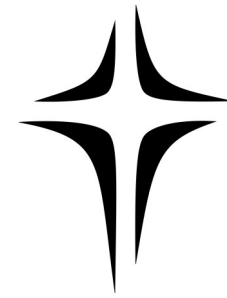


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Westview Church of Christ Greeley, Colorado

June 7, 2026

The Purpose

From here to heaven... Following God wherever He leads us.

Commentary from a common Terry **The God goal**

Last week I wrote about King Saul and his eventual demise as the first king of Israel. He started well enough, but made choices, several choices, that eventually led not only to the end of God's blessing on Saul's throne but the loss of the line of the king for his family.

God then had Samuel anoint David, an unknown who lived in Bethlehem. Not only was he insignificant in the nation, tribe, and clan, he wasn't even important in his own family. He was the youngest of eight. When Samuel came to Jesse's house to anoint the next king, Jesse didn't even present the youngest to be considered. But all eight of the older brothers were rejected by God. The one that would be anointed was the kid, the one assigned to keep an eye on the sheep in the field.

God looked at the heart, always the heart. When Samuel thought that the obvious choice was Eliab, the oldest, God established the principle that would ultimately define David's reign. "Do not look on his appearance or the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

The heart of David is thematic all through the Davidic narrative in the Old Testament. Because his heart was so fiercely inclined toward God, he would be the man that would be, "...a man after God's own heart, who will do all my will." Acts 13:22

Saul was not committed to doing *all* the will of God. He did *some* of the will of God. As king, the burden of obedience and demonstration of submission to God was significant. As the king goes, so goes the nation. Saul convinced himself he was solid. After directly disobeying God's instructions about the destruction of the Amalekites, Saul still told Samuel that he had done what God had told him to do.

It wasn't until the consequences were made clear that the compromise became clear. God didn't want more sacrifices or burnt offerings. He wanted obedience. 1 Samuel 15:22

God can't be bought. He sure won't be deceived or duped. He sees the heart. The person who sings praises to God on Sunday and then

compromises the message of those wonderful songs on Monday is disappointing to the Father. He is not looking for symbolism or ritual as much as He is passionate about actions that reflect a commitment and obedience to Him.

Satan, our enemy, is the great deceiver. He is our adversary. He doesn't always try to destroy our faith through crisis or pain. Often, maybe most of the time, he is planting the seed of mediocrity and compromise with the world. When he convinced Eve, and then Adam, to eat the fruit, he knew they would be attracted to the lies.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'? And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:1-5

Satan actually turned the consequence into something they would desire. What he said was true. The did now know good and evil. And it was a choice that led to the loss of the garden and the burden and death of sin.

Thousands of years later, the aging apostle John warned Christians about this. In his first letter, he wrote, "For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world." 1 John 2:16

We must be aware of the world. And we must be diligent in our response to the fruit that is dangled before us. It is appealing and tempting. That's why people are so attracted sin. It calls us to self first, not God first. The goal is not to please ourselves, but to please God. It is the **God goal**.

So, what is your goal? To get by, keeping one foot in the spiritual while the other is firmly planted in the world? That won't work. God doesn't share the throne. It is a seat for One.

Love one another,

Terry

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are thankful you are with us today as we worship our God and Savior. Our prayer is that you will encounter Him today.

A nursery for small children is available in the east hall off the lobby.

What will you experience at Westview?

- **Praise through song.** It is the tradition of our heritage to sing a cappella (without instruments) as we encourage everyone to be involved in uplifting praise.
- We value the **Bible**. You will hear God's Word read and all sermons will give the utmost respect and priority to Scripture.
- We share the **Lord's Supper** every week remembering Christ's sacrifice that provides us forgiveness as we celebrate our salvation through Him.
- **We do not expect our guests to give financially** to our work. We depend on the generous and godly giving of all Westview members to provide the funds needed to implement God's plans for this church.

We invite you to stay for Bible classes following our worship time. We hope you have been blessed today!

Families Discovery Group today

The Families *Discovery Group* will meet today. All families that still have children at home are invited to join us. We'll meet at 5 p.m. in the fellowship room. It's a sandwich bar. Check with Cory & Katie Newton for more information and what you can bring.

Men's Breakfast next Saturday

The men will have their monthly *Westview Men's Breakfast* next Saturday morning, June 13th. We will eat at around 8:30. If you would like to help get things ready or set up tables and chairs, we'll need you around 8:15. Come join us!

Today's Order of Worship

*O Worship the King
Where No One Stands Alone*

Meet & Greet

Announcements & Reminders

Prayer

In Christ Alone/On Christ the Solid Rock

On Bended Knee

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice

Contribution Collected

He Lives

Elder blessing/prayer

His Grace Reaches Me

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 3

Sermon

The Invasion:

God's Church God's Way (8)

Too Scary; Too Hard

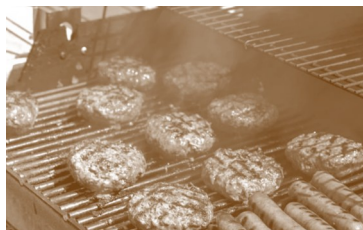
Wake Up, O Sleeper

Unison Reading:

John 13:34-35

The Greatest Commands

Events, opportunities, and reminders:



Congregational cookout

We will have a congregational burgers and dogs cookout on Sunday, June 28th, in the west shelter at Bittersweet Park. We will start at 5:30 p.m. More details and info to come.

Karena Grafe was baptized at camp last Friday!

Karena is Ricky & Jama Grafe's daughter and Steve and Rena's granddaughter. Be sure to keep Karena in your prayers.

Singing/Worship on Tuesday nights Each Tuesday evening, the worship leaders get together to work on songs. Beginning this Tuesday, June 9th, we are inviting all who wish to join us. We learn new songs, rediscover old songs, and learn specific parts. It is from 7 to 8 p.m. (This is not a song leader / worship leader program. It is a time to enjoy the gift of song and worship.)

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

6/8 – Vern & Audrey Rutz

6/13 – Tatiana Wallace

6/13 – Ronda Zwetzig

The Kitchen is a ministry to the homeless. We cook burritos on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and then take them to the homeless shelter. You can help cook, deliver, or both. It varies from week to week if we're meeting. **This week, on Wednesday, June 10th, *The Kitchen* is OPEN.**

The kids' worship handout is on the table at the back of the auditorium.

The **Wednesday night Bible study group** meets at 6:30 in the fellowship room. We are currently studying *Galatians*.

The JUNE Bible study plan guide handout is in the lobby on the table.

Band of Brothers ministry The Band of Brothers ministry will hold a weekend "boot camp" September 10th through 13th in Westcliffe. It is a weekend designed to encourage men to grow spiritually, strengthening their faith and becoming better equipped as men of God. If you have questions or need more information, check with Doug Blount.

Servers for Worship today (7th)

Scripture Reading Cory Newton
Prayer Rand Morgan

Tom Odle (communion prayers)
James Pascoe (contribution prayers)
Tyler Wade
Tyler Wallace
Dean Weber
Tyler Blount



The Westview Men's Coffee is every Tuesday morning from 6 to 8 a.m. in the fellowship room.

The Westview Women's Coffee is every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. in the fellowship room.

Sunday morning classes: The fellowship room class is a verse-by-verse textual study, led by Randy and Tom. Tom is currently leading a study of the book of **John**.

Terry's class, which meets in room #14, begins a new study this summer entitled *The Fortress*. It is built on Psalm 18 (which we will discuss today in the sermon). How can we actually *experience* the power and protection and guidance of God, moving forward and growing in our faith?



Prayer reminders

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

We do not include personal information, such as the prayer list in our online bulletin. If you would like that information, it is available in the hard copy bulletin at the building. Or, you can contact the church office to receive a copy.

House for rent:

Are you looking to rent or know someone who is? If so, realtor Isaac Martinez has a five bedroom, three bath, two-car garage that is available. You can contact Isaac at 970-396-4488.