

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 – her back surgery 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 seeing a dental surgeon to have a tooth removed on Tuesday and would like prayers.
Ellen Furby – will have a hip replacement scheduled for Dec. 19. 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 Kroch	

November 30, 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



When you visit us...

November 23, 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

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

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Christian Hope

Andrew Boyd

"Hope" in most cases is likened to a wish. Phrases such as, "I hope the weather holds out" or "I hope we can pull off a win" are common phrases in our modern English language. However, for Christians, hope is not merely a fanciful desire but a calling to a much deeper meaning. The Psalmist would write, "Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, that He may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine" ([Psalms 33:18-19](#)). Even during the time when the blood of bulls and goats could not wash away sins, there were those who hoped in His steadfast love. This was not a wish, or a fanciful desire, but true reliance upon the LORD. The Christian's hope plays a pivotal role in our spiritual journey, providing direction toward our heavenly goal, strength to withstand trials, and endurance to finish the race.

The Christian hope provides us with direction towards our heavenly goal. A seasoned outdoorsman owns and uses a compass which helps him identify a bearing. Hope is our compass and anchor! The Hebrew writer states that Enoch, Noah and Abraham "all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them..." ([Hebrews 11:13](#)). Moses chose the suffering and affliction of the Israelites because he "...esteemed the reproaches of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt, for he looked to the reward." ([Hebrews 11:26](#)). These men rested in God's unfailing character that He cannot lie and so took hold of the hope set before them ([Hebrews 6:17-18](#)).

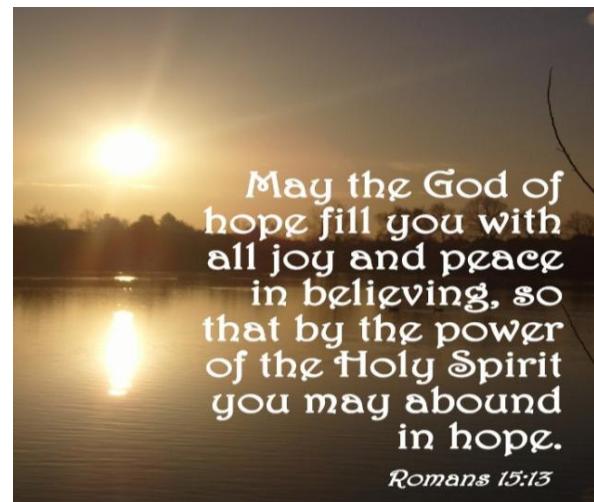
These men did not physically have a tool to identify their bearing but had "faith in the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not yet seen" ([Hebrews 11:1](#)). They grew as they faced challenges and pressed forward because of their hope. In Romans 8, Paul states that Christians were eagerly "...waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body" (vs.23), "For we were saved in this hope..." (vs. 24-25). This hope creates in us a longing to be in the presence of our Father and comforted in His arms. This hope anchors a Christian's soul ([Hebrews 6:19](#)) because God's love has been poured out in our hearts ([Romans 5:5](#)). It is with this hope that the Christian can find their Heavenly bearing and prevail no matter the difficulty.

The Christian's hope is pivotal in our role to stand firm no matter the trials that come our way. The faith of our Biblical fathers stood firm resting solely on the hope set before them. Unto their last breath they did not denounce their reliance upon the Savior but rested in hope. Christians must realize that we will be tested by various trials, "that the genuineness of [our] faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:6-7). So where do we find the strength for when we have done all to stand firm? By hope. Paul writes in

2 Corinthians about this hope: "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" (2 Cor. 4:16-18). These momentary afflictions, pale in comparison to the hope of the unseen... eternity with our Father and Savior. The Christian hope looks toward the day when unseen, eternal blessings are made visible, giving us strength to endure and stand firm.

The Christian hope provides us with endurance to finish the race. Paul writes to Timothy, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day..." (2 Timothy 4:6-8). Paul was stoned, scourged, beaten, imprisoned and shipwrecked spending a night and day in the deep. He suffered the loss of companions; he fought against false teachers and those who would attack his reputation. Despite all that occurred, we see that Paul's love for the Lord and his Christian hope provided him with the sustenance to endure.

Paul is not a man defeated, but a man who writes his last letter to Timothy with the confidence of his reward. The Christian's hope is not a fanciful desire, a wish born aloft on the wings of uncertainty, but the certainty of the home prepared for all those who answer the call. This hope creates in us a longing for the day, when we open our spiritual eyes and see our Father and His Son welcoming us home. In this hope, we find direction back to the Father, strength to stand firm against the trials, and endurance to finish the race.



Ephesians 3:20-21

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

²¹ to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Mountain States Children's Home



It's that time of year again.

Randy Schow from the Mountain States Children's Home will be here in early December to pick up change cans.

Please return your change cans no later than November 30....

That's next Sunday, so remember your change cans.



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
Change Cans due	November 30
Singing Night	December 3
Ladies Bible Study	December 10 – 10:00 AM