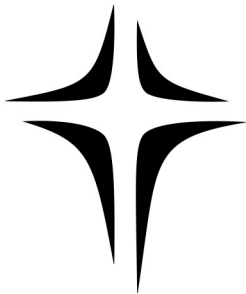


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Westview Church of Christ Greeley, Colorado

August 30, 2026

The Purpose

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

Commentary from a common Terry *Said I wasn't gonna talk about it....*

It's a song for the younger crowd—heard it a lot at devotionals and at camp. Every verse has a variation of the same theme:

Said I wasn't gonna talk about it, but I...couldn't keep it to myself!
Said I wasn't gonna sing about it, but I...couldn't keep it to myself!
Said I wasn't gonna pray about it, but I...couldn't keep it to myself!
Said I wasn't gonna shout about it, but I...couldn't keep it to myself!

And then comes the chorus:

*You oughta been there...
When He saved my soul!
You oughta been there...
When He put my name on the roll!
I'll keep walking and I'll keep talking
And I'll keep singing and I'll keep shouting
What Lord...has...done...for...me!*

And there are movements and clapping and shouting—it's an energy-filled song! It also has a spot-on Biblically true premise.

The believer—the **saved-from-sin-and-restored-to-God-and-name-written-in-the-Book-of-Life** believer—can't help but talk about it! How could we never mention the greatest gift ever given to us, and by the Creator of the Universe, no less? And at the cost of His own Son!

Which brings me back to Psalm 51, the great psalm of repentance written by David. He was desperate to be restored to God. His spiritual panic was built on the realization that his choices and sins might separate him from the Presence of God at the price of losing the Holy Spirit.

David was certain of one outcome of God's forgiveness and healing in his life. Once it happened, there was no way he would keep that to himself. No way!

After God would restore him, *"Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you."* verse 13 *"Deliver me....and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness."* verse 14 *"O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise."* verse 15

David didn't see himself as a victim of circumstances, bad luck, or wicked influences after his terrible sins involving adultery with Bathsheba and the murder, by proxy, of her husband. He saw himself only as a victim of his own sinful nature and inability to fix his damaged soul. He had to have the help of the Divine Father to ever move past the guilt and burden.

God gave all that to him. He knew that God forgave him. He knew that God would not reject his contrite heart. Verse 17 In Psalm 103:12, David wrote that, *"...as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."* I wonder if the prophet Micah had David's psalms in mind when he ended his prophetic words, in Micah 7:19, with, *"He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."*

Twice in the book of Hebrews, the writer assured the readers that God doesn't just forgive, but He forgets! It's one of many reasons the law and covenant of Christ is superior to the old Mosaic law and covenant. They had a yearly reminder of sins. God forgives *and* forgets.

In Hebrews 8:12, quoting from Jeremiah 31:34, he wrote the words and promise of God, "For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." He then reemphasized it again in 10:17.

Forgive *and* forget! That's a God thing! One of Satan's most hurtful weapons against us is the constant prodding of memory and the reminder of failures and sins. The counterweight to that, tipping the scale to goodness and deliverance, is God's consistent message. "I don't remember that. It is gone. If I have forgotten it, then don't let anyone or anything drive you back into that guilt and regret. It's so far away, it's like it's been buried in the sea. You'll never find it."

So, David said that he wouldn't just celebrate his own deliverance. He'd tell people about it. He'd make sure others know they can have that same chance at healing. Can't keep it to myself!

Love one another,

Terry

The memorial for Laurie Hammer is this coming Tuesday, the 1st

The memorial service for **Laurie Hammer** is this coming Tuesday, September 1st. It will be at 6:30 p.m. at Westview. We are serving a meal to the family at 5 p.m. Watch your email for more details or needs. Also, there will be a reception afterwards and the Windsor congregation will be providing the refreshments. We encourage all to join us as we celebrate Laurie's life and faith and give our support and love to Greg and the family.

The 2026 September daily Bible reading strategies handout is available. It is on the counter in the lobby.

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!

Today's Order of Worship

*This Is the Day
Change My Heart, O God*

Meet & Greet

Announcements & Reminders

Prayer

Glorify Thy Name

I Gave My Life For Thee

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice

Contribution Collected

Father God

Elder blessing/prayer

Listen To Our Hearts

Scripture Reading:

James 4:6-10

Sermon

The Invasion:

The fall inside The Fall

Let the Lord Be Praised

Unison Reading:

Psalm 25:4-5

The Glory-Land Way

News, updates, events, opportunities, and reminders:

Thank you from Leonard’s family:

Dear Westview — We cannot imagine a more loving or perfect celebration of our Dad than the faith-filled and deeply personal ceremony you gave him last week. It was profoundly moving and, in many ways, cathartic. You helped us remember not only what we have lost, but how incredibly fortunate we were to have had him—and who we so deeply yearn to see again some day.

It would be an understatement to say Dad shaped many lives. Sometimes he did this intentionally, through teaching, mentoring, faith, and friendship; at other times, simply by the example of how he lived.

We are grateful with our whole hearts that we were blessed to be his children and that he was our mentor, teacher, protector, and friend. We feel much the same gratitude toward you. As deeply as Dad loved you, we know that love was returned. His church family was truly his family, and his church was his home.

Now, he is at peace in his final home, reunited with Mom. We will miss him every day for the rest of our lives, but there is great comfort in knowing that he will also live in our hearts and the memories of the people who knew and loved him.

Thank you for the beautiful ceremony, for the songs, the faith, the light, and the love. But more than anything, thank you for loving and taking such good care of our parents. Knowing how much they loved you—and how much you loved them in return—means more to us than we could ever put into words.

With all our love and gratitude - The Thompson Family

The *Families Discovery Group* will meet next Sunday, the 6th, at 5 p.m. at Cory & Katie’s house (change of location!). The address is available through the church office. The menu is burgers and hot dogs. Check with them to see what to bring.

The *Women’s Bible Study* group will meet this Tuesday, September 1st, at 10 a.m. in the home of Barb Henderson (you can get the address from the church office). All the ladies are invited!

Tuesday night singing with the worship leaders—7 p.m. at the building

Band of Brothers weekend—Sept. 10th-13th; see Doug Blount for details

Arwilda Harrington now lives at Grace Pointe. She enjoys hearing from folks! You can get her phone number and room number through the church office.

We have accumulated *a lot* of dishes the last few weeks following various meals at the building. They are on the counter under the windows in the kitchen. Please check and pick up any dish that is yours. Thank you.

Unless something changes, *The Kitchen* will be open this Wednesday, the 2nd, at the building at 11 a.m. Come join us as we prepare burritos and then distribute them at the homeless shelter.

The *MSCH Fall Food Drive* is underway

We have received information from the **Mountain States Children’s Home** for their fall food drive. That info is printed and in the lobby. You can leave your donation in the lobby in and around the storage bins.

We will be collecting through mid-October.

The Wednesday night study group meets at 6:30 in the fellowship room (studying James).

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

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.

Servers for Worship today (30th)

Scripture Reading Brandon Adkins
Prayer Randy McCrain
Tom Lininger (communion prayers)
Greg Hammer (contribution prayer)
Dean Weber
Tyler Blount
Zachary Blount
Ken Clark



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.

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.