

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

Mission Work Areas
Quito, Ecuador
Mazatlán, Mexico
Reitoca & San Carlos, Honduras

New Prayer Requests	
Presley Close (Megan Cavasos' baby) – being tested for hearing problems	
Ron Hansen – taken to hospital and is having heart problems and they found a leaking aortic valve. Please keep him in your prayers.	
Jane Webb (Debbie Olguin's life friend) – just diagnosed with pancreatic cancer	
Dave Nettles and Lauren Nettles-Broussard (daughter) – she needs a kidney and David will be giving her one of his. Still in a waiting mode. Please keep them both in your prayers	

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)
Dr. Dick Burton (Margo's Brother)	Betty & Danny Sidebottom
Austin Petty (Zirkle's Grandson - cancer)	Tom Hartman (friend of Jeff Richards) – Mt Bike accident and cancer
Dick McClain (friend of Readers) – lung cancer	Bill Phillips (Terry's Brother-in-law) – prostate cancer treatment
Kendra Tate (Stanten's niece) – recovering from accident at home	

February 19, 2023		
Greeters:	Larry Fulton	Ken Davis
Announcements:	Terry Reader	
Song Leader:	Dan Greene	
Opening Prayer:	Terry Reader	
Closing Prayer:	Ken Davis	
Lord's Table:	Dan Greene	Terry Reader
	Stacey Moss	Joe Autry
Coordinator:	Kelly Beek	

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Kelly Beek	(719) 342-5856
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Len Gates	(719) 207-0039

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When you visit us...

February 12, 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	

Joshua's Encouragement

Doy Moyer

As the children of Israel were preparing to go into the Promised Land, Moses delivered a series of speeches to help them understand how important their love and obedience to God would be (see *Deuteronomy 6:1-9*). Moses would not enter the Land himself, but Joshua had been chosen as the successor who would bring the people in across the Jordan River. Before this happened, God spoke to Joshua to give him encouragement and help him know that God would be with him (*Joshua 1:1-9*). The essence of that message is an important reminder for God's people today:

Moses My servant is dead. Didn't Joshua and the people already know this? They had been mourning Moses' death for thirty days (*Deuteronomy 34:8*), so why would God say this? Sometimes people need simple reminders that the past really is in the past and it's time to move forward. It's obvious, yet there are times we let what happened in the past get in the way of what should happen in the future. Moses was a servant who was a good example and leader for them, but they could not afford to get stuck on what was. Compare this with Paul's point in *Philippians 3:13-14*. "But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Don't allow the past to keep us from moving forward.

Arise and go. Again, Joshua needed to get moving now that the days of mourning were over. Even knowing that the past is behind us does not mean we feel ready to get back to work. There needs to be the resolve and will to "arise and go." There is a time to mourn, but then we must get up and get going because great work lies ahead. Compare this with what Jesus told the disciples when they had slept through their opportunity to watch and pray: "Rise let us be going" (*Matt 26:46*). There is work to do and we must engage the will to get it done.

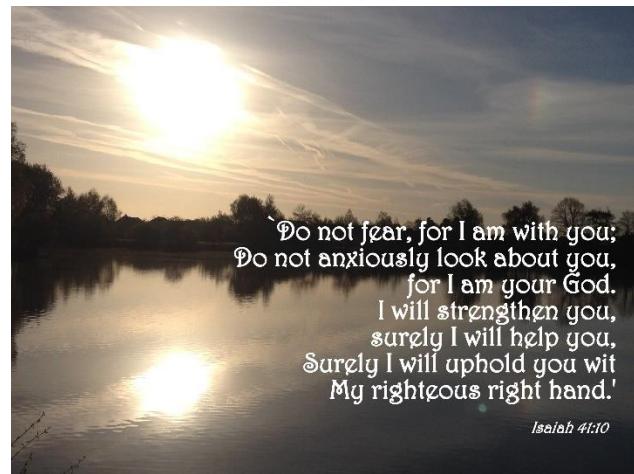
I will be with you. God has always been with his people, so His promise stands. Joshua needed to know that God would be with him just as He was with Moses. The fact that Moses died did not mean that God had abandoned the people or the promises given through Moses and those before him. In times of disappointment and loss, it is easy to think that God has left us, but this passage reminds us that God stays with His people through the tears and difficulties. "He has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' So we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?'" (*Hebrews 13:5-6*).

Be strong and courageous. It would take strength and fortitude to do what needed to come next for Joshua and the children of Israel. Their task would not be easy. If they imagined the enemies they would face

or the problems that could seem insurmountable to them, they could become discouraged and give up before going any further. This was the problem faced by the previous generation who had sent spies into the land only to come back and report that there were giants and they were like grasshoppers (*Numbers 13-14*). The lack of faith in God and obedience to His will led to their rejection and inability to go into the Land (*Hebrews 3-4*). This new generation had another opportunity. Their courage would be tested and Joshua would be leading the charge.

Don't turn to the right hand or to the left. This passage is about success: "For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." Yet this success was also grounded in their faithfulness to covenant. The "Book of the Law" was not to depart from them. They were to be careful to do all that was written in it. They were not to turn from it "to the right hand or to the left." They could not expect success if they turned from God's revelation. And neither can we. We want success and blessings, but if we turn from God's revealed will, how can we expect God to bless us in that?

As Israel did then, so today we face difficulties in a world that has little respect for God and His message. We need similar reminders. The past is gone, so let us not get hung up on it. Let us get up and get to work for the Lord! Know that God is with us and will strengthen us in His will. We need to be strong and courageous, as Paul reminds us: "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil" (*Ephesians 6:10-11*). Let us be faithful to the Lord and His revealed will, for the Lord will be with us and give us success!



A few words...

God tells us throughout His word that He loves us and He will always be there for us and with us. We can trust that we are His first love and that He has given everything we need. When we consider the extent of this love that God has for us, we should have the same love for Him.

I want to consider just a few of the things He has told us

- † *Philippians 4:13 – I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*
- † *James 1:2-3 – consider it all joy when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.*
- † *Romans 8:28 – all things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His promise.*
- † *Matthew 28:20 -.... And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age*

There are so many promises that God has given us, that we should have no reason to be afraid. In the Old Testament, God tells His people thirteen times, to be "strong and courageous, and not be afraid", encouraging His people to be confident in Him. To know that He will take care of them in every situation.

We must trust in God, and even in these hard times, we must trust in Him and know that he cares for us and that we will overcome no matter what may come our way.

~ Terry

Marilyn Bartlow

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