

July Birthdays		July Anniversaries	
14	Gene Petersen		
26	Shea Moss		

August 3, 2025		
Greeters:	Ken Davis	Terry Reader
Announcements:	Terry Reader	
Song Leader:	Terry Reader	
Opening Prayer:	Paul Cunningham	
Closing Prayer:	Ken Davis	
Lord's Table:	Len Gates	Dan Greene
	Ken Davis	Stanten Sikes
Coordinator:	Stacey Moss	



When you visit us...

July 27, 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
10:00 amBible Class
11:00 am.....Assembly
Noon.....Fellowship Meal
1:30 pm.....Devotional

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

Mission Work Areas

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

New Prayer Requests

Sally Jo Brackeen – took a fall and had to have surgery. She is now in a rehabilitation center. Please keep her in your prayers.
Linda Reader – upcoming hysterectomy surgery on August 11. Please keep her 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.

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
Dwayne Reader – rheumatoid arthritis issues	

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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The Best Reading Plan for the Bible

David Sproule

How quickly could you read through the entire Bible? Depending on your reading speed, it would take most people around 65 to 80 hours. So, if you did nothing else for three days straight (without sleeping), you could read it. Or, if you took two 40-hour work weeks, you could read it.

Of course, that is not the way that folks normally read the Bible. For many people, they follow a one-year plan, which schedules them to read about three chapters per day, to finish the Bible in 365 days. The number of different reading plans that have been created is impressive. Some read through the New Testament every month (reading about nine chapters per day). Some take a slower pace and read through the Bible over a period of three years. Again, the variety of options is plenteous.

Here's something to keep in mind: The Bible does not tell us at what pace we need to read the Bible. There is not a verse that says, "This is too slow" or "This is too fast." So, what does the Bible say about a reading schedule?

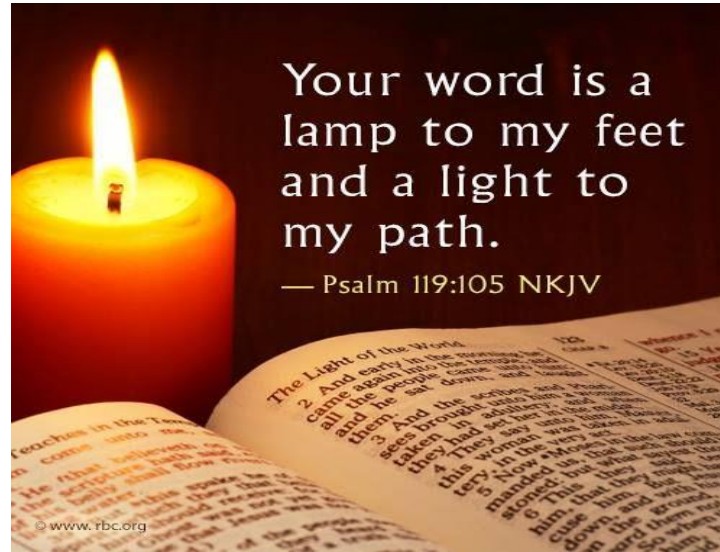
Consider that the Bible urges us to pray, at the very least, "daily" ([Matthew 6:11](#)) or "day by day" ([Luke 11:3](#)), and gives us multiple examples of praying three times a day ([Daniel 6:10](#); [Psalms 55:17](#)). If we talk to God one, two, three (or however many) times in a day, would it not also be appropriate and beneficial to let God talk to us (through the Bible) that often?

The Bible likens itself to "milk" and "solid food" ([Hebrews 5:12-13](#); [1 Peter 2:2](#)). David said that it is like "honey and the honeycomb" ([Psalms 19:10](#)), and Jeremiah said that when he "found" God's "words" that he "ate them," and found "joy and rejoicing" in them ([Jeremiah 15:16](#)). How often do you eat any kind of food during the day? If we are feeding our physical bodies multiple times in a day, how often should we be feeding our souls? Of course, our physical sustenance varies each day from full meals to light snacks. So, could not our spiritual sustenance do the same—reading a chapter or more at certain times, but maybe only a verse or two at other times of the day?

The Bible does not place as much emphasis on the amount of reading that we do each day as much as it does on the effort that is involved in it. We need to be "diligent" in our study ([2 Timothy 2:15](#)). We need to "desire" it ([Psalms 19:10](#)), "delight" in it ([Psalms 119:47](#)) and "love" it ([Psalms 119:97](#)). We need to see God's Word as so "sweet" to our "taste" ([Psalms 119:103](#)) that we cannot get enough of it. We need to

write it on our hearts ([Psalms 119:11](#)) and "meditate" on its wonderfulness ([Psalms 1:2](#)).

It doesn't matter how quickly you can read the Bible! What matters is how much it transforms you as you read it!



A few words...

Have you ever considered what it means when God tells us, through Paul's letter to Timothy, that we are to "study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that needs to not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

It seems simple. Study God's word and be approved. However, if we really think about it, what we need to understand is that God wants us to not just read His word, but we must take time to seek the understanding of His word so that it will help us to do the work He has set aside for us. You see, we are created by Him to "do good works" ([Ephesians 2:10](#)), to be a "workman" as we see in Timothy. If we are to be His workmen, we must ensure that we understand what that means and that we are prepared to do our work in accordance with His will. And, the work set aside for each of us may be different based on our talents. Yet, we must remember that whatever we do, it is always about Him and not about us ([Colossians 3:17](#)).

With this in mind, consider the importance of this short verse in 2 Timothy. We must spend time with God's word in order to do the things that He has created us for – His work and His will. And, in that, we must also ensure that we are "diligent" in that study as the NASB puts it so that

we are careful to teach only God's truth and His will – "rightly dividing the word."

So, spend enough time with God's word to make sure you truly understand His will. If you find yourself saying "yeah, but I think..." then you need to spend more time in your study and prayer so that you are truly understanding His truth. ~Terry

There will be a welcome breakfast for Ruth Byrne on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at Jan's Restaurant beginning at 8:30 a.m. To help Ruth furnish her home, we will be showering her with household items or gift cards. Please RSVP to Linda Beek.

During the clean-out and reorganization of the storage shed, a few tubs and boxes of sewing materials were found. They are in the library. Please feel free to go through these tubs and boxes for anything you can use. At the end of this week, they will be given to Mary Beth's daughter.



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
Game Night & Waffle Supper	August – TBD