

October Birthdays		October Anniversaries	
2	Joe Autry	4	Judy & Jim Taylor
8	Landry Gates	7	Mia & Ken Davis

Mission Work Areas

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

New Prayer Requests

Madison Atha – shoulder surgery on October 23. Please remember her in your prayers.
Seth Moss – damaged his (other) knee in a football game. Suspect that it will need surgery – probably in December. Please keep him in your prayers.
Linda Beek – continues to have hip problems and now, possibly back issues. She has surgery scheduled for early December. Please keep her in your prayers.
Linda Reader – her surgery has been moved up to October 28. Please keep her and Terry in your prayers.
Dan Greene – right knee replacement went well. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Long Term Prayer List

Stanten Sikes	Richard Pedrie
Ian Stewart	Greg Pyle
Gary Stewart	Ron Hansen
Marilyn Bartlow	Joan Lawrence
Marian Like	Betty & Danny Sidebottom
Patricia Bulmer (Scott's mom)	Linda Beek – hip & back problems
Kelly Mortensen (Toni G's dad)– kidney cancer	Lola Gates (Len's mom) – recovering from her fall – will likely have surgery
Beth May (Friend of Stewarts) – Esophageal Cancer	Judeen Petersen – shoulder surgery recovery
Mia Davis (& family) – broken ankle	Robbie Sikes (Stanten's mom)
Sandra Krech – weakness. Looking for an internal bleed	

October 26, 2025		
Greeters:	Len Gates	Terry Reader
Announcements:	Kelly Beek	
Song Leader:	Dan Greene	
Opening Prayer:	Kelly Beek	
Closing Prayer:	Stacey Moss	
Lord's Table:	Ramon Castro	Ken Davis
	Kelly Beek	Len Gates
Coordinator:	Len Gates	

Elders

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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



When you visit us... October 19, 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	

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

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The Value of Silence

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Silence is almost extinct. From the moment we wake up until the moment we fall asleep, distractions can easily fill every minute of our day. We allow television, music, conversations, and endless entertainment to soothe us in moments of discomfort or boredom. Quiet feels awkward to many. In our culture, especially in America, silence often feels like wasted time because we are trained to measure our days by how productive we are. Yet in God's eyes, those quiet moments may be some of the most valuable we ever have.

The Bible never treats silence as wasted time. [Psalm 46:10](#) says, "Be still, and know that I am God." Being still means stopping the noise long enough to focus on Him. It's about learning to trust instead of constantly distracting ourselves. The word "still" carries the idea of letting go, of ceasing from striving. For us, that may mean not filling every quiet moment with motion or media but allowing God to take center stage.

That is difficult in the culture we live in. From a young age, we are taught to find our worth in productivity. If we are not producing or accomplishing something, the time feels wasted. However, God is far more concerned with whether or not we are faithful and present. Sometimes the most faithful thing we can do is to stop, quiet ourselves, and listen.

Technology has infiltrated every part of our lives. A quiet meal, the few minutes before bed, even a short wait in line, almost always gets filled with a screen. We are not just avoiding silence, we are training ourselves to live without it. Spiritually, that comes at a cost. Silence is often when we notice our sin and repent. It is when we pause to give thanks. It is when we reflect on how to live better and when we talk honestly with God. If every gap in life is filled with noise, those moments rarely happen. Constant stimulation may keep us entertained, but it can also keep us from the very practices that grow our faith.

Elijah experienced this in 1 Kings 19. The Lord was not in the strong wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire. Instead, He came in a gentle whisper. If Elijah had been waiting only for the dramatic, he would have missed the voice of God. In the same way, when we only look for God in the loud and obvious moments, we can miss Him in the quiet places.

The writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us there is "a time to keep silence, and a time to speak" ([Ecclesiastes 3:7](#)). The world gives us opportunities to speak, post, and share everything. But how often do we practice silence? James tells us that "the tongue is a fire" ([James 3:6](#)). How many arguments, careless texts, or online comments could be avoided if we sat in silence before speaking? Silence gives us the

wisdom to speak with care and the patience to wait for the right moment. Silence is not only about avoiding mistakes. It is also about what we gain. In silence, we gain peace of heart. We gain the clarity to see what truly matters. We gain the ability to pray without rushing. We gain an appreciation for what we have.

So how do we bring silence back into our lives? It might mean turning off notifications for part of the day. It might mean leaving your phone in another room when you pray. It might mean taking the first five minutes of the morning or the last five minutes of the night without a screen, letting scripture and prayer fill the quiet. It could mean going for a walk without headphones or allowing a few minutes of silence before worship begins.

The next time you feel the urge to run from silence, pause. Instead of filling the gap with noise, embrace the quiet and turn it into a moment with God. That may be the very space where you hear Him most clearly.



Linda Reader

Note – Linda's e-mail is changing to
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Fall Back - Time Change is Coming

Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00AM

It is time to turn your clocks back 1 hour. So plan to set your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday night (Nov. 1) ... and get an extra hour of sleep.



New Church Directory

We are building a new/updated directory for the church. Ramon Castro has offered to build the directory and Stanten Sikes is taking photos.

Please fill out an information sheet for Ramon and get with Stanten to have your family photo taken.



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
Time Change – Fall Back	Sunday, Nov. 2 – 2:00 AM
Singing Night	November 5, 2025
Ladies Bible Study	November 7 – 10:00 AM