:47-48**). He loves God's word because it protects him from sin, revives him in trials, and gives him peace of mind (**Psalms 119:11, 50, 165**). How do we respond to God's word? Do we hide it in our heart? Do we find it to be a source of comfort in times of affliction? Does it give us peace of mind? If not, we should give heed to the instructions of David (**Psalms 1:1-3**). We should look to God's word in all things.

David loved to pray, "I will call upon Him as long as I live" (**Psalms 116:1-2**). His love for prayer was based upon the fact God had answered him before (**Psalms 116:1-2**). It was based upon the fact that God had greatly blessed him (**Psalms 116:12-13**). It was based upon the fact that prayer brought God close to him (**Psalms 145:18**). How is our love for prayer? Have we found it to be a source of peace "which surpasses all understanding"? (**Philippians 4:6-7**). Do we "pray without ceasing"? (**1 Thessalonians 5:17**). If not, then let us learn to depend upon prayer for our preservation (**Psalms 32:6-7**).

David loved to praise God, "seven times a day I praise You" (**Psalms 119:164**). He praised God because of His righteous judgments, His greatness and His loving kindness (**Psalms 95:1-7**). David was determined to sing praises as long as he lived (**Psalms 104:33**). Do we love to praise God? Do we delight in singing praises to God in song? Do we take time to praise God in our prayers? David has words to encourage our praise of God. "Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant and praise is becoming" (**Psalms 147:1**).

David hated every false way. "I hate every false way" (**Psalms 119:104**). His hatred was based upon his understanding of God's word (**Psalms 119:104**). His hatred affected his selection of activities and friends (**Psalms 101:3-4, 6-7**). What is our attitude toward falsehood? Do we compromise? Do we recognize that we are involved in a "battle" over the souls of men, and are not to think lightly of that which is false? (**2 Corinthians 10:3-5**). David wasn't perfect, but he softened his heart in repentance to God. We must not compromise on sin. These are a few

examples of a man after God's own heart. We should strive to live in such a way that the same is said of us, a people after God's own heart.

"I have found **David**,
the son of Jesse,
a man after **My own**
HEART, who will do
all My will."
~Acts 13:22~

A few words...

David – a man after God's own heart. As we consider the article by Brother Blackmer, we need to think about what that means for us. I remember a time when I was convinced that I could never be that "man after God's own heart" like David was. After all, David was hand selected by God to lead His people. David, the youngest in the family, was chosen above all of his older brothers to be a king. How can I ever be like David?

Well, each of us has to understand that we too, were chosen by God. He speaks to us about this throughout His word. Paul says in Romans that all things work together for good to "**those who are called according to His purpose** (**Romans 8:28**). In his letter to Timothy, he says "Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "**The Lord knows those who are His**," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness." (**2 Timothy 2:19**). God has chosen all of us to be His people.

So, if we are chosen to be God's people, then maybe we can also be a people after His own heart. When we think of David, it's easy to think of the king who led the nation of God. The man that led armies to victory. The man from whose lineage would come the Messiah. However, we can also remember the man who committed adultery with Bathsheba and then conspired to have her husband killed. The man who numbered his people even when God told him not to do it. David was not a man without sin. So how did he become a man after God's own heart?

When I think about David and I try to understand how he could be that man after God's own heart, I look at what he did after these acts of sin.

David did not try to hide. He did not try to deny his sin or make excuses. He turned back to God and repented of his sin. David, even when he behaved badly, still desired to have that relationship with his God. David showed shame, sorrow, regret and even anger at times, but in the end he always turned back to his God with a desire to maintain his relationship.

Now, there is the lesson for us. If we want to be a people after God's own heart, then we need to have that desire to maintain our relationship with Him. And, how do we do that, by seeking to do His will and when we stumble, acknowledging it, repenting of our mistakes, and returning to our walk with Him. Peter writes something important for us in his letter – "*The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance*" (**2 Peter 3:9**). God is very patient towards us- His creation – and gives us time to mend our relationship with Him.

How's your relationship with God? Have you moved to mend that brokenness with Him? God is always there, waiting for us to return – just like the father with the prodigal son. He never leaves us. It is us who leaves Him. Let's be like David – a man after God's own heart – and maintain our relationship with Him.

~Terry



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 |
| Game Night | Coming in February |
| 1 st Wednesday Singing | March 1 – 7:00 PM |
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