

November Birthdays		November Anniversaries	
3	Ian Stewart		
13	Len Gates		
20	Eli Davis		
24	Marybeth Ward		

Mission Work Areas

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

New Prayer Requests

Linda Beek – had her surgery on Tuesday and it went well. She is doing well and continues to recover. Please keep her in your prayers.
Linda Reader – her surgery went well and she continues to improve. She still gets tired but is doing well. The pathology report was good and she will not require any further treatment other than monitoring. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
Judy Taylor – is going to go to a dental surgeon to have a tooth removed and would like prayers.
Ellen Furby – will have a hip replacement before the end of the year. Please keep her in your prayers.
Madison Atha – shoulder surgery went well and she is doing well. Please continue to remember her in your prayers as she recovers.
Seth Moss – damaged his (other) knee in a football game. He will have surgery on Tuesday, October 28. Please keep him in your prayers.
Teresa & John Grady – facing various struggles including some health issues for Teresa.

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 Knech	

November 23, 2025		
Greeters:	Len Gates	Terry Reader
Announcements:	Terry Reader	
Song Leader:	Dan Greene	
Opening Prayer:	Len Gates	
Closing Prayer:	Ian Stewart	
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

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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When you visit us... November 16, 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	

Are You Content with a Tent?

Eric Hamilton

Tents, by their nature, are temporary. Several years ago I joined a group of men for a camping trip, despite not being an avid camper in my adulthood. So, when preparing for this trip, I purchased a modest “two-person” tent, which required me to sleep diagonally to nearly fit. After one night, I packed it up, grateful to return to my air-conditioned apartment and comfortable bed. The tent served its purpose, offering temporary shelter from the elements, but it paled in comparison to the comforts of home. This experience mirrors the biblical use of tents, which represent a transient state, pointing to something better and greater.

In the Old Testament, tents are more than mere settings; they carry deep spiritual meaning. Abraham, a wealthy man with many servants, likely lived in a splendid tent. Yet, it was still a tent, not a permanent home. At age 75, he left his homeland to follow God’s call, spending the next century as a sojourner in a foreign land. Unlike his nephew Lot, who settled in the city of Sodom, Abraham lived alongside the cities, never fully integrating. His tent symbolized his transient life, always pointing toward the promise of a land his descendants would inherit, where they would dwell in houses and cities.

Similarly, the Israelites, after escaping Egypt, wandered in the wilderness for forty years, living in tents. Their temporary dwellings reflected their journey toward the promised land where they could settle permanently. During this time, the Tabernacle, a grand tent housing the Ark of the Covenant, served as God’s dwelling place among His people. As the pillar of cloud or fire moved, the Israelites packed up the Tabernacle and followed. This mobile sanctuary was a precursor to the Temple, a more permanent structure built by Solomon. Yet, even the Tabernacle, magnificent as it was, was temporary, a shadow of something greater.

While Abraham and the Israelites looked forward to physical cities and homes, the Bible reveals that these were not the ultimate goal. [Hebrews 11:10](#) explains that Abraham “was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.” Likewise, [Hebrews 4:8-10](#) notes that the promised land the Israelites came to possess was not the final stop, either. “For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.”

The Tabernacle further illustrates this concept. [Hebrews 8:5](#) describes it as a “copy and shadow of heavenly things,” built according to the pattern God showed Moses. A shadow resembles the object it reflects but lacks its substance. The Tabernacle, while sacred, was a faint reflection of the true heavenly sanctuary. Similarly, the tents of Abraham and the Israelites

were not just temporary shelters; they symbolized a longing for the true, permanent dwelling place in God’s presence.

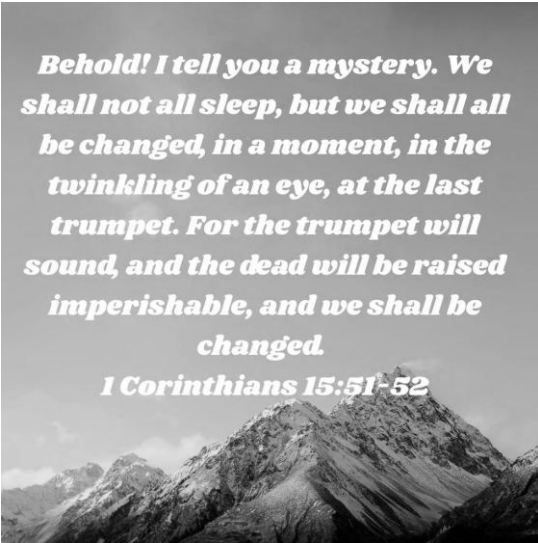
Are we content with the temporary “tents” of this life, or do we long for the eternal city God has prepared? It is easy to become consumed by material possessions, believing that a bigger house, car, or other possession will bring happiness. Yet, these things are transient, like tents. Jesus warned against storing up treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy ([Matthew 6:19-20](#)). The things we see and touch may bring temporary pleasure, but they cannot compare to the eternal reality God offers.

Paul beautifully captures this truth in [2 Corinthians 4:16-18](#): “So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.” The afflictions of this life, though real, are fleeting compared to the “eternal weight of glory” awaiting us. This life is like a shadow, insubstantial when measured against the reality of eternity.

Paul extends this metaphor in [2 Corinthians 5:1-7](#), comparing our earthly bodies to tents and our heavenly dwelling to a building from God, “eternal in the heavens.” Just as my tent made me long for my comfortable bed, this life should make us groan for heaven. The world, marred by sin, disease, and sadness, is not as it should be. We sense this instinctively, longing for a perfect world where these burdens are no more. Paul emphasizes that we do not seek to be “unclothed” by escaping this life but to be “further clothed” with the perfection of heaven, where mortality is swallowed up by life.

Popular depictions of heaven often fall short, portraying it as a place of clouds and harps, stripped of the vibrancy of this world. This mischaracterization can make heaven seem dull. Yet, if God created this beautiful world in six days, imagine what He has prepared over two thousand years since Jesus promised to prepare a place for us ([John 14:2-3](#)). Heaven will not be less than this world but infinitely more glorious, free from sin and filled with unimaginable beauty and joy. The Spirit, given as a guarantee, assures us of this reality ([2 Corinthians 5:5](#)).

So, are we content with a tent? For now, we must dwell in the tents of this life, but we should not grow so comfortable that we forget the eternal city. We walk by faith, not by sight, trusting in the promise of a home that will never fade. Let us live with our eyes fixed on the city with foundations, whose designer and builder is God, and let our hearts groan for the eternal weight of glory that awaits.



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