

# In Our Prayers...

*\*Requester's name is in parentheses*

**John Huffmyer** (Brandy Wheeler) — John recently suffered a stroke that now limits his ability to swallow, among other effects. John is a member of Farmington church of Christ and formerly of Pagosa Springs and Bayfield.

**Bereavement** — Mike Sickenger family (Farmington); Connie Holley family; Marge Himes family; Charlene Jones family; Jimmy Mooring family.

**Health concerns-** — Jared Brittain; Jeff Hopkins; Kim Brown; Bill Himes; Paula Dahlke; Glenda Fields; Mary Elizabeth Bingham (local resident); Monica (local resident); Ruth Sutherlin; Connie Holley; Jeanie Mooring's sister, Kathy.

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## News and Announcements

**Potluck Fellowship** The May potluck fellowship is today following our worship assembly! Please plan to share in this time of feasting for body and soul together.

**Donations for Youth Camp Needed** The Four Corners Youth Camp has asked area congregations for help meeting food expenses for the 2024 camp sessions. Please label your donation for the camp and leave it in the collection plate. Our goal is \$650. Thank you!

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### **Service Times**

#### **Bible Study**

Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday 7p.m.

#### **Worship**

Sunday 10:20 a.m.

## **The Three Bears**

Once upon a time, there were three bears... No, no, no—that's the wrong three bears. Far from a fairy tale, the three "bears" listed in Galatians 6 are vital to living a fulfilling Christian life. Of course, you may have already figured out that these are not the furry animals, but the concept of carrying a responsibility. Now, let's look at the three "bears."

**Bear One Another's Burdens (v.1-2).** This means that we are supposed to help others, especially those in the church (v.10). Life is especially burdensome for some and, as we are able, we should help them carry their load. For ease of remembering, let's call this first bear "Share Bear."

**Bear Your Own Burdens (v.3-5).** This passage teaches the need for personal responsibility that another cannot carry for us: our personal decisions, the consequences of our actions, our own individual responsibilities, etc. We should not let others bear these for us. The

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Scripture Reading: Genesis 32:1-32

The Three Bears

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words that follow in v.6-9 are a great admonition to just how individual this concept is. We will name this bear "Aware Bear."

**Bear the Marks of Christ in Your Body (v.11-17).** Paul bore in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ (likely physically from beatings, mistreatment, etc.). But there is another indication in the word "marks" in the Greek text. It is the Greek word "stigma" and literally means "a mark pricked or branded upon the body." Paul may very well be saying, I am branded with the mark of Christ—not that he had a tattoo, but that he was totally dedicated to Christ—he was Christ’s slave. This is why I believe Paul used the phrase "the Lord Jesus"—Jesus was Paul’s Lord and Master (v.14). Thus we need to be willing to bear the marks (or stigma) that come from faithfully following Christ and telling others about Him. Thus, let’s identify this bear as "Declare Bear."

My hope for all of us is what Paul’s was for the Galatian Christians: "Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit" (v.18). And let us be reminded that it will be so if we bear in our bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus (be a Declare Bear), be responsible with ourselves and our lives (be an Aware Bear), and help others (be a Share Bear).

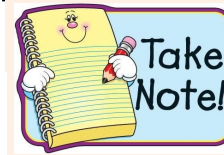
- Ed Sterchi

Broadway church of Christ, Campelsville, KY

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.



Working for God doesn’t pay much. But His retirement plan is out of this world!



Sermon Notes

To Make it Home

2 Peter 3:11-13

- ◆ Memorial Day
- ◆ The Law of Sin
- ◆ The Great Fire
- ◆ The New Heavens and Earth
- ◆ The Christian Hope

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Arranged in Chronological Order

May 27	Mon	Psalm 119:89-176
May 28	Tue	1 Kings 3-4; 2 Chronicles 1
May 29	Wed	Psalm 72; Song of Solomon
May 30	Thur	Proverbs 1-3
May 31	Fri	Proverbs 4-6
June 01	Sat	Proverbs 7-9
June 02	Sun	Proverbs 10-12