

| September Birthdays | | September Anniversaries | |
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| 26 | Jan Paddock | 8 | Debbie & Al Olquin |
| 29 | Stacey Moss | 30 | Marybeth & Doug Ward |
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Mission Work Areas

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

New Prayer Requests

Linda Stewart – taken to the hospital on Friday evening for chest pain. Test showed that all is okay and she is back home. Please remember her and Ian in your prayers.

Christy Reader – has a custody hearing on Wednesday went well. No final decision until the judge talks with Preston. Please keep her in your prayers.

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. Sees the doctor this week and hopes to be released. Please keep him in your prayers.

Diane Spomer (a previous member here) – diagnosed with cancer. She has had surgery and is doing well. Please keep her in your prayers.

Jane Webb (Debbie Olquin's life friend) – diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.

Long Term Prayer List

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| 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 | Dick McClain (friend of Readers) – lung cancer – some new spots |
| Crystal & JJ Autry and family | |
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| September 17, 2023 | | |
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| Greeters: | Terry Reader | Len Gates |
| Announcements: | Ian Stewart | |
| Song Leader: | Dan Greene | |
| Opening Prayer: | Kelly Beek | |
| Closing Prayer: | Ken Davis | |
| Lord's Table: | Terry Reader | Lincoln Gates |
| | Stacey Moss | Joe Autry |
| Coordinator: | Dan Greene | |

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When you visit us...

September 10, 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

Peace of God

Jake Collins

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. — John 14:27

It is easier than ever in today's world to feel overwhelmed. An estimated 42.5 million Americans suffer from an anxiety disorder, and about 322 million suffer from depression worldwide. Many factors cause these disorders, from genetics, medical problems, traumatic events, social media, major life changes, medications, and drug abuse.

This is not a modern problem; the people of old undoubtedly had mental illnesses as well. After the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, death and suffering loomed over mankind... until the Son of God came to be sacrificed and resurrected. Because of His death, mankind's sins and failures can be pardoned, and through His resurrection, mankind can have eternal life. There is one thing that remains constant in this chaotic life, and that is the love of God through Christ Jesus.

First, I would like to acknowledge that some people have severe depression and anxiety disorders, and I am by no means saying there is an instant cure for that suffering. Sometimes, an individual may require medicine to help them, like another person would with another health issue, and that is okay! Every person has their difficulties and shortcomings. I simply would like to offer wisdom from the Bible and ways we can take strides toward the peace of knowing Jesus Christ and the hope of eternal life.

So how can an individual achieve the peace of God? One may say, "In this fallen world, there is the hope of Jesus, which is great. But how do I achieve peace?" Here are a few ways one can achieve peace through God:

1 Seek to Know God. The first step one must take to achieve the peace of God is to know Him. How can this be done? By truly seeking to learn more about the King of the Universe. Knowing who provides that peace is vital to receiving that peace.

This can be done by reading or hearing the inspired Word of God. Jeremiah 29:13 says: "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." God has given us His wisdom through the Bible, preserved by His Spirit. He has told all what to do to follow Him. God does not force anyone to love Him and pursue Him. Yet He rewards those who earnestly want to know Him.

Along with seeking and knowing God comes faith in Him. Hebrews 11:6 says: "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." Believe that He has the power to deliver you from death. Through the blood of His Son Jesus, you believe you are cleansed through your faith in baptism.

2 Seek to Follow God. Once one knows God and knows His infinite love, the love of His Son Jesus... one cannot help but follow His teachings to the best of one's ability. Following Jesus and the example that He left inevitably leads to eternal life and peace through the Holy Spirit. However, this does not excuse a disciple from troubles in life. Christians, especially babes in Christ, must remember Jesus' reminder to his Apostles and all Christians: "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Christians, remember that Jesus has overcome the world throughout life's trials and difficulties. This allows the follower of Christ to transcend their suffering to find meaning in it, knowing that this "[...] light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison [...]" (2 Corinthians 4:17). Because of Jesus Christ, believers can be like a mountain that remains still and constant throughout the storms and passing seasons.

3 Seek Refuge in God. Trusting that God has everything in His hands is difficult. Christians in the early church faced this challenge, and Christians still do today. Whether it be one upset with decisions made on the world-scale, or something occurring behind closed doors, recognizing the Lord is a refuge creates a more serene headspace. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). The Creator of the Universe wants Christians to know they are safe. There is no need to fear, for the Lord God is on their side. "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31). An element of this is to make prayer a consistent part of life. Making the Lord your refuge is made even more possible by requesting His help and casting your cares on Him (1 Peter 5:7). In all things, let your requests be made known to God.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." In all things, let your requests be made known to God.

— Philippians 4:6-7

Mazatlán Special Contribution

October 1, 2023

The Taylors – Jim & Judy are beginning to prepare for their return to Mazatlán for the winter. We appreciate all they do in their work with the church. As we do each year, we will have a special offering to support that work and the much needed 'dispensas' that they provide for the Christians there. So, please plan for a second offering on October 1 for the work in Mazatlán. And, please keep Jim & Judy in your prayers for their travels and their work.

Lost Canyon Fall Outing



September 17, 2023 - Next Sunday

We will travel to Lost Canyon immediately following services for our Fellowship Lunch, Devotional and fun.



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.

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| Weekly Fellowship Luncheon | Sunday – 12:00 Noon |
| 1 st Wednesday Singing | September 6 – 7:00 PM |
| Lost Canyon Fall Outing | September 17 – Following Services |
| Mazatlán Special Contribution | October 1 |
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