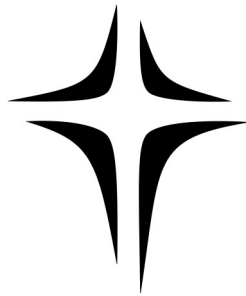


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Westview Church of Christ Greeley, Colorado

July 12, 2026

The Purpose

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

Commentary from a common Terry *What do you see??*

I've focused on both King Saul and King David in recent articles. What set them apart? Why was Saul eventually rejected as king of Israel while David became the gold standard for all kings, a man after God's own heart?

Maybe it is because he knew who he really was and knew that God was the only One to provide the strength and Spirit to get him past his sins and weaknesses. Self-awareness.

David was no better than Saul when it came to his own sin. He was a sinful man. At times, he committed massive sins, causing pain and ruin to himself and others. But, as Paul said about him in Acts 13:22, he did *all* the will of God. He knew Who and what God was. But, he also knew himself. He knew what he *could* be with God's Presence. He knew what he would not be without God's power.

Psalm 23. David was a lost sheep except for the Divine Shepherd.

Psalm 142. His enemies were stronger than him except for God's deliverance, his refuge.

Psalm 51. Without God's forgiveness, he would be cast away from God's Presence.

Psalm 40. Without God to lift him up and rescue him, he would be trapped in the quagmire of the pit of despair and desperation.

David knew God's power and necessary Presence in his life *because* he also knew himself. So, the question is: *When you look in the mirror, what do you see?*

Earlier this year, I spent time in my sermons on James' exhortation to be doers, not hearers only, of the Word. The context of that statement in James 1:22-25, is needed for us to consider the *mirror*.

²²*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.* ²³*For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.* ²⁴*For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.* ²⁵*But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.*

People who don't *do* the will of God, though they've heard it, *deceive* themselves. Saul tried to tell Samuel, in I Samuel 15:20, that he had done just fine in the obedience category. *"I have obeyed the voice of the LORD. I have gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me."* And then, he actually fills in his report with details that absolutely contradicted what God told him to do. What Saul saw when he looked in the mirror was quickly forgotten. So, he deceived himself.

David, though, saw himself clearly, which allowed him to see God as his refuge, fortress, rock, redeemer, rescuer, power source, **LORD**. And he remembered. When we see ourselves clearly, we then see God clearly and we see why we need Him and want to be doers, not just hearers.

Imagine this: I am prepping myself for the day, about to step out and face the world and meet whatever people I will cross paths with. I look in the mirror and I see a dribble of toothpaste scum in my beard. My hair? Well, it still has that "just slept in" look. I've misbuttoned my shirt, the top button slipped into the next to top slit. There's a coffee stain on my khakis. And, to top it off, my shoes don't match.

I see all that. I'm aware of it. I can even, if pressed, acknowledge it. But, as soon as I turn away from the mirror...poof! It's gone from my sight and my awareness. I go get in the truck, head out, thinking, "I look g-o-o-o-o-o-d today!"

What would you think of me when you saw me? "This guy must not have looked in the mirror this morning." I don't think that's all you'd consider about me, but we'll stop there. But, and this is the kicker, I *did* look in the mirror. But I was so self-deceived, I didn't do anything. I didn't *change* anything. That's what being a doer of the Word is instead of a hearer only. It changes us. Our behavior, thoughts, words, attitude, disposition—all changed. To do God's will is to honor Him through the pursuit of being like Him.

David saw himself with mature clarity. Then, he could see God more clearly. AND, he could then see himself more as God saw him. That's the other reflection in the mirror.

Love one another,

Terry

We need a new coordinator for our school backpacks ministry that serves the children of the Greeley Family House. This could be a partnership with a couple of folks.

Westview has, for several years, provided backpacks and school supplies to the children of the *Greeley Family House* (formerly the *Greeley Transition House*). Aimie (Floyd) Miera coordinated this ministry for several years. With Aimie now in Berthoud after getting married, we need new folks to lead the ministry. Aimie will work with you this first year to ensure that the transition goes smoothly. We need to kick this off in a couple weeks. Let Terry know if you are interested in this rewarding and godly ministry.

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

Praise Him ! Praise Him!
I Sing Praises To Your Name

Meet & Greet

Announcements & Reminders

I Am a Sheep

Prayer

Wonderful Words of Life

Scripture Reading:
Micah 6:6-8

Sermon

The Invasion:
God's Church God's Way (13)
Daily purpose

If You Say Go

I Need Thee Ev'ry Hour

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice

Contribution Collected
Heart of a Servant

Elder blessing/prayer

Unison Reading:
II Timothy 4:18

Just a Little Talk With Jesus

Events, opportunities, and reminders:

Carley Jo needs help moving

Carley Jo Goggans is moving to a new apartment and will need help with some heavy furniture. We'll help her this coming Tuesday morning, July 14th. Terry has sent out details about what time and the address. If you still need that info, check with him or with Carley.

Young Families Discovery group meets next Sunday, the 19th

The Young Families Discovery Group will meet next Sunday, the 19th, at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship room. The menu is pulled pork. The meat is provided. There is a sign up to show what side(s) you will bring.

The Kitchen is OPEN this week, July 15th

The Kitchen will be open this Wednesday, the 15th, at the building as we will prepare burritos and take them to the homeless shelter for distribution. You are encouraged to join us, either helping prepare the burritos or delivering them...or both. We start at 11 a.m.

Men's Breakfast next Saturday

The monthly Men's Breakfast has been moved one week, from last Saturday to this coming Saturday, the 18th. We'll begin getting ready at 8:15 and eat at around 8:30.

If you are interested in or need more information about the **Band of Brothers ministry** weekend on September 10th-13th in Westcliffe, check with Doug Blount. (If cost is a concern, we have scholarship funding available to assist.)

Tuesday night singing/worship every week

Watch your email tomorrow to see if this will happen this week.

Support for Javier Leon and the *Avanza Lider* ministry

Westview has had a long and rewarding history with Javier & Karla Leon. He was our first Hispanic minister, nearly 25 years ago. He now works through a ministry he established, *Avanza Lider*, which trains leaders and develops church growth in Hispanic congregations in the U.S., Mexico, and throughout Central America.

We will continue to support Javier and his ministry through our financial contribution and prayers. We urge you to pray about your involvement in this ministry, partnering with Javier as he works with several churches. He recently lost a significant portion of his monthly support as a church that has supported him has fulfilled its commitment to him. We are hoping to replace a large part of that support (\$2,000 a month). We need you to let us know what your one-time or monthly donation for this can be over the next year. Let Barry, Vern, Rufino, or Terry know that information or check with them if you have questions. **You can contribute specifically to Javier's ministry through the giving page on our website if that is easier for you.**

We will be receiving updated information from Javier about *Avanza Lider* soon. We will make that video available to you through our website. We are also planning to have Javier & Karla join us this fall. Pray about this ministry and how you can help. Thank you.

Servers for Worship today (12th)

Scripture Reading Tom Lininger
Prayer Brandon Adkins
Greg Hammer (communion prayers)
Taylor Hegarty (contribution prayers)
Kim Hegarty
Abner Morales
Doug Seaman
Ian Sebold

The July handout for Bible study plans and strategies is on the counter in the lobby.

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



Prayer reminders

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.



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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

7/13 – Amber Odle

7/17 – Doug & Kristi Blount

7/18 – Lesley Crum

7/18 – John & Jackie Valencia

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