

March Birthdays		March Anniversaries	
3	Kelly Beek	19	Linda & Kelly Beek
4	Paul Cunningham		
5	Judy Fulton		
7	Margo Greene		
25	Shaundra Moss		

Mission Work Areas

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

New Prayer Requests

Dave Nettles and Lauren Nettles-Broussard (daughter) – Lauren is getting dialysis and the surgery is scheduled for the end of April. Please keep them both in your prayers
Ed Kretch – growth in the back of his skull. Sandra is also going through some pain management treatments. Please pray for him and Sandra.
Presley Close (Megan Cavasos’ baby) – found fluid behind both ears. They will wait and watch for now with a follow up in April.
Jessica Cavasos – will be having surgery on April 6. Please keep her in your prayers for a good outcome.
Jane Webb (Debbie Olguin’s life friend) – just diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Please keep her 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 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 – doing very well	Bill Phillips (Terry’s Brother-in-law) – prostate cancer treatment

March 19, 2023		
Greeters:	Len Gates	Terry Reader
Announcements:	Ian Stewart	
Song Leader:	Terry Reader	
Opening Prayer:	Len Gates	
Closing Prayer:	Ken Davis	
Lord’s Table:	Larry Fulton	Len Gates
	Gene Petersen	Al Olguin
Coordinator:	Stacey Moss	

Elders

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

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When you visit us... March 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	

As He Was, With Other Boats

David Sproule

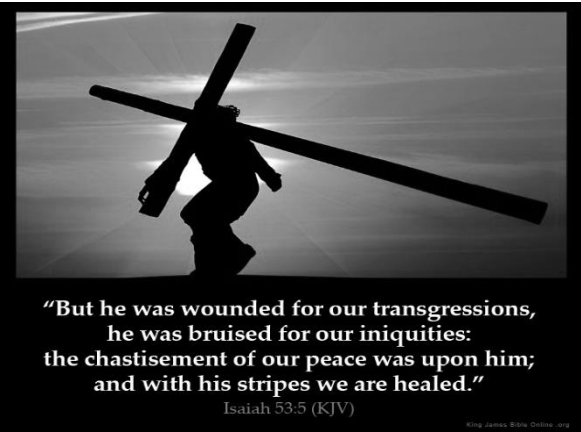
It is inappropriate and can be a grievous mistake to make more out of details in the Bible than we should make. That reminder should always be present in our minds. Yet, it is interesting to consider the details God chooses to give to us in Scripture, if for no other reason than to see if there are some lessons that we might learn from what is said. Consider a few thoughts from **Mark 4:36**.

This verse occurs at the end of a long day. Verse 35 states that “evening had come.” It is possible that this day began in 3:20, when Jesus had to deal with opposition from friends and foes. At the very least, the day began in 4:1, when Jesus sat down in a boat to teach on the Galilee shore. But the day could have started all the way back in 3:1, when He told His disciples “that a small boat should be kept ready for Him” (3:9). In any case, it had been a long day, and when evening came, Jesus wanted to “cross over to the other side” (4:35). Note two interesting statements in verse 36.

First, Mark records that they “left the multitude,” and they took Jesus “along in the boat as He was.” They took Him “as He was.” What could this mean? It could simply mean that He had been sitting in the boat and teaching all of this time, and at His bidding, they set sail without any delay. It could indicate that Jesus did not have any provisions or supplies on His person at the time, but they left anyway. He was tired, maybe smelly and had nothing on Him, and they took Him “as He was.” Whatever the meaning of the phrase, let me ask you a question—“Do you take Jesus as He is?” So many want Jesus to fit in their own box of preconceived ideas and personal preferences. We need to take Jesus exactly as He is!

Second, Mark records that “other boats were with Him.” No other information is given about those boats or their occupants. Why does he include this detail? It may be mentioned to indicate that there were other witnesses to the miracle of calming the storm, or perhaps to show that there were many followers of Jesus at this time. Whatever the reason for giving this detail, let me ask you a few questions—“Do you have to be in the lead boat where all of the attention is focused, or are you ok being in one of ‘the other boats’?” “Even if you are not one of the leaders among the people—like the apostles were—do you realize that Jesus is still with you in the midst of the storms that come?” In your Bible, you might circle the word “with.” Even though those folks were not in the lead boat, they were still “with” Jesus.

Maybe those details are insignificant and not intended to have any meaning to us. But it is interesting that they are included. Take time to read every word in your Bible.



A few words...

I want to think about that idea of “take Him as He is”. How important is this statement to us? And, more importantly do we practice the idea of “take Him as He is”.

Now, I suspect that each of us would say, “Yes, of course I take Him as He is.” Yet, Jesus was a very common man living in the Middle East in less than luxurious conditions. He traveled by foot most of the time – not by chariot or camel or any other mode, but He walked. His friends were not from the “elite” class either. They were simple, poor men – several of them were fishermen. So, Jesus was not someone who sat on a pedestal, but he was certainly not a king in the manner that the Jews of His time were looking for.

How does that affect us? Surely, here in the 21st century, we understand that Jesus is the King of a spiritual kingdom. But, do we think of Him with a western man’s view? Do we see Him as a strong, pale skinned man with a gentle face or can we understand that He might look more like the typical middle eastern man? Does our mind tell us that He is a middle class person with all that He needs or do we recognize that He was not middle class, but probably someone who lived from day to day?

We don’t know for sure what Jesus looked like, nor do we know a lot of detail about how He lived. But, we know that He was a kind and compassionate man that cared for those around Him. We know that He performed miracles such as healing the sick and feeding the hungry. And, most importantly, we know that He was killed by His own people, as a criminal. He hung on a cross, shed His blood and became the sacrifice for our sins.

So, be careful about putting Jesus in a box that fits our image. We must recognize that He came to earth and lived a humble life, and that He came to teach and heal the lost. We are those “lost” and we need everything that He has given for us. Be sure that you are accepting Him as He is, because He is the Son of God who came to earth to become our Savior and only in Him can we have eternal life.

~ Terry

Friday, March 17 – 7:00 PM

Pi (+.03) Game Night

Chili Beans will be provided (thanks Linda Beek)
Please bring things to go with the Chili and
Pies..... or other desserts

From Dave Nettles

Prayers answered. Lauren is on dialysis & working
well finally. Matching came off really well &
scheduled surgery April 26. I will be coming up
before March is over for a week or so!



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.

n For your calendar.....

Weekly Fellowship Luncheon	Sunday – 12:00 Noon
Game Night	Friday, March 17 – 7:00 PM
1 st Wednesday Singing	April 5 – 7:00 PM