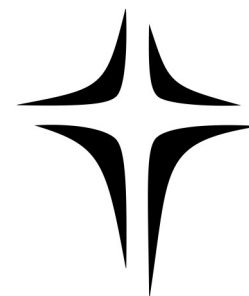


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Westview Church of Christ Greeley, Colorado

August 2, 2026

The Purpose

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

Commentary from a common Terry

Guilt—Stress—Misery.... Forgiven?

The consequences of sin can last a lifetime. Often, that is unavoidable. Once the deed is done (or deeds), what happens next is no longer in our control. History is filled with stories of coverups and efforts to bury the wrongs done and the potential ramifications that can ensue. (Can you say, "Watergate?") But the damage that might come next may be out of our hands.

David found that out. After he sinned through adultery and murder (it was by proxy, but the blood was still on his hands), the initial consequence was the death of the child Bathsheba bore him, the result of their "encounter."

But it didn't end there. God told him there would be other consequences. It was some time later, but it came true. And David, the great king, couldn't stop it.

After I Samuel 11-12 described the David and Bathsheba affair, the next chapter introduced the reader to David's son, Absalom. Nathan had told David that the consequences of his sin would be far-reaching. *"Thus says the LORD, 'I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.'"* I Samuel 12:11-12

Absalom—the beautiful son of King David. By tradition, he was next in line to be king. However, that came with a serious asterisk. The reason he was the oldest son of David was because he had killed his older brother, Amnon. In his mind, he had good reason as Amnon had raped Tamar, Absalom's sister. (Amnon had a different mother than Tamar and Absalom.) So, Absalom killed him. Then, in fear of his father, the king, he ran away and stayed away from Jerusalem, living in Geshur for three years.

Eventually David coaxed him back to the Holy City, but they still did not speak to each other for another two years. After they began to speak again, another four years went by.

Nine years is a long time for young man to plot and plan the overthrow of his father, the king. It is also the fulfillment of what God told David in the aftermath of his sin with Bathsheba. Evil would

come up against David *from his own house*. Absalom led a rebellion against the king. He forced David out of the city. There was, finally, a battle between the opposing forces, those who followed Absalom and those who were loyal to the king.

How far can sin reach? David's small child died as a result of his sin. Years later, another son, this time the young man Absalom, would also die in battle. David's army prevailed, but at great cost to the nation. *"And the men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the loss there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country, and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword."* II Samuel 18:7-8

And it all started years and years earlier, when David *"...saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful."* II Samuel 11:2

Two sons dead. Thousands more killed in battle. A country, for a while, torn apart through this familial civil war. Sin has long tentacles and quite often we cannot stop the current or stem the tide. The residue and stink lingers.

That's a lot of guilt to carry. That's a lot of stress. It could have debilitated David to such a low point that he would have been an ineffective, useless man on the throne, doing whatever he does, but certainly not being a king.

But that's not how it played out. Paul said the reason David was a man after God's own heart was that he, *"...will do all my will."* Acts 13:22 This included how David responded to God in his own sin. When Nathan confronted David about his affair with Bathsheba, David replied, *"I have sinned against the LORD."* II Samuel 12:13

He didn't blame God or others when Absalom died. He wept for Absalom. Even when he had to flee the city to escape Absalom, he trusted in the Lord, the One who had guaranteed these things would happen. Psalm 3 is credited to David as he fled and in it, God is still his shield, glory, and salvation. Psalm 3:3,8

Even in our sin and guilt, we can show loyalty and obedience to God.

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!

School backpacks/supplies needed at the building as soon as possible

You have done a great job of sponsoring the children of the *Greeley Family House*, providing them again this year with backpacks and school supplies. Now we must get everything to them as soon as possible. If you have not brought your assigned backpack and supplies to the building yet, you need to as soon as possible. School starts this week for some of the students. We'll have the doors open this week to the lobby for you to come and leave your donations.

The AUGUST 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).

Today's Order of Worship

Hosanna

I Surrender All

Meet & Greet

Announcements & Reminders

Prayer

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

My Eyes Are Dry

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice

Contribution Collected

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Elder blessing/prayer

I Stand Amazed

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 33:4-9

Sermon

The Invasion:

God saw it was good...very good

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Unison Reading:

Hebrews 1:3

Fairest Lord Jesus

Events, opportunities, and reminders:

The *Young At Heart* group will meet and eat on Sunday, August 16th, following morning classes. Menu details to come.

The *Women’s Bible Study* group meets on Tuesday

The next meeting for the *Women’s Bible Study* group is this coming Tuesday, the 4th. The group meets every first and third Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. We will meet in Barb Henderson’s home. (You can get the address from the church office.) All the ladies are encouraged to join us.

Young Families Discovery group meets this afternoon at 5 p.m.

The Young Families Discovery Group will meet this afternoon at 5 p.m. in the fellowship room. The menu is Taco Salad. Check with Cory & Katie for more information.

Men’s Breakfast next Saturday

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

The Kitchen is OPEN this week, August 2nd

The Kitchen will be **OPEN** this Wednesday, the 2nd, at the building as we will prepare burritos and take them to the homeless shelter for distribution. We start at 11 a.m.

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

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

Leonard Thompson memorial—Wednesday, August 19th, at 11 a.m. at Westview

Sunday morning classes: The fellowship room class is a verse-by-verse textual study, led by Randy McCrain and Tom Lininger. The class is studying the book of *Hebrews*, taught by Randy. Terry’s class, which meets in room #14, is entitled *The Fortress*. It is built on Psalm 18. Can we actually *experience* the power and protection and guidance of God, moving forward and growing in our faith?

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

The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the work of the Creator. Science brings men nearer to God.

~~Louis Pasteur~~

(19th century French scientist and microbiologist)

Servers for Worship today (2nd)

Scripture Reading Steve Sebold
Prayer Doug Schwartz
Tom Odle (communion prayers)
James Pascoe (contribution prayers)
Zachary Blount
Ken Clark
Dan Esposito
Chad Goodwin



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.



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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

- 8/3 – Stefen & Hayley Gomes
- 8/4 – Rena Sebold
- 8/5 – Doug Blount
- 8/5 – Barb Henderson
- 8/5 – LaNelle Newton
- 8/5 – Guy Wohlfahrt
- 8/6 – Greg Hammer
- 8/6 – Eleanor Valdez

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