

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. He will have surgery on Tuesday, October 28. Please keep him in your prayers.
Linda Reader – her surgery has been moved up to October 28. Please keep her and Terry in your prayers.
Linda Beek – continues to have back and hip problems. Her surgery has been scheduled for November 11. Please keep her 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	

November 2, 2025		
Greeters:	Len Gates	Terry Reader
Announcements:	Terry Reader	
Song Leader:	Terry Reader	
Opening Prayer:	Stanten Sikes	
Closing Prayer:	Len Gates	
Lord’s Table:	Len Gates	Lincoln Gates
	Gene Petersen	Stacey Moss
Coordinator:	Kelly Beek	

Elders

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

Deacons

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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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When you visit us... October 26, 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	

Own Your Influence

Greg Chandler

People are interesting, especially when they assemble in public places. In modern American culture, it is increasingly rare for strangers to greet one another, let alone share any type of meaningful exchange. However, this does not prevent messages from being conveyed. Though people may silently pass one another in the grocery aisle or restaurant foyer, many messages are spoken by what is worn. While one may not hear a “roll tide” or “war eagle,” it would be a rare day in Alabama to not encounter someone’s clothing silently cheering the preferred school. Besides favorite teams, people promote singers, celebrities, causes, and a host of other information simply by making themselves walking billboards.

While having breakfast one morning in a small-town café, I noticed a young man approach the counter to purchase his takeaway order. His baggy shorts, Converse sneakers, and tattooed arms and legs provided a typical appearance for a young man of his age, yet it was the back of his hoodie that caught my attention, with its admonition to “own your influence.” Contemplating this, I wondered if he was religious, involved with a youth program, or simply someone who wanted to promote a positive message. While I will never know the answer to this question, his “walking billboard” served its purpose in challenging my consideration of what he promoted.

Etymologists explain that the word *influence* entered the English language as an astrological idea, describing how the position of stars impacts the destiny of humans. In the sixteenth century, its meaning began to change into the modern definition of the impact humans have on one another. It is important to note, however, that long before the birth of English, the Bible writers admonished their readers to contemplate this idea. For example, the writer of Proverbs stated, “Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm” ([Proverbs 13:20](#)). Years later, the Lord Himself urged His listeners to consider their influence by stating, “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven” ([Matthew 5:16](#)). These, along with a host of other passages, walk side-by-side with the young man in encouraging everyone to “own your influence.”

The first step in owning your influence is to accept that personal actions and attitudes will have an impact on the actions and attitudes of others. Parents begin to understand this as young children mimic what they witness each day. Most conscientious parents have likely been called to seriously evaluate behavior when they hear or see their child emulating a not-so-laudable word or action. This provides a backdrop for the Apostle Paul’s admonition to “not provoke your children to anger but bring them

up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” ([Ephesians 6:4](#)). Indeed, influence is strong even in the dawn of life.

Christians, in particular, must own their influence both in public settings and in brotherly relationships. To claim to know the peace of Jesus Christ yet speak and act in brattish ways is an affront to the Prince of Peace. In high-stress situations, bad retail experiences, or any host of circumstances, the one who can “keep his head,” or perhaps better stated “can keep his Head,” will demonstrate the influence of salt and light (see [Matthew 5:13-16](#)).

In brotherly relationships, the child of the King must remember His admonition to “love one another” ([John 13:34](#)). Whether doctrinal disagreement or difference in opinion on handling a situation, Christlike influence should be exerted. To exert divisive influence through constant complaining, subtle verbal jabs, or arrogant silence is to assault the body of Christ. To approach brotherly relationships with apathetic disregard is also detrimental to the well-being of fellow saints. Owning your influence in a positive manner will never seek to tear down but instead will seek to build up and encourage others in their journey to maturity.

American economist Henry George stated, “Let no man imagine that he has no influence. Whoever he may be, and wherever he may be placed, the man who thinks becomes a light and a power.” Everyone influences someone. When this fact is accepted, one is on the journey to being the “light and power” of which George spoke. In the home, public square, or meeting house of the saints, this influence will allow the light of Jesus to shine.

A young man’s hoodie did its job. While this is a reminder of how easily influence can be exerted, how much greater is the thought that one’s life can be a walking billboard for the Lord. Albert Orsborn understood this concept when he penned the words to “The Beauty of Jesus.” This 1916 hymn is a reminder to all that influence must be owned so that all glory is given to the One who gave His blood to own us.

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me,
All His wonderful passion and purity;
May His Spirit divine, all my being refine,
Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.

Albert Orsborn, 1916

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 14 – 10:00 AM