

July Birthdays		July Anniversaries	
14	Gene Petersen		
26	Shea Moss		

July 27, 2025		
Greeters:	Ken Davis	Terry Reader
Announcements:	Kelly Beek	
Song Leader:	Dan Greene	
Opening Prayer:	Stacey Moss	
Closing Prayer:	Jim Richards	
Lord's Table:	Ken Davis	Jim Richards
	Gene Petersen	Kelly Beek
Coordinator:	Jim Richards	



When you visit us...

July 20, 2025

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

New Prayer Requests

Bob & Lisa Pryor (close friend of Glenn Z) – Bob had severe leg problems and was put into hospice. He passed away on Sunday. Lisa has been dealing with cancer and has been hospitalized for a reoccurrence of the cancer. Glenn returned to Florida to be there for his friends and help in whatever way he can. Please pray for this family and remember Glenn and his travels.
Sally Jo Brackeen – took a fall and had to have surgery. She is now in a rehabilitation center. Please keep her in your prayers.
Dwayne Reader (Reader's grandson) – had been in the hospital struggling with some severe issues related to his rheumatoid arthritis. He is doing better, but they are still working to figure out how to manage his pain. Please keep him and James & Kara in your prayers.
Judeen Petersen – shoulder surgery is scheduled for July 17 in Denver. Please keep her and Gene in your prayers.
Glenda Cox – injured knee. Surgery went well and is recovering. Please keep her in your prayers this week.
Linda Reader – upcoming hysterectomy surgery on August 11. Please keep her in your prayers.

Long Term Prayer List

Stanten Sikes	Richard Pedrie
Ian Stewart	Greg Pyle
Gary Stewart	Ron Hansen
Marilyn Bartlow	Norma Bartlow
Joan Lawrence	Betty & Danny Sidebottom
Marian Like	Linda Beek – hip problems
Patricia Bulmer (Scott's mom)	Robbie Sikes (Stanten's mom)
Kelly Mortensen (Toni G's dad)– kidney cancer	Lola Gates (Len's mom) – recovering from her fall – will likely have surgery

Elders

Stanten Sikes (719) 207-0629
 Ian Stewart (720) 878-2919
 Terry Reader (719) 427-7141

Deacons

Stacey Moss (719) 207-0588
 Ken Davis (719) 748-8654
 Kelly Beek (719) 342-5856
 Len Gates (719) 207-0039

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

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Writing Your Own Story

Brian Moore

The letters the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy are personal, spiritual and rich with wisdom for us today. In [1 Timothy 4:14-16](#), Paul addresses Timothy with both encouragement and exhortation, reminding him of the gift of God within and the responsibility that comes with it. These verses are more than a mentor's counsel – they are a call to faithfulness, spiritual discipline, and perseverance that resonates even today.

“Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

At the time of this letter, Timothy is in Ephesus, a city known for its pagan practices and doctrinal confusion. As a young preacher in a complex environment, Timothy faces challenges both inside and outside the church. Paul writes to encourage him to stand firm in truth, to lead with integrity, and to live out the gospel he teaches.

Chapter 4 as a whole, deals with false teachers, godly living, and the example a Christian should set. Paul tells Timothy not to let anyone look down on him for his youth but to set an example “in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity” (vs.12). It's in this flow that verses 14-16 arrive, offering Timothy both a reminder and a charge.

“Do Not Neglect the Gift That Is in You”

Paul reminds Timothy of the spiritual gift he received. The phrase “do not neglect” implies that spiritual gifts or talents can be underutilized or even forgotten. Busyness, fear, insecurity, or distraction can all lead believers to ignore what God has provided within them. For Timothy, this could have been a temptation to shrink back in timidity rather than stepping boldly into his role.

Today, many believers can relate. Whether it's the ability to teach, encourage, lead, or serve, the call is the same: *Don't neglect it. Stir it up. Use it for the glory of God and the good of others.*

“Be Diligent . . . So That Everyone May See Your Progress”

Paul then urges Timothy to be diligent and to give himself fully to his calling. To minister to others, in whatever form that may take, is not something to approach passively or half-heartedly. It requires commitment, consistency, and hard work.

Interestingly, Paul encourages Timothy not to focus on impressing others, but rather to let his progress be visible. This points to a spiritual journey marked by growth over time. Timothy wasn't expected to have everything figured out from the beginning. What mattered was that he was growing and that others could see it. In a culture obsessed with perfection and performance, this is freeing.

Progress, not perfection, is the goal. Spiritual maturity is a process. Faithfulness in small things over time leads to visible transformation.

“Watch Your Life and Doctrine Closely”

This verse gets to the heart of integrity in a Christian. Paul draws attention to two crucial areas: *life* and *doctrine*, how one lives and what one believes.

The life of a Christian can be derailed when either of these is neglected. Good doctrine without a holy life is hypocrisy. A sincere life without sound doctrine can lead to error. Paul calls Timothy to guard both, suggesting a kind of spiritual self-examination and accountability.

The word “watch” implies vigilance. Timothy must continually monitor his actions and beliefs, ensuring that they align with the truth of the gospel. This call for self-awareness and consistency is one that applies to every believer.

“Persevere . . . You Will Save Both Yourself and Your Hearers”

Paul ends with a powerful promise: perseverance leads to salvation, not just for Timothy, but for those who hear him.

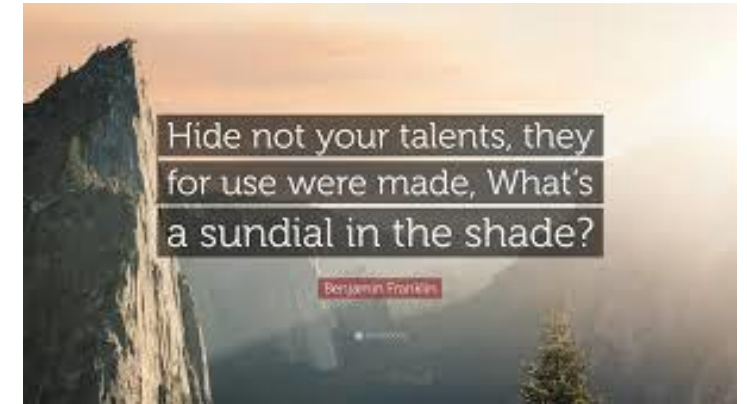
This doesn't suggest that Timothy earns his salvation through works. Rather, it speaks of the enduring impact of a faithful ministry and life. Timothy's persistence in truth and godly living has eternal consequences. His life and teaching become instruments through which others encounter Christ.

This is a sobering and inspiring truth: how we live and lead matters deeply. Our perseverance in the faith is not only for our own spiritual well-being but also influences others on their journey.

So, what does this mean for us? While Paul's words were written to a young preacher, the principles apply broadly:

- Recognize and use your talents. Each Christian has been given talents for the building up of the body (1 Corinthians 12). Don't let them go unused.
- Commit to growth. You don't need to be perfect, but you do need to be progressing. Faithfulness over time brings fruit.
- Guard your life and doctrine. Sound doctrine and a holy life go hand in hand. Both need attention and intentionality.
- Persevere. The life of a Christian is a marathon, not a sprint. The choices you make and the life you lead can ripple into eternity, not just for you, but for others watching.

In conclusion, [1 Timothy 4:14-16](#) serves as a rich and challenging encouragement to anyone attempting to live a life as a faithful Christian. Paul's charge to Timothy reminds us that we each carry a divine purpose. Whether you are a preacher, teacher, parent, student, or business leader, your life speaks. Your faithfulness, progress, and perseverance can be a beacon of hope to others. Stir up the talent. Stay the course. Let your life preach the gospel.



Teresa & John Grady

Teresa said that this will be their “temporary” home for as much as the next 6 months. They would love to hear from the folks at Mountain View Church of Christ.

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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
1 st Wednesday Singing	August 6, 2025 – 7:00 PM