

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

Tom Hartman (friend of Jeff Richards) – had suffered a paralyzing bike accident and then cancer has passed away. Please keep his family in your prayers.
Teclia Cunningham – suffering from pinched nerves in her back. She is seeing a chiropractor for treatment.
Craig Waugh – (Jill's oldest son) – passed away. Please keep the Carricato family in your prayers.
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.
Presley Close (Megan Cavasos' baby) – next appointment later in February.
Kendra Tate – has improved to the point she has moved back to her rented room and is working. However, she will still need time for her emotional strength and self-confidence to improve. Please continue to pray for her.
Jane Webb (Debbie Olguin's life friend) – just diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

### 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 Burt (Margo's Brother)	Betty & Danny Sidebottom
Austin Petty (Zirkle's Grandson - cancer)	Kendra Tate (Stanten's niece) – recovering from accident
Dick McClain (friend of Readers) – lung cancer	Bill Phillips (Terry's Brother-in-law) – prostate cancer treatment

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March 5, 2023		
Greeters:	Len Gates	Terry Reader
Announcements:	Ian Stewart	
Song Leader:	Kelly Beek	
Opening Prayer:	Stacey Moss	
Closing Prayer:	Joe Autry	
Lord's Table:	Larry Fulton	Len Gates
	Gene Petersen	Al Olguin
Coordinator:	Stacey Moss	



**When you visit us...**

February 26, 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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<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	

## Relationship of Soul and Words of Songs

Dan Jenkins

For the last several years I have tried to improve my worship in song by paying special attention to the words of the songs. While the musical notes are important and participating in four-part harmony singing is so rewarding, the focus in the Bible is on the relationship of my soul and my words.

Singing is described as "...singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (*Colossians 3:16*). It is not that we are giving grace to Him, but we who have received His grace, sing with hearts filled with grace to Him.

A picture of this attitude toward Jesus is shown in Revelation chapter five. It describes how there is no creature in heaven or on earth worthy to open the book in God's hand. Then, the Lamb of God appears to take the sealed book and starts to open it.

At that moment the heaven of heavens is filled with anthems of praise to the Lord (*5:9*). The twenty-four elders get off their thrones and bow down in worshiping the Lord. They have bowls filled the prayers of His saints, and they ascend as incense to the Lamb. They begin to sing, "You are worthy..."

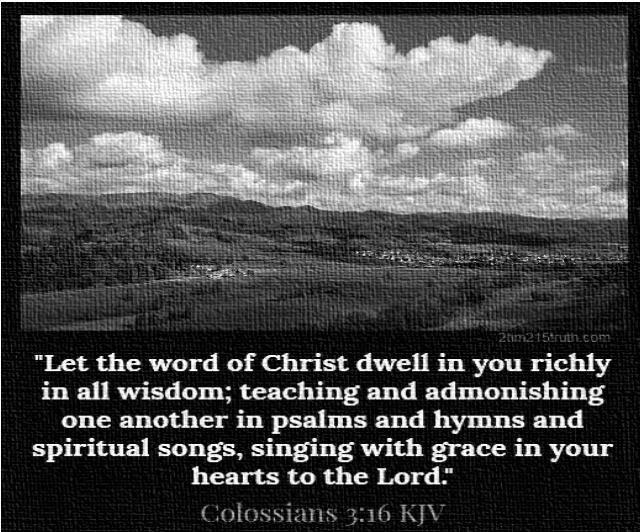
But it doesn't stop at this point. Suddenly a host of angels joins in singing the same song. How many angels were there in this choir? "The number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands" (*5:12*). The very words of the song they sing are given. "Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessings."

But it doesn't stop there. Immediately every creature in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and under the sea, and all that is in heaven and earth become part of this chorus of praise to the Lord. "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

But it doesn't stop there. In 1930, Tillit S. Teddlie, a faithful brother in Christ and author of over 100 songs, penned the words to a song we used to sing more often, *Worthy Art Thou*. It captures the events of this heavenly scene in the first two verses. He then added these words in the last verse. "Lord, may we come before Thee with singing, Filled with Thy Spirit, wisdom and pow'r, May we ascribe Thee glory and honor, Worthy art Thou, Worthy art Thou."

It is not the musical notes that really matter. The early Christians may have sung this with singing characterized by chanting. We sing it in four-part harmony. It is not the music.

Let me ask you, what is your favorite song? Is it your favorite because of the musical arrangement or because of the spiritual depth and grace it creates in your heart as you sing to the Lord? Think about this.



### A few words...

We should consider the importance of all the parts of our worship to God and how we handle them. Whether it be prayer, study of His word, taking of the Lord's Supper or singing praise to Him. Each part is important to our spiritual growth and without them, we would be missing a part of what God has established for us to be in a relationship with Him.

As we practice each part of our Christian walk, we should do it thoughtfully with the intent of drawing nearer to God. Just think about it. God has established a system of worship that will cause the person who practices it to think about Him, His Son and His will throughout the worship experience. If the worshipper is keeping his mind and his heart in the right place, these acts will draw him closer to God.

So, whether we are praying, studying, singing, or especially, observing the Lord's Supper, we need to be thoughtful about what each of these things means. When we pray, we are talking to God. We aren't just talking to ourselves, but to the Heavenly Father. Our study is meant to help us understand Him and His will more clearly and to be able to live our lives according to that will. When we sing, not only do we praise God for His power and His might, but we also encourage each other. And, when we observe the Lord's Supper, we are remembering Jesus and the amazing

sacrifice He made for us. And, we should also be reminded how much we need His sacrifice, for without it we would be lost.

God is truly amazing. He established His plan from before creation so that we – His image – can be renewed to a loving relationship with Him (*Ephesians 1:3-5*). We must remember that it was always His first desire that we who He created would be with Him. So, as we think about the plan that He laid out for us (that plan of worship), it was to provide us with the way to be with Him – both in our life here on earth and throughout eternity. He tells us that He has given us everything we need for life and godliness (*2 Peter 1:3*). He has given us "everything" we need so that we can be with Him, so let's make sure we are practicing what He has given us. Let us worship Him in every step with the intent that He established for us.

~ Terry

### John 4:23-24

**23** "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. **24** "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."



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 soon
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday Singing	March 1 – 7:00 PM