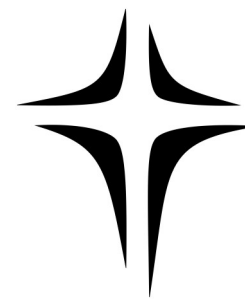


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Westview Church of Christ Greeley, Colorado

September 6, 2026

The Purpose

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

Commentary from a common Terry

A little more about David & Psalm 51

I'm about done with all these thoughts and ponderings about King David and, in the last couple of weeks, the great psalm of repentance he wrote (Psalm 51).

What was David most afraid of? He had faced enemies for years and years, beginning with the giant Goliath to near the end of his life. He fought multiple battles against the Philistines, the Moabites, the Syrians, the Edomites, and the Ammonites. He faced a rebellion led by Saul's son as soon as he was made king. His own son, Absalom, tried to take the throne from him. Before he even became king, he was a fugitive among the people because of King Saul's hatred. He faced them all and God gave him the victory, one after the other.

But what he couldn't face and wouldn't be able to defeat with his own power and might was the thought or the very real possibility of losing the Presence of God.

Verse 11—*Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.* To lose the Presence of God was to lose everything. The reason he was the conquering warrior was because of the Presence of God. When he ran toward Goliath, he shouted, *"You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head."* I Samuel 17:44-45

When he wrote a psalm of praise to God near the end of his life, which became Psalm 18 (also found in II Samuel 22), he was filled with gratitude because He had delivered him from the hands of his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. The psalm began, *"The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies."* II Samuel 22:2-4 and Psalm 18:2-3

When he succumbed to the temptation of Bathsheba, it led him to the violation of three of the Ten Commandments. He coveted another

man's wife. He committed adultery. He had Uriah killed in battle so he could take her. It was only when the fearless prophet Nathan painted a picture of a wicked rich man, taking what wasn't his and abusing his power, provoking King David to anger and harsh judgment, that he realized the magnitude of risk and loss he had traded for his own pleasure and selfishness. Nathan, with one of the bravest single lines uttered by any prophet, said, *"You are the man!"* II Samuel 12:7

This led to David's humility and the confrontation he had to have with his own guilt. This led to his repentance. *"I have sinned against the LORD."* II Samuel 12:13 He had not only committed these horrific sins, but he had used the very power God gave him as king to carry them out. The son Bathsheba bore him died because of his sin. He finally realized that there was no sin worth the cost of losing the Presence of the God.

Nothing can separate us from God. Paul wrote that in Romans 8. He listed so many threats the Christians might face at the hands of their Roman enemies. But, *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that...(none of these things)... will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 8:37-39

What does cause a breach in the relationship between us and God is sin that isn't addressed. The Presence of God diminishes. His Spirit, while still in us, cannot move as He would wish. *"...your iniquities have made a separation between you and God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear."* Isaiah 59:2

Repentance is more than an apology or a regret. It is the understanding of what is at stake. There is nothing on this planet, nothing the enemy can offer us, that is worth the tradeoff. David's ultimate goal in his repentance was the restoration of his relationship to the One that makes everything possible, not just his military victories, but the defeat of sin and its guilt.

Sin is a part of life. Repentance, forgiveness, and restoration to God is true life. Nothing else will ultimately matter.

Love one another,

Terry

Families Discovery Group meets today at Cory & Katie's house

The Families Discovery Group will meet this afternoon at 5 p.m. at Cory & Katie Newton's house. The menu is burgers and hot dogs. You can check with them for more details. The address is available through the church office. We hope you will join us!

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

Shout To the Lord

Thy Word

Meet & Greet

Announcements & Reminders

Prayer

Sing To Me of Heaven

No Tears In Heaven

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice

Contribution Collected

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Elder blessing/prayer

Days of Elijah

Scripture Reading:

John 16:29-33

Sermon

The Invasion:

The belly of the beast

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Above All Else

Unison Reading:

Psalm 138:2

News, updates, events, opportunities, and reminders:

Thank you from Greg and family:

Dear Westview — Seldom has it ever been said that I might be at a loss for words. But the experience of this past year, and more recently the last few weeks and days, has indeed left me without words. All I can think of is to express my gratitude and thanks for all the prayers, cards, food, and words that came to Laurie and me during her battle. So many cards! So many words! So many prayers! And *so much food!* Please know that we took strength peace, comfort, and solace in knowing that so many took time not to just think of us, but also to share themselves with us.

Once again, thank you for all your prayers and support.

Greg and family

The **September Men’s Breakfast** is next Saturday, the 12th, at 8:30 a.m. in the kitchen/fellowship room. If you’d like to help set things up and get things ready, please be there by 8:15 a.m.

We encourage all the men, teen guys, and boys to join us!

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

The ***Band of Brothers*** weekend is this week—Sept. 10th-13th. If you have questions, check with Doug Blount.

Unless something changes, ***The Kitchen*** will be open this Wednesday, the 9th, 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.

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

Terry’s class, which meets in room #14, begins a new study today. It is *Great Words and Themes of the Bible*. It will not necessarily look at the very most dominant overarching themes of scripture, but those key teachings and words that emerge from them. We start today with *Overcome*.

Cards for you to use are in the lobby

We have printed small business cards that have general information about Westview on them. These are for you to use and distribute. Take a few—maybe three to five at a time—and give them out. This is an easy way to let people know about your church family and extend an invitation to people to come visit us. They are on the counter under the TV screen.

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 (6th)

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

The September Daily Bible Reading plan is in the lobby.



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.