

December Birthdays		December Anniversaries	
2	Al Olguin		
5	Gabriel Davis		
5	Judy Taylor		
14	Sybil Atha		
25	Linda Beek		
29	Ernestine Castro		

**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, but is still struggling with her hips. Please keep her in your prayers.
Ellen Furby – hip replacement scheduled for Dec. 19. Please keep her in your prayers.
Judy Taylor – is seeing a dental surgeon to have a tooth removed. She was unable to have it done on Tuesday due to high blood pressure. Please continue to keep her 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
Robbie Sikes (Stanten's mom)	Linda Reader – cancer follow-ups
Madison Atha – shoulder surgery	Seth Moss – knee surgery

December 28, 2025		
Greeters:	Len Gates	Terry Reader
Announcements:	Len Gates	
Song Leader:	Terry Reader	
Opening Prayer:	Kelly Beek	
Closing Prayer:	Len Gates	
Lord's Table:	Dan Greene	Terry Reader
	Ken Davis	Ramon Castro
Coordinator:	Stacey Moss	

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**When you visit us...** December 21, 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 am ....Bible Class	7:00 pm.....Devotional
11:00 am.....Assembly	or Bible Class
Noon.....Fellowship Meal	
1:30 pm.....Devotional	

**Inward Examination**  
Dan Jenkins

Last [article] we looked outward to those whom God regards as fools. It is a serious matter for anyone to call another a fool ([Matthew 5:24](#)), yet our omniscient God often describes some people as fools. This week we look inward to see that our God may use these very words to describe our actions.

Before hastily deciding that we are not fools, hear these words from God. “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes” ([Proverbs 12:15](#)). The fact that we may not think of ourselves in these terms does not mean that God does not see us that way. Because almost every fool does not see himself as being foolish, we must remember that we might be among that number.

As we look inward, hear these other words from Solomon. “Fools mock at sin” ([Proverbs 14:9](#)). Our world so flippantly makes light of that which will cost men their souls. Look at the content of social media and take notice of how we are entertained by viewing sin. Wise men hear and live by these words, “Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good” ([Romans 12:9](#)). Wise men will heed these words.

As you do a “fool check,” read God’s words about those who talk all the time. “A fool vents all his feelings, but a wise man holds them back” ([Proverbs 29:11](#)). “And a fool’s voice is known by his many words” ([Ecclesiastes 5:3](#)). “A fool also multiplies words” ([Ecclesiastes 10:14](#)). “He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him” ([Proverbs 18:13](#)). Now read all these verses again and look inward to ask yourself if you are talking too much.

In the Parable of the Rich Fool, Jesus describes that man who was prospering in so many ways. He wanted new barns, greater barns, in which to store his riches. He looked to the future and found security in all that he had worked so hard to gain. He said to his soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry” ([Luke 12:19](#)). God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have prepared?” He then describes every man who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God. Look inward, and then if guilty of the same sin, hear the voice of God as it may describe you. “Fool!”

These words look at only a few times God describes not just the wicked and evil but His own people. As you read the Bible take time to think about how God determines who is a fool. May His words describing Israel never describe us: “My people are foolish, they have not known Me. They are silly children...they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge...they are foolish; for they do not know the way of the Lord” ([Jeremiah 4:42](#); [5:4](#)). Look inward! Don’t be a fool.



**A few words...**

Foolishness is a problem of all men non-believers and believers alike. Let’s not think that it is only those who do not believe in God or His Son – Jesus that struggle with “foolishness”. Certainly, we who are claiming to be of the “household of God” can struggle with this problem just as easily. In fact, in the religious world today, there are many that are supporting things that God tells us are wrong. There are “churches” out there that are accepting of all things – religions that teach other gods, abortion (murder of the unborn), homosexuality, multiple spouses, etc. God speaks very clearly about such things, but the thought seems to be that we need to be more accepting of different lifestyles.

Once again, we must seek God and all “His righteousness” and not be lost in the “righteousness” of men. It may seem virtuous to be accepting of all people, wherever they are at, but as we accept people, we must be willing to teach them if where they are at is a sinful place. Jesus told the young woman accused of adultery “I do not condemn you either, go and sin no more” ([John 8:11](#)). He accepted the woman, but He also told her to leave her sinful life.

We must love people, but part of our love must be a willingness to help them in their walk. We must be willing to teach them if they are practicing sin...and we must also be willing to listen when a brother steps us to teach us in this way. God’s word is the only true guide and if we are practicing something other than His word, we are in sin.

This is true love.

~Terry

We were so happy to have Santa and so many visitors on Wednesday evening. A good time was had by all. Thanks to Santa, his elf and Mrs. Claus for their time.



**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
Singing Night	January 7