

# In Our Prayers...

\*Requester's name is in parentheses

**Bill Himes** (Nathan Wheeler) – Bill is being treated for stage four lung cancer. Doctors expect immunotherapy to be effective. He begins treatments tomorrow.

**Chad Mansfield** (Larry McKesson) – Fainting spells may indicate a heart malady. Testing is ongoing as doctors try to diagnose the problem. Chad is off work for now.

**Bereaved** – Shiprock Church of Christ; Jodi James; family and friends of Judy Jones; Jim Bertram family, including Nathan Wheeler's mom, Charlotte Bertram.

**Ongoing Health Concerns** — Rick Hales; Scarlett Siner; Jan McKesson; Bill Harrell; Joe Shattuck; Josh Martin; Karen Crowson; Terry Wells.

**Door for the Word** — Ongoing Bible studies & effective means for spreading the gospel in and around Durango this year.

**New Requests & Notes** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Announcements

**March Singing Fellowship** We will host area congregations for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing fellowship this March 29<sup>th</sup>. Our brothers and sisters in the Pine Valley congregation will help us with the meal to be shared after the singing. Be thinking about a main dish theme for the meal.

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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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## **Lessons from a Snowflake**

By Matt Clifton

During the huge winter storm that swept across the nation, one weatherman showed up-close pictures of snowflakes sent in by a viewer, and that reminded me of the amazing beauty of God's creative power. There are many lessons we can learn from the humble snowflake.

**Snowflakes show God's amazing design.** If you look at a snowflake under magnification, you will see they all have six points or sides, but take on an endless variety of shapes, styles, and sizes. What seems simple to the casual observer is actually an individual work of art by the hand of God. "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork" (Psalm 19:1).

**Each snowflake is unique.** Millions of snowflakes fall on this earth, and each one is different! Many may look similar, but they each have unique qualities that make them special. People are like that too. "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are

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Your works, And that my soul knows very well" (Psalm 139:14). The unique qualities you have can all be used for God's glory.

### **The closer you get, the more beautiful they**

**become.** Looking at a snowflake from far away, you may not see any design, beauty, or strength to it. But when you get closer, you can see that is not the case! This is how it is with people, as well. The church needs to recognize we are all important and beautiful because we are God's handiwork (1 Cor. 12:12-20)! Draw closer to your brothers and sisters, and you will recognize the value of each.

**Snowflakes have greater strength together.** One snowflake by itself is not very strong. But put a whole bunch of snowflakes together, and you can make a snowball, a fort, or a snowman. A lot of snow together can stop traffic, shut down electrical grids, and bring daily routines to a grinding halt. This quality of snowflakes reminds us that as Christians, we are stronger together. When the church sets its efforts on a common goal, and works together, we can accomplish great things for the kingdom of God (Acts 9:26-31).

**Snowflakes are short lived.** From the time it is formed to the time it falls to the ground, then melts and evaporates, is a very short time. Our lives are fleeting as well (James 4:14). That's why we should make the most of the time we are allowed.

So let the humble snowflake point you to God and His amazing creation!

## ***Sermon Notes***

### **He's Doing Great Things Again**

Luke 1:46-56

1. In his mercy, God has looked upon me with \_\_\_\_\_.

2. In his mercy, the \_\_\_\_\_ One has done great things for me.

3. In his mercy, God has shown his \_\_\_\_\_ to humble the powerful and exalt the weak.

4. In his mercy, God has been faithful to help according to his \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Weekly Bible Reading Schedule**

Feb 2	Mon	Joshua 4 – 7
Feb 3	Tue	Joshua 8 – 11
Feb 4	Wed	Joshua 12 – 15
Feb 5	Thur	Joshua 16 – 19
Feb 6	Fri	Joshua 20 – 23