

July Birthdays		July Anniversaries	
14	Gene Petersen		
26	Shea Moss		

Mission Work Areas

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

New Prayer Requests

Austin Petty (Zirkle's grandson) –His latest scans showed no real effect on his tumors which was expected. They will be adding radiation to his 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 had surgery and is doing well. He is home now, but will be housebound for a few weeks. Please keep him in your prayers.
Diane Spomer (a previous member here) – diagnosed with cancer. She had surgery last week and is doing well. 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

August 6, 2023		
Greeters:	Terry Reader	Len Gates
Announcements:	Terry Reader	
Song Leader:	Terry Reader	
Opening Prayer:	Paul Cunningham	
Closing Prayer:	Ken Davis	
Lord's Table:	Len Gates	Larry Fulton
	Dan Greene	Ken Davis
Coordinator:	Stacey Moss	

Elders

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Ian Stewart (720) 878-2919
Terry Reader (719) 427-7141

Deacons

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

If you have bulletin information or updates, please send them to Terry or Linda Reader

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When you visit us...

July 30, 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

10:00 amBible Class
11:00 am.....Assembly
Noon.....Fellowship Meal
1:30 pm.....Devotional

Wednesday

7:00 pm.....Devotional
or Bible Class

Dirt Roads

What’s mainly wrong with society today is that too many Dirt Roads have been paved. There’s not a problem in America today — crime, drugs, education, divorce, delinquency — that wouldn’t be remedied if we just had more Dirt Roads, because Dirt Roads give character.



People who live at the end of Dirt Roads learn early on that life is a bumpy ride. That it can jar you right down to your teeth sometimes, but it’s worth it if, at the end is home...a loving family, happy kids and a dog.

We wouldn’t have near the trouble with our educational system if our kids got their exercise walking a Dirt Road with other kids, from whom they learn how to get along.

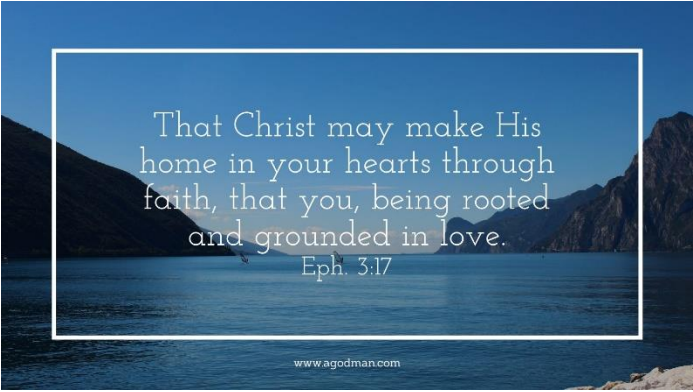
There was less crime in our streets before they were paved. Criminals didn’t walk two dusty miles to rob or rape if they knew they’d be welcomed by five barking dogs and a double-barrel shotgun. And there were no drive-by shootings. Our values were better when our roads were worse!

People did not worship their cars more than their kids, and motorists were more courteous. They didn’t tailgate by riding the bumper, or the guy in front wouldn’t choke you with dust and bust your windshield with rocks. Dirt Roads taught patience.

Dirt Roads were environmentally friendly. You didn’t hop in your car for a quart of milk; you walked to the barn for your supply of milk.

For your mail, you walked to the mailbox. What if it rained and the Dirt Road got washed out? That was the best part. Then you stayed home and had some family time, roasted marshmallows and popped popcorn and pony-rode on Daddy’s shoulders and learned how to make prettier quilts than anybody. At the end of Dirt Roads, you soon learned that bad words tasted like soap.

Most paved roads lead to trouble. Dirt Roads more likely led to a fishing creek or a swimmin’ hole. At the end of a Dirt Road, the only time we even locked our car was in August because, if we didn’t, some neighbor would fill it with too much zucchini. At the end of a Dirt Road, there was always extra springtime income. Like when city dudes would get stuck, you’d have to hitch up a team and pull them out. Usually you got a dollar; always you got a new friend . . . at the end of a Dirt Road.



A few words...
You know, I have this feeling that we can all talk about the “good old” days and there are probably many of us that can relate to life on....or maybe even at the end of the *Dirt Road*.

When I was young, I lived on a small ranch on a dirt road in southern Oregon. I look back and think about what a good life it was. Of course, when I was young and living there, I thought about how good it would be to live in town. Now I know that life there in the “country” was good. We worked hard. We played in the dirt. We treasured time with friends and family when they came. And yes, we feared the zucchini.

Of course, that was a different time and place. Today, we can have this same kind of life if we focus on what is truly important and make sure we are modeling and teaching that to our families.

The true peace and answers to our struggles come from looking to God and seeking His ways. There really is no other choice. If we will do this, it doesn’t matter if we are in the city or the country. Our times will be good.
~Terry

Joshua 24:14-15
"Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. "If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but ***as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.***"

Play at the Lake

Today ---- July 30
Following Afternoon Services
Clear Creek Reservoir
Weeny Roast, Paddle Boards, Playing
in the Water, etc.

Check with Stanten for details and directions

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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
Play at the Lake	July 30 – after afternoon services
1 st Wednesday Singing	August 2 – 7:00 PM