

## In Our Prayers...

*\*Requester's name is in parentheses*

**Jerry & Paula Harms** — With Jerry's retirement in March, he and Paula are trying to sell their house and move to Montrose. Paula has two sisters there.

**Bill Himes (Brandy Wheeler)** — Brandy Wheeler's dad, adjusting to the loss of his wife of 53 years, Marge Himes. Bill also has several ongoing health concerns.

**Brandy Wheeler (Nathan Wheeler)** — Brandy plans to fly home to Durango this Saturday, March 2nd.

**Jeff Hopkins** — Various tests ongoing in preparation for spine surgery.

**Health concerns-** — Paula Dahlke; Glenda Fields; Monica (local resident); Ruth Sutherlin; Connie Holley; Jeanie Mooring and her sister, Kathy.

**Door for the Word** — Guidance for spreading the gospel in and around Durango this year.

## News and Announcements

**Pot Luck Today** We will have a pot luck lunch fellowship after morning worship. Please plan to join us!

**Singing Youth of Denver** Mark your calendar for Sunday evening, April 21st. A Christian youth chorus from Denver will be with us to share a program of spiritual songs. More details to follow.

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#### **Service Times**

##### **Bible Study**

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

##### **Worship**

Sunday 10:20 a.m.



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### ***The Glory of the LORD Filled the Tabernacle***

At Mount Sinai God gave instructions to Moses for the construction of the special tent where God would be among his people, the Israelites. It was to be the special place where the relationship between God and his people would be conducted. The Bible calls this tent, the "tabernacle."

After everything was made and set up according to all of God's instructions to Moses, the Bible says, "the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle," (Exodus 40:34).

This is the cloud that showed that God was present with his people day and night. It was the divine glory of God that in the daytime was like a pillar of cloud and at night a pillar of fire. In God's mercy and grace he gave the Israelites an awesome representation of His presence and leadership among them.

Although we cannot see God in this way, His presence and leadership are no less among His people today.

According to the apostles' teaching, in a very real sense God's glorious presence still fills God's "tabernacle." For example, Paul wrote, "In  
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**Scripture Reading: Genesis 24:1-32**

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[Christ Jesus] you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit," (Eph 2:22).

How encouraging to be reminded that God is personally present in the Church!

At the same time, when we think of this in terms of the tabernacle--and later the temple--of ancient Israel, we can get the wrong idea. It becomes tempting to think of our times of gathering for worship as the occasion when we have the privilege of the gift of God's presence.

It is true that Jesus said, "where two or three of you gather in my name, there I am in your midst," (Matt 18:20). The same Holy Spirit also said, "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God," (1 Cor 6:19).<sup>1</sup>

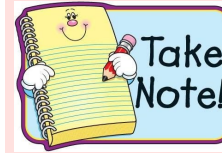
So, it is not the case that we leave the presence of God in the auditorium when we leave our worship gathering from time to time. The truth is, when we leave the assembly, it is the Spirit of God who leads us back out into the world. He wants us, "walking" with Him, to be a blessing to friend and stranger alike (Gal 5:16; 6:10). He wants us to teach others to walk with Him by being good examples of what that means.

Everywhere there are people of God in Jesus Christ, the glory of the LORD fills that "tabernacle."

May the light of that glorious presence shine in each of us each day.

— Nathan Wheeler

<sup>1</sup> This verse is written in a collective sense of the whole "body" of Christ, at least at Corinth. However, the context is addressing the actions of individual Christians who might sin against God by using prostitutes (see 1 Cor 6:15-17). So, according to this context, I have represented 1 Corinthians 6:19 as applying also to the individual persons of Christians.



**Sermon Notes**

**Standing Together in Love**

1 Peter 5:13, 14

1. Christianity is like many camps surrounding \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. The present crisis for Christianity in America reminds us that we are all \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. The most important thing about camping on that ground:

**Weekly Bible Reading Schedule**

*Arranged in Chronological Order*

Feb 26	Mon	Numbers 7
Feb 27	Tue	Numbers 8-10
Feb 28	Wed	Numbers 11-13
Feb 29	Thur	Numbers 14-15; Ps 90
Mar 1	Fri	Numbers 16-17
Mar 2	Sat	Numbers 18-20
Mar 3	Sun	Numbers 21-22