

March Birthdays		March Anniversaries	
3	Kelly Beek	19	Linda & Kelly Beek
4	Paul Cunningham		
5	Judy Fulton		
7	Margo Greene		
25	Shaundra Moss		

April 5, 2026		
Greeters:	Len Gates	Terry Reader
Announcements:	Len Gates	
Song Leader:	Stanten Sikes	
Opening Prayer:	Terry Reader	
Closing Prayer:	Len Gates	
Lord's Table:	Stanten Sikes	Gene Petersen
	Lincoln Gates	Stacey Moss
Coordinator:	Stacey Moss	



**When you visit us...** March 29, 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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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
10:00 am ....Bible 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

**Elders**

Stanten Sikes	(719) 207-0629
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**Deacons**

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

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- Linda's contact (928) 965-5708 [lntrader@myct1.net](mailto:lntrader@myct1.net)

**New Prayer Requests**

Glenda Cox's mom – passed away Monday evening. Please keep her and Glenda in your prayers.
Al Olguin & family – Al's mother, Consuela, passed away Wednesday morning. Please remember Al and the family in your prayers.
Jim & Judy Taylor – travelling home on Tuesday. Please remember them in your prayers for a safe trip.
Jim & Sharon Richards – travelling back from Arizona this week. Remember them 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.
Don Cox – back problems. May need surgery. Please keep him and Glenda in your prayers.
Ian & Linda Stewart – both have been struggling with health issues. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Long Term Prayer List**

Stanten Sikes	Richard Pedrie
Ian Stewart	Greg Pyle
Gary Stewart	Ron Hansen
Marilyn Bartlow	Betty & Danny Sidebottom
Marian Like	Linda Beek – hip & back problems
Patricia Bulmer (Scott's mom)	Teresa & John Grady – various issues
Kelly Mortensen (Toni G's dad)– kidney cancer	Lola Gates (Len's mom) – recovering from her fall – will likely have surgery
Judy Taylor – dental issues	Linda Reader – cancer follow-ups
Ellen Furby – recovering from her fall	

## The Beauty of Believers

Greg Chandler

Much of Oregon’s natural history has been influenced by volcanoes. For centuries, various areas of the state have experienced the devastating impact of eruptions that left lifelessness in their wake. Still, they have an eerie beauty. These areas, now filled with obsidian, have been designated as parks to preserve them from encroaching capitalism or home construction. One such area is Newberry National Volcanic Monument. Rising high in the Oregon mountain country, its piles of obsidian stone now lend tourists the opportunity to climb its peak for a spectacular view. Interestingly, amid the canvas of black and gray, a single plant lives, with its purple flowers drawing immediate attention from passersby (see picture). Was its original seed dropped by a bird flying overhead, or did a strong Northwest Pacific storm relocate it in a place it should not be? Only God knows the answer.

Though the little plant had no real choice in the matter, it provides a scene of contemplation for the people of God. Placed in hard circumstances, it has not only survived, it has thrived. The little Philadelphian church in Asia could relate. Centered in the harsh environment of an empire drunk on its own power and a people who considered themselves chosen by God yet rejected His Son, the little church bloomed. This is what the Lord had to say about His church: “I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name” ([Revelation 3:8](#)). From all appearances, its survival and flourishing should not have occurred. Opposition to the group should have long since frightened its members into submission. However, the little church loved its Lord and stayed faithful. In so doing, He promised them eternal occupancy of His temple, as well as the names of God, the city, and their Savior. They just had to hang tight and allow no one to seize their crown (3:11b).

It is easy to dismiss such examples as the little flower as platitudinal, perhaps seeing it as merely “fluff” that has little real-life significance. To do so, however, would miss a major theme cutting through the pages of God’s word: the faithful remnant. God’s people can end up in very unexpected places. Would an old man from Ur have dreamed of trekking to Canaan, Egypt, and back again to Canaan? Would the youngest son of a shepherd have imagined himself as king of Israel? Would twelve boys have dreamed they would grow up to be the ambassadors of the Christ’s message of salvation? God has a unique way of putting people in unexpected places. Even amid captivity for their sins, God expected His people to conduct themselves in such a manner that would reveal a marked distinction between them and their pagan captors. Based on this history, it is no surprise that one of the major lessons taught in the Lord’s Sermon on the Mount is to “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](#)).

American Christians must take this lesson to heart. Though many people throughout the world face a daily threat of persecution for their faith, Americans bask in the freedom of a nation that tolerates religion, promotes freedom of speech, and sometimes even punishes the persecutors. If not careful, the vibrant purple flora begins to subtly blend with the black and gray hues of surrounding culture and the concept of the faithful remnant fades. This, however, cannot be allowed to happen.

There are outward manifestations that should stand in stark contrast to the world: modest clothing, appropriate speech, and a gentle spirit that rejects undue anger are but a few among many. Still, every good outward manifestation must flow from a heart that mimics those ancient believers in Philadelphia. As the Apostle Paul wrote to another church, he stated, “we have the mind of Christ” ([1 Corinthians 2:16](#)). To shine light into the world means purging those things contrary to godliness; it means removing hypocrisy, secret anger, a backbiting tongue, a prejudicial spirit, and any other deliciously sinful habit that is kept from public view. The followers of the One who knew no guile must put on the garments unstained by guile ([1 Peter 2:22](#)).

The influence exerted by the children of God is immense; it would likely frighten each believer if they knew its extent. Every day must begin with the determination to let light shine and to keep the darkness at bay. Every day must demonstrate a life that stands in stark contrast to the surrounding lifelessness. Every day, the remnant mentality must be front and center. With the Savior’s strong arm, Christians of this modern era can link arms with the brethren in Philadelphia and look forward to the crown given by Him for faithful service.



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### From Debbie Olguin

Hi Stanten

I just wanted to let the church family know that Al’s mom passed away this morning and would appreciate your prayers for the family.

Consuela Andrea Medina Olguin

Born January 9, 1936 - Went home March 25, 2026 at 90 years old.

She loved and served the Lord her whole life along side her husband of 70 years, Felix. She will be deeply missed.

God bless you all!

Thank you from the Olguin and Davis families.

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Address for Glenda & Don Cox if you would like to send a card.

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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	April 1
Ladies Bible Study	April 3 – 11:00 AM