

# In Our Prayers...

*\*Requester's name is in parentheses*

**Kim Brown (Brandy)** — A member of Farmington church of Christ. Kim is being treated for stomach cancer.

**Madison Edwards (Jedidiah Jones)** — “Maddy” was recently baptized. Pray for our new sister as she grows in her faith!

**Jerry & Paula Harms** — Due to Jerry's retirement from City of Durango, he and Paula are relocating to Montrose, CO this May.

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

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

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

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

Here is an easy way to share our new Bible study resources webpage with people you interact with online. When the QR code to the right is read by a smartphone it will take them directly to our Bible study page. Share it as a picture in emails, texts, or on Facebook.



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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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## News and Announcements

**Website Bible Study Page** The church website now has a page offering Bible study resources. Guests can request a free Bible and personal Bible study tutoring. There are also links for free Bible study resources online.

**Creation Concert at FLC** Today at 3pm at the Performing Arts Department of Fort Lewis College is presenting classical concert music on the theme of creation. Students 18 and under are free. FLC students are free. Adults \$20. Adults over 65 \$10.

**Singing Youth of Denver** Mark your calendar for **7:00 PM** next Sunday evening, April 21st. A Christian youth chorus from Denver will be with us to share a program of spiritual songs.

**Potluck** Two weeks from today, please plan to join us for our April potluck fellowship meal. This will be our last potluck with Jerry and Paula Harms before they move to Montrose May 3.



Scripture Reading: Genesis 28:6-22

**The Attitude of the Gospel Mission**

<sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. (1 Corinthians 9:19-22 ESV)

In The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), Jesus gives one command and three descriptions of the mission process. The command is “make disciples of all nations.” What this means and how it is done are explained by three other phrases: 1) “Going [to them],” 2) “baptizing them,” and 3) “teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you.”

We see this mission process happening in the life of the Church in the book of Acts. After Stephen was stoned to death, Saul began a vicious persecution of the Church in Jerusalem. Luke tells us that this caused the Christians to “scatter” from Jerusalem. As they went to other places, they preached the word (Acts 8:1-4).

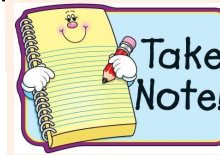
Every Sunday we “scatter” from our worship meeting. Thankfully, we are not scattered by persecution. It is simply the routine of daily life that moves us out into the world. So, we are already “going” as Jesus said. Are we also spreading the word of the good news of Jesus?

Maybe we are unsure of how to share Jesus with non-Christians. Here Paul’s message to the Corinthians is helpful. When he writes, “I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some,” he means that he becomes a friend to everyone he can (1 Cor 9:22). Of course, he did not join anyone in sin. Instead, he looked for common ground on which to build a genuine friendship.

As you and I are “going” every day into the world of Durango, CO, we need to pay attention for the gospel’s sake. We need to notice whom we are around from time to time. We need to build real friendships on good things we share in common with them. We need to prove to genuinely care for them. We need to pray for wisdom and boldness to share our faith in Jesus in ways that are genuine, true, and that make sense to our friends in the world.

That by all means we might save some of them.

— Nathan Wheeler



**Sermon Notes**  
**The Chains of Freedom**  
 2 Peter 2:4-10

1. God’s word of \_\_\_\_\_ is already working in the world.
2. Example: the sinful angels remain \_\_\_\_\_ until Judgment Day.
3. How God’s word \_\_\_\_\_ unrighteous humans until that time.
4. God’s word \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous in true freedom.

**Weekly Bible Reading Schedule**

*Arranged in Chronological Order*

Apr 15	Mon	Psalm 56, 120, 140-142
Apr 16	Tue	1 Samuel 25-27
Apr 17	Wed	Psalm 17, 35, 54, 63
Apr 18	Thur	1 Samuel 28-31; Psalm 18
Apr 19	Fri	Psalm 121, 123-125, 128-130
Apr 20	Sat	2 Samuel 1-4
Apr 21	Sun	Psalm 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21