

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

May 17, 2026		
Greeters:	Len Gates	Terry Reader
Announcements:	Terry Reader	
Song Leader:	Terry Reader	
Opening Prayer:	Ian Stewart	
Closing Prayer:	Kelly Beek	
Lord's Table:	Dan Greene	Kelly Beek
	Gene Petersen	Paul Cunningham
Coordinator:	Len Gates	



**When you visit us...** May 10, 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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**New Prayer Requests**

Stanten Sikes – dealing with some more medical issues. Please keep him and Colleen in your prayers.

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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## Who At The Door Is Standing?

Greg Chandler

Two doors stand near the Bible's beginning and its conclusion. Outside the first door, a croucher lurks. As Cain's anger raged to the point of contemplating fratricide, God came seeking to change his direction. He warned, "If you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it" ([Genesis 4:7b](#)). This croucher is described in ominous terms; like a ravenous lion or a coiled serpent, it waits for the opportune time to strike. Its ambition is nothing less than to rule over its unsuspecting victim. Ignoring the Lord's good advice, Cain chose not to rule over this foe but instead to be ruled by it.

Near the end of the Bible, the Lord Jesus addresses seven of His churches. Coming to the lukewarm church of Laodicea, He seeks to change its direction. He admonishes, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me" ([Revelation 3:20](#)). Whether this group of self-sufficient saints changed their ways is unknown; still, the warning was given.

Two wait outside the door, yet how different they are. The first is an adversary who seeks destruction. Its success depends on shock and surprise, hoping to catch the victim off guard. The goal is entrapment—seeking to rule over the one in its clutches. The second has no intention of shocking; He stands knocking, waiting for the door to be opened to Him. He does not seek to overpower but to be welcomed. He does not seek to rule over the one who opens the door, but instead to rule with him. To the Laodiceans He stated, "The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on My throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on His throne" ([Revelation 3:21](#)). The contrast is unmistakable.

The response to these two at the door determines one's eternal destiny. While identified simply as sin in Genesis 4, the croucher's full identity is later revealed by the Apostle John: "And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him" ([Revelation 12:9](#)). Though beastly and dangerous, his ability to deceive causes many to unsuspectingly walk out the door and into danger. As he did with the first human family, so he has done with their many offspring: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" ([Romans 3:23](#)).

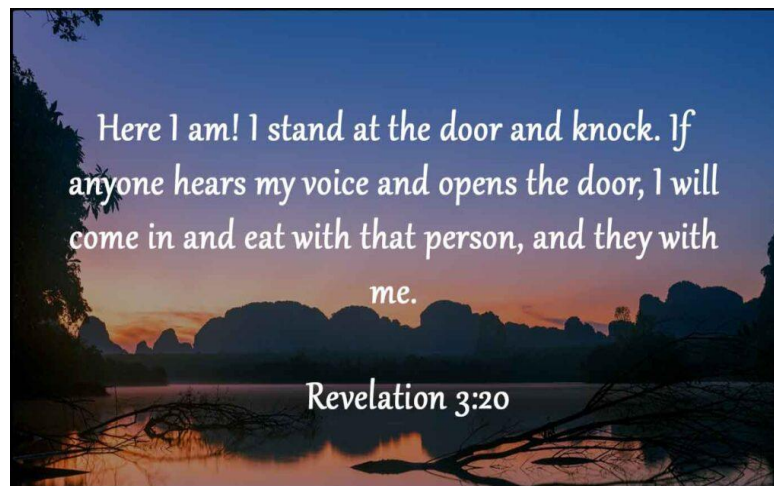
The Lord Jesus stands ready to save humanity from the trickery of the croucher. Indeed, He not only stands at the door; He is the door: "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture" ([John 10:9](#)). While the adversary seeks to make

his victim the main course, Jesus promises that He will dine with the one who opens to Him ([Revelation 3:20](#)). This is the promise of fellowship—a place at the table of God for those who receive His gracious invitation of salvation.

Sadly, most people take neither of the two at the door seriously. This works well with the croucher's plans; viewing the devil as myth and sin as an antiquated belief makes one easily overpowered. Jesus, however, refuses to enter the house of one who does not take Him seriously. Though the Laodiceans bore His name, their tepid attitude brought the warning that unless change occurred quickly, He would vomit them out of His mouth ([Revelation 3:16](#)).

Salvation and the life lived for Jesus require sobriety when considering the great price paid for redemption. The door is opened to Jesus when one understands how that price was paid through His sacrifice for sin. Confessing belief that He is the Son of God and being baptized for the forgiveness of sins demonstrates dissatisfaction with remaining in the croucher's grasp and acceptance of God's great gift. Concerning this, the Apostle Paul wrote, "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" ([Colossians 1:13–14](#)). Far from flippancy, understanding what has been done for salvation should bring one into a continual state of thanksgiving and praise.

Two stand at the door. To whom will you open?



### A few words...

In today's world, there are so many things to distract us from what is important. With everyone's focus on social media, political division, protests and all sorts of other distractions, Satan is gaining ground every day. People are so focused on these types of things, that they have forgotten what is truly important – God and His righteousness.

God has always warned us about becoming too tied to the world. All of the things that we experience here are temporary and it is only God and His heavenly kingdom that will last ([1 John 2:17](#)). In fact, man has always struggled with their lust for the things of this world. We must make the choice to seek God and His will. If we truly seek God's will first in our lives, He will see that we have the things that we need – the things that are important ([Matthew 6:32-33](#)).

So, remember, we always have choices in our life. We can allow ourselves to become overwhelmed by the things of the world around us, or we can "seek first, His kingdom" and know that He will provide everything else we need. If we allow Satan to keep us encumbered with the things of the world, we will miss out on the things of God and especially His promise of eternal life with Him in His heavenly kingdom.

Remember, we must make a choice. There is no middle ground. We either choose God and His righteousness that lead to eternal life or Satan and his wickedness that lead to eternal death and torment. The choice is yours. ~Terry



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	June 3
Ladies Bible Study	June 5 – 11:00 AM