

February Birthdays		February Anniversaries	
2	Samuel Addae		
5	Ken Davis		
8	Debbie Abrams		
9	Debbie Olguin		
14	Judeen Petersen		

February 15, 2026		
Greeters:	Len Gates	Terry Reader
Announcements:	Terry Reader	
Song Leader:	Dan Greene	
Opening Prayer:	Kelly Beek	
Closing Prayer:	Stanten Sikes	
Lord's Table:	Dan Greene	Terry Reader
	Ramon Castro	Kelly Beek
Coordinator:	Kelly Beek	



When you visit us... February 8, 2026

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	

Mission Work Areas
Quito, Ecuador
Mazatlán, Mexico
Reitoca & San Carlos, Honduras

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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
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New Prayer Requests

Derrick Bonham Family (friend of the Bvrnes) – deputy sheriff killed in the line of duty in Tennessee. Left a wife and 3 young children. Please keep them and all of that family in your prayers.

Melissa Waigle (Fulton's daughter) – her cancer has reoccurred. Not sure what is to come yet. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

Joan Lawrence – dealing with dementia. Please keep her in your prayers.

Ian & Linda Stewart – both have been struggling with health issues. Please keep them in your prayers.

Gerry Dixon (former member here) – is having heart issues and expects to have a bypass surgery in January. Please keep him in your prayers.

Stanten Sikes – received some results on his EEG. These could be some explanation for his issues. Please keep him and Colleen 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
Madison Atha – shoulder surgery	Linda Reader – cancer follow-ups
Judy Taylor – dental issues	Teresa & John Grady – various issues
Seth Moss – knee surgery	Ellen Furby – Continued recovery from hip replacement

What Does God Want

Eric Hamilton

I was taking a college course (I will omit which one for fear of embarrassing myself in a congregation full of engineers) that was quickly proving to be a nightmare. By the second test, it was clear I was not going to pass. I approached the professor in desperation. First, I asked how to drop the class, but it was too late. Next, I pleaded, "What do I have to do to pass? What do I need to avoid an F?"

The obvious answer seemed to be: study hard and ace the tests. But that was not the issue. I devoted more time to this class than any other, even letting other grades slip. The problems ran deeper. I had coasted on the previous course that this course built upon. My own past shortcuts were to blame for my current situation.

Faced with failure, I fixated on the minimum: What do I need for a D? This mindset, I realize now, mirrors how many of us approach our relationship with God. We acknowledge our mistakes that displease him. We feel remorse and wonder, "What does God want from me now? What must I do to avoid failing?" We might think we have blown our chances at an A or B, reserved for people better than us. So, we settle: What about a C or D?

God Wants Nothing

First, there is nothing we can offer God that he does not already possess. Consider extreme gestures: donating vast sums to charity or the church, even giving away all our wealth. Would that suffice? Does God need our money? As the Creator of the universe, he wields infinite power. He formed everything from nothing. Nothing is beyond him. Does he breathe a sigh of relief over our offerings? "Thank goodness for that donation! I could not function without it"? Absolutely not! God does not require our time or resources. Anything we give, he could provide for himself in greater abundance.

The ancient Israelites, too, pondered what God desired. The law mandated sacrifices, so they wondered how many: thousands of rams, rivers of oil, even a firstborn child? This missed the point. What can you offer that God does not already possess? The prophet Micah explained: "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (6:8). God does not desire things, but a relationship with us built upon loving the things he loves, and humbly conforming ourselves to him.

Yet, a barrier exists. We have already faltered. [Romans 3:23](#) states that "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory." [1 John 1:5](#) describes God as "light, and in him is no darkness at all." [Psalm 14:2-3](#) reveals that no one seeks God perfectly; all have turned away. What can we do to make up for the transgressions we already made?

Again, the answer is nothing. We cannot rectify our failures. We have already fallen short, earning death as sin's wage ([Romans 6:23](#)). We deserve an F. But God acted. [John 3:16-17](#) declares his love: that he gave his Son so believers might have eternal life, not condemnation. [Romans](#)

[5:6-8](#) emphasizes that Christ died for the ungodly while we were still sinners. Jesus paid the full penalty on the cross.

[Hebrews 10:12-20](#) elaborates: Christ's single sacrifice perfected the sanctified forever, unlike repeated Old Testament offerings. Through his blood, God establishes a new covenant, inscribing laws on hearts and forgetting sins. We gain bold access to God's presence through Christ. Jesus did everything. God wants nothing because he provided it all.

God Wants Everything

This might seem contradictory. "There must be a catch!" Indeed, while God needs nothing and did everything for salvation, He seeks a genuine relationship. Not a half-hearted effort, aiming for the bare minimum. The Hebrews passage shows He desires our hearts and minds. When asked the greatest commandment, Jesus replied in [Matthew 22:37](#): "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." God wants everything: our complete love. Love does not settle for a D grade.

For married couples, imagine aiming for mediocrity in your relationship. Would your spouse accept as a vow that you would try for slightly better than worst? Love demands more. We are not perfect. Mistakes happen. But intent matters. "It's the thought that counts," though cliché, still rings very true. Even if imperfect, heartfelt and genuine attempts reveal love which covers a multitude of mistakes. God seeks that: not flawlessness, but wholehearted trying with heart, mind, and soul.

Jesus framed it in [Matthew 16:24](#): "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." This calls for total surrender. Demanding? Yes. But Jesus gave no less. He carried his cross, dying for our sins out of love, unwilling for us to perish. He initiated by giving everything; now, he asks the same in response.

Grace and Effort Intertwined

To close my college tale: I could not drop the class or master the subject, despite tremendous effort. I attended every office hour and study session, pouring in everything I had. I still bombed the tests and final. I did the math, I deserved an F. Yet, my professor gave me a D. Why? I'm not sure, but I'd like to think that my effort garnered her sympathy. Her grace alone passed me.

Our story with God parallels but surpasses this. Surrender fully, carry your cross, follow him. Past failures do not matter; even if an A seems impossible, God does not offer a pity D. He bestows an A-plus. He forgives and remembers sins no more, granting bold entry through Christ's blood. What does God want? Nothing... and Everything.

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Jim & Judy Taylor - New phone number
The Taylors had to get a new phone in Mexico. Their new number is:
+52 669-228-6334
(+52 is the Mexico country code and must be dialed)

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**Game Night
&
Chili Supper
Thursday, February 19
6:00 PM**

Yes!!! You heard right. Games and ~~waffles~~ umm Chili (date and dish was changed). Bring your favorite game and toppings or sides for chili.

We'll be making chili and getting together at the Fellowship Hall for games, food and fellowship. So, bring some toppings/sides for chili and let's plan for a good 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
Ladies Bible Study	February 6 - 11:00 AM
Game Night & Chili Supper	February 19 - 6:00 PM
Singing Night	March 4