

April Birthdays		April Anniversaries	
24	Nita Hansen	18	Linda & Terry Reader

May 3, 2026		
Greeters:	Len Gates	Terry Reader
Announcements:	Terry Reader	
Song Leader:	Kelly Beek	
Opening Prayer:	Len Gates	
Closing Prayer:	Ian Stewart	
Lord's Table:	Dan Greene	Kelly Beek
	Gene Petersen	Paul Cunningham
Coordinator:	Len Gates	



When you visit us... April 26, 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

Elders
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Ian Stewart (720) 878-2919
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Stacey Moss (719) 207-0588
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New Prayer Requests

Terry Reader – hernia surgery went well and he is recovering. He will have some additional testing on prostate in May. Please keep him and Linda in your prayers

Don Cox – back problems. He will be seeing a doctor here in Colorado later this month. Please keep him and Glenda 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.

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
Linda Reader – cancer follow-ups	

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

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Let Your Light Shine or Don't Blow Your Trumpet

Andy Belknapp

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches many things that were challenging to His immediate audience, and are still challenging to us today. One of these challenging topics revolves around the publicity of our good deeds. In [Matthew 5:14-16](#), Jesus tells His disciples that they are the light of the world, and He instructs them 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.*” Later on in this sermon, however, He goes on to say, “*Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them...Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you...But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret...*” ([Matthew 6:1-4](#)).

So, which is it? Should we let our light shine and do good works in the sight of others, or should we do them in secret? Perhaps you have internally struggled with questions like this before. For instance, if you do a good deed, should you go out of your way to make sure no one knows you did that good deed, or not worry about whether someone sees it or not? If someone asks what you did earlier in the day, should you include the fact that you delivered some homemade soup to a shut-in, or should you leave that out? When you make a donation to a charitable cause, should you make every effort to make sure the donation is “anonymous,” or not worry if your name is visible for all to see?

When considering the answer to questions such as these, we simply need to examine Jesus’ words in this sermon. Jesus declares to His audience to not practice their righteousness before other people “*in order to be seen by them.*” Additionally, when Jesus says, “*...sound no trumpet before you,*” He is warning against broadcasting your own good works so that others will be more likely to take notice of them. It is not a matter of whether or not our good works are seen by others that is of concern, it is the **desire** to be seen by others that Jesus is concerned with. It is about our intentions and mindset. Are we letting our light shine in order to “*give glory to [our] Father who is in heaven*” or is it to the glory of ourselves?

Another interesting thing Jesus says here is, “*Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.*” Not only should we combat pride by not boasting about our good deeds to others, but perhaps also by not announcing it to ourselves or dwelling on them for too long. Chrysostom, a fourth-century author, once wrote, “You may do

good deeds before men, and yet seek not human praise; you may do them in secret, and yet in your heart wish that they may become known to gain that praise.” Even if we do not perform our good works in the presence of others, if our hearts are not in the right place, we can be equally as guilty as the hypocrite standing in the synagogues and street corners praying aloud for all to hear.

We find a great illustration of doing good works with the wrong heart in [Acts 4:32-5:11](#). Here, we learn that many of the early saints in Jerusalem were selling their possessions to give to their brothers and sisters in need. While Barnabas is highlighted as someone who sold a field and laid *all* of its proceeds at the feet of the apostles, Ananias and Sapphira are highlighted as a couple who *pretended* to give all of the proceeds of their sold property, but had in fact kept some of it back for themselves. This deed, which was noble and good, was apparently done with a scheme to glorify themselves. Their hearts were not in the right place, and even though this scheme was unlikely to come to light among the church, God knew their intent, and it cost them their lives.

Lastly, we must remember that the only heart we can investigate is our own. What Jesus teaches in this sermon should predominantly be meant for the discernment of our own intentions of our own deeds. Perhaps there are times when it is obvious that some people are doing things in order to be seen by others, such as when Jesus talks about the hypocrites in [Matthew 6:2-8](#), and those individuals should be addressed when it is obvious. However, when we witness the good deeds of others and it appears their actions may have been done in order to give glory to themselves, we must be cautious. Perhaps that is the case, and perhaps it is not. If the goal in their hearts is the praise of men, then so be it. God says they have their reward, but we must let God be the judge of that (c.f. [Matthew 6:2-4](#)). Instead, we should primarily be examining our own hearts, which have a tendency to be deceitful above all things ([Jeremiah 17:9-10](#)).

Colossians 3:23-24

23 whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, *24* knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve



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	May 6
Ladies Bible Study	May 8 – 11:00 AM