

In Our Prayers...

**Requester's name is in parentheses*

Joe Shattuck (Joe Puckett) – Joe Shattuck no longer has cancer and is doing well.

Melinda Black (Susie Puckett) – Melinda is scheduled for a difficult and necessary medical procedure on September 9th. Melinda is Susie's cousin.

Jim Beaver (Joe Puckett) – Jim continues to have severe complications in his feet and legs due to poor circulation.

Ongoing Health Concerns — Lyle Provost; Miriam Rodriguez; Vashara; Ken Williard's daughter-in-law; Yolanda & Judy Woody; Cailin Porter; Bobby Arnett; David Frederick; Rick Hales; Bill Harrell; Josh Martin; Karen Crowson; Terry Wells.

Brad & Sarah McGlothlin (Nathan Wheeler) – Brad and Sarah, of Oklahoma City, plan to begin studies at Bear Valley this fall.

Door for the Word – Pray for relationships with the lost that lead to opportunities to talk about Jesus.

Announcements

August Potluck The August potluck fellowship will be today immediately following the worship assembly.

Silverton Singing The Silverton Church of Christ is hosting the August 5th Sunday singing next Sunday, August 30th at 4:00 pm. The singing will be at the Kendall Mountain Recreation Center at 1 Kendall Place in Silverton. The Silverton church will need assistance cleaning up afterward.

September Cookout Kenny & Debbie Sutherlin are hosting a cookout fellowship at their Vallecito house. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 19th, beginning at noon. See the note posted in the foyer for more details. This is a great opportunity to bring a guest!

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Service Times

Bible Study
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Worship
Sunday 10:20 a.m.



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To Walk with the Lord

By Nathan G. Wheeler

Twice we are told that Enoch “walked with God,” (Gen 5:22, 24). That might not seem remarkable, but in the second instance we are also told that Enoch “was not, for God took him.” Apparently, because he “walked with God” God spared Enoch the agony of death.

Walking with God is not an “Old Testament thing.” In Galatians 5:25, Paul writes, “If we live by the Spirit let us also keep in step with the Spirit.” The Christian life is to be one in which we, too, walk with God.

But what does it really mean to “walk with” God? How is it possible to do this?

First, walking with the Lord simply means living in obedience to what God has revealed that he wants from his people. God makes this clear when, through Jeremiah, God names the chief failure of Israel ever since the Exodus:

But this command I gave them: ‘Obey my voice, and I will

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be your God, and you shall be my people. And walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.’²⁴ But they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and the stubbornness of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward,” (Jer 7:23-24).

Walking with God meant obeying “all the way that I command you.” Instead, Israel ignored God’s word and lived according to their own desires and ideas.

Therefore, second, walking with God requires knowing God’s word intimately. Psalms 1:1-2 names the antidote to Israel’s folly Jeremiah wrote about. Rather than walking in the counsel of wicked minds, one is “blessed” who “meditates [on the law of the Lord day and night.” The blessing God bestows is that such constant attention, taking his word in deeply into one’s mind, is like a tree standing next to a constant stream of water.

In other words, the word of God can edify spiritually much more than it educates intellectually.

Finally, then, to know God’s word so as to truly walk with Him requires a habit of praying to Him for guidance and wisdom. That is why David often “inquired of the Lord” when making important decisions for his kingdom (1 Chron 14:10). That is why Jesus so often spent time alone in prayer as he worked out the Father’s path for him to the cross and to our salvation (Matt 14:23).

Sermon Notes

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

August 24	Mon	Isaiah 5 – 8
August 25	Tue	Isaiah 9 – 12
August 26	Wed	Isaiah 13 – 16
August 27	Thur	Isaiah 17 – 20
August 28	Fri	Isaiah 21 – 25
