

July Birthdays		July Anniversaries	
14	Gene Petersen		
26	Shea Moss		

July 9, 2023		
Greeters:	Terry Reader	Len Gates
Announcements:	Kelly Beek	
Song Leader:	Terry Reader	
Opening Prayer:	Paul Cunningham	
Closing Prayer:	Ken Davis	
Lord's Table:	Ken Davis	Terry Reader
	Gene Petersen	Lincoln Gates
Coordinator:	Jim Richards	



When you visit us... July 2, 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	

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

<i>New Prayer Requests</i>
Austin Petty (Zirkle's grandson) – had new scans recently and they saw some shrinkage of his tumors which is very good news. He was admitted for the next chemo treatment. Thank you for the prayers and please continue to keep him and the family in your prayers.
Ian Stewart – took a fall and broke two bones in his foot. He was scheduled for surgery on Saturday (yesterday). Please keep him in your prayers.
Larry Brower – passed away on June 22 nd . He had been suffering with Alzheimer's. No service is planned and there will be a private memorial for the family. Please remember Pam and the family in your prayers.
Diane Spomer (a previous member here) – diagnosed with cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
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
Crystal & JJ Autry and family	Dick McClain (friend of Readers) – lung cancer – some new spots

Elders	
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Terry Reader	(719) 427-7141
Deacons	
Stacey Moss	(719) 207-0588
Ken Davis	(719) 748-8654
Kelly Beek	(719) 342-5856
Larry Fulton	(719) 398-9987
Len Gates	(719) 207-0039

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Complex and Simple

Travis Main

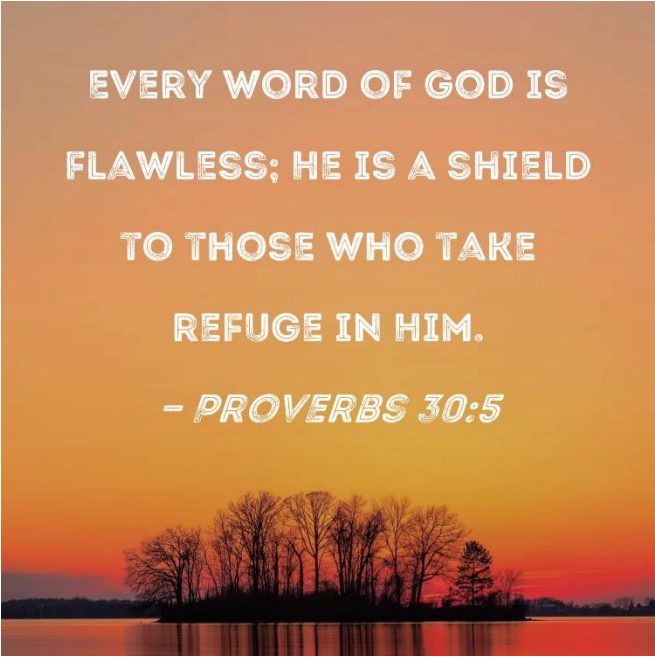
I enjoy watching movies. It does not particularly matter whether it is a western, comedy, drama, mystery, documentary, etc. However, my favorite type tends to be musicals. There are many movies I have seen multiple times on the spectrum of complex to simple. Frequently in my conversation I will adopt a quote from these movies. The movies (though having nothing to do with my own life) become part of my life. Scripture is that way as well. I enjoy many aspects of scripture. The history, science, mystery, adventure, all touch me in a different manner. A critical difference is that scripture is true and from the mind of God, while movies certainly are not from the mind of God and often contain things which are not true. Setting the differences aside, one similarity between the two gives me astonishment, puzzlement, and joy. Both provide me with instances of “aha!” and “What?” no matter how many times I have been exposed to them.

The human mind is amazingly complex. We filter so many stimuli at once with the brain filing away what it feels is important and tossing what is not. Of course, then it throws in weird stuff like remembering a paint chip in a wall from your childhood. Anyway, while the brain tries to do its best in grabbing on to everything it encounters, out of nowhere it will grab something new from something you have seen, heard, or read regularly. I watched the movie postman (with Clearplay) for years. In the movie, there is a reference to President Richard Starkey. I never thought anything of it. Until I did. The name was a bit of humor in the movie. It was a reference to Ringo Star (drummer for the Beatles). Boom! Mind blown! Yes, over something very simple, right in front of my eyes for years. A similar brain rocking moment for me occurred after decades when I realized that the word “reproof” (KJV) in **2 timothy 3:16-17** was actually not the same as “reprove” (KJV) used elsewhere in scripture (See <https://churchofchristarticles.com/reproof-or-reprove/> for more on this). Where was my brain before that? Well, it was filtering through other teachings, observations, thoughts, moods, perceptions, and more. Then out of the blue, BAM! Recognition!

What is the importance of these occurrences? The value in these times comes from understanding the need to open your eyes to discovery. Mankind isn’t meant to read the Bible once and have a full and complete understanding of everything there. I have read the Bible for over four decades. I still find myself feeling as if I have just begun. The more I study, the more my vision improves. I find I can

see things which would never have been possible to see years before. I find the body in the room that I continuously stepped over before because I was interested in looking at the letter opener on the desk every time before. AHA! “Something different” my mind echoes, yet it was always there. I make notes of words I need to do searches on “tribulation, generation, age, grass, time”. The greater the volume of information I seem to store away, the more miniscule it looks compared to what now lays before me.

Spiritual discovery is important in our lives. It is directly related to coming to know our Creator. It involves understanding His plan for our lives, those before us, around us, and after us. The discovery enables us to build a relationship with our eternal Father and continuously make it stronger. If you stop trying to discover who your spouse is one year into your marriage, you are doing yourself and your spouse a great disservice. The exact scenario is true with God and His Word which He has given. His Word is to be before us always. When it is, the discovery and fascination will be never ending. We need only open our hearts and minds to care enough about what is always there, but we have never seen before. With the ever-watchful eye, when we search through the complex and simple, treasure and meaningfulness will be uncovered.



Fire & Ice Celebration

July 4th

7:00 PM

At the
Church Building
– bring a dessert & a chair

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
Fire & Ice Celebration	July 4 – 7:00 PM
1 st Wednesday Singing	July 5 – 7:00 PM