

May Birthdays		May Anniversaries	
2	Mia Davis	22	Colleen & Stanten Sikes
6	Lincoln Gates		
11	Margie Miller		
16	Terry Reader		
31	Linda Stewart		

May 10, 2026		
Greeters:	Len Gates	Terry Reader
Announcements:	Terry Reader	
Song Leader:	Dan Greene	
Opening Prayer:	Terry Reader	
Closing Prayer:	Len Gates	
Lord's Table:	Dan Greene	Kelly Beek
	Gene Petersen	Paul Cunningham
Coordinator:	Len Gates	



When you visit us... May 3, 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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Terry Reader (719) 427-7141

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Stacey Moss (719) 207-0588
Ken Davis (719) 748-8654
Kelly Beek (719) 342-5856
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New Prayer Requests

Terry Reader – will have some additional testing on prostate in May. Please keep him and Linda in your prayers

Don Cox – back problems. Saw the doctor here in Colorado and has not yet decided the next step. 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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Lord, What About This Man

Eric Hamilton

The Gospel of John gives us a unique story in chapter 21, set between the resurrection and the ascension in those forty days that Jesus was appearing and disappearing with irregularity. Five of the disciples are together by the Sea of Tiberias. They do not know what to do, so they wait. Peter finally says he is going fishing. The others join him. They fish all night and catch nothing. Then a figure on the shore calls out, "Children, have you caught anything?" They answer no. He tells them to cast the net on the right side of the boat. They do, and the net fills with so many fish they cannot haul it in.

John recognizes the voice first and tells Peter, "It is the Lord." Peter, so excited he cannot wait for the boat to reach shore, jumps into the water and swims to Jesus. When they get there, Jesus already has a fire going with fish and bread ready. He says, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." They eat breakfast together on the beach. The scene is so human, so full of joy. Jesus is not distant or formal. He is laughing, sharing a meal, and reminding them of the day years earlier when he first called them from these same waters.

Then Jesus ruins the moment, or at least that is how it may feel. We would rather stay in the warm glow of good feelings. We do not always want the tough spiritual questions to follow. But Jesus loves us too much to leave us there. He turns to Peter and asks the hard thing. He asks it three times. We can hear the echo of Peter's three denials the night Jesus was arrested. Peter had been so bold before, saying he would never deny Jesus even if everyone else did. Now the bill comes due.

First Jesus says, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" The Greek word here for love is *agape*, self-sacrificing love. The way he forms his sentence, the "they" Jesus says could be referring to a number of things. But given what follows, it seems Jesus is asking Peter about the other disciples. Do you love me more than these guys love me? Peter had once claimed he loved Jesus more than they. Now, Peter answers more humbly. "Lord, you know I love you." Jesus replies, "Feed my lambs."

The second time Jesus asks, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Again it is *agape*. Peter answers the same way: "Lord, you know I love you." Jesus says, "Tend my sheep."

By the third time Peter is grieved. The question reads the same in English, but the Greek word changes. Jesus now asks, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" using the word *phileo*, warm brotherly love. Peter had been answering with *phileo* all along, not because he was dumbing down his love but probably because he was expressing it the best way he knew how. He was saying, "Lord, you know I love you like

my own brother." When Jesus asks for the third time with the same word Peter has been using, I imagine the weight of the three denials hits hard. Peter says, "Lord, you know everything. You know I love you."

This is not Peter saying, "Just forgive me and get off my back." It is a statement of deep humility. He understands that his mistakes cannot be justified, but he has no other recourse. He is completely at the mercy of Jesus.

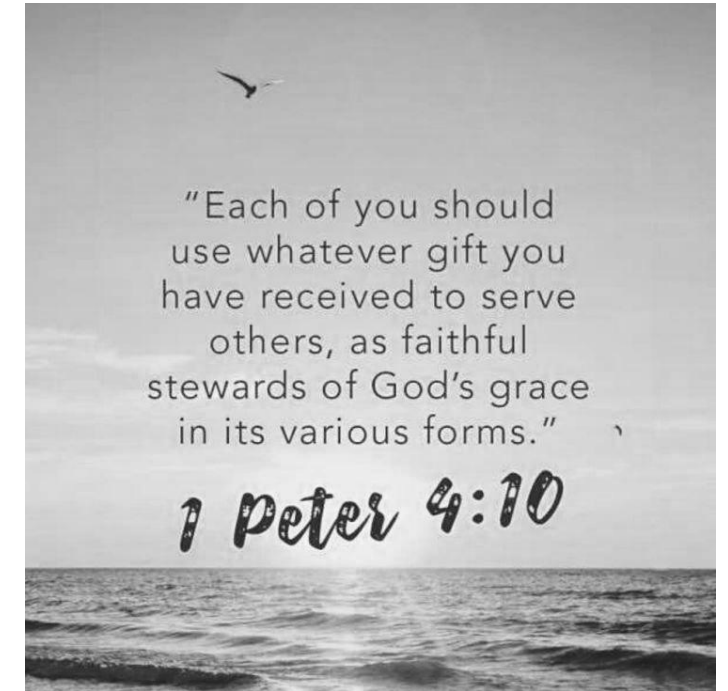
Jesus is not finished. He goes on to say, "*Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go*" ([John 21:18](#)). John tells us this is a prophecy about the kind of death Peter would die. But it is also a word for us here and now. To love Jesus, whether with *agape* or *phileo*, means setting aside our own wants, our fears, and our old ways of life. It means following the path he lays out even when it leads where we would rather not go.

After that Jesus simply says, "Follow me." Peter turns and sees John walking behind them. He asks, "Lord, what about this man?" Jesus answers, "*If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me*" ([John 21:21-22](#)).

How often do we do the same thing? Jesus calls us, and our first response is to look sideways and ask, "What about him? What about her? Why does their path look different?" We wonder why someone else is not doing what we think they should. Jesus' answer is direct but also freeing: What is that to you? You follow me. It is not our job to manage what Jesus has called someone else to do. We are all called to follow Christ and imitate him, but that may look different for each person. Maybe Jesus has called you to preach, to care for the poor, to serve in your workplace, or to love your family. The question is not what Jesus has called someone else to do. The question is, simply, do you love Jesus?

If you do, follow him. Jesus meets us where we are. He knows our failures and still asks for our love. He calls us to grow and to walk the path he sets before us even when it is hard. He asks us to keep our eyes on him.

So today, wherever you are in your walk with Jesus, hear him asking you the same question he asked Peter on that beach. Do you love me? If the answer is yes, then feed his lambs. Tend his sheep. And whatever anyone else is doing or not doing, you follow Jesus. That is the invitation. That is the command. And that is the joy of knowing the risen Lord.



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