

In Our Prayers...

**Requester's name is in parentheses*

Antonio (Debbie Sutherlin) – Antonio works for Debbie's sister. Antonio's son, his son's wife, and his son's daughter were killed in a car accident last week.

Neil Himes (Brandy Wheeler) – Brandy's brother, Neil, has entered treatment in the Albuquerque area for alcohol addiction.

Andrew Wheeler (Nathan Wheeler) – Andrew is Nathan's brother. He has been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes and has asked for our prayers.

Terrylynn Begay (Nathan Wheeler) – Terrylynn works in Durango and lives in Farmington with her children. They received a 3-day eviction notice on over a week ago.

Ongoing Health Concerns — Mark Collins; Miriam Nij; Melinda Black; Matt Sims and his mother, Dixie; Sarah Willmon; Lyle Provost; Shirlean Johnson; Jim Beaver; Cailin Porter; David Frederick; Rick Hales; Bill Harrell; Josh Martin; Karen Crowson; Terry Wells.

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

Announcements

Fundamentals of the Faith Bible Study Next Sunday, October 25th, there will be a Bible study meeting for all who are interested in reviewing the basic teachings of Christianity. We'll meet in the education building library after potluck.

Last Potluck for 2026 Sunday, October 25th, will be our last monthly potluck for the year. Please plan to participate!

Mobile Medical Clinic for Veterans This Monday and Tuesday, October 19th—20th, a mobile clinic for screening military veterans will be using our parking lot and restrooms.

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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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Extra/Ordinary Obedience

By Ajai Lall and Josh Howard

The train's whistle pierced the morning air as it thundered past young Douglas Henry's childhood home in central India. Through the settling dust, he watched a man ravaged by leprosy throw himself onto the tracks. Douglas had seen this tragedy before. India's forgotten souls, rejected by society because of their illness, sometimes chose death over a life of isolation.

One day, in the stillness of his despair, Douglas heard God's whisper: "Who will help these people?"

Radical obedience to Christ does not always come through a dramatic calling. Sometimes it begins in quiet moments when our hearts break over another person's suffering. In those moments, we face a simple choice: step forward or turn back.

It is easy to talk about Jesus, study our Bibles, and read Christian books. It is another thing entirely to put his teachings into practice. We often believe much but do little. Yet obedience fulfills our highest purpose of glorifying God, and as Jesus teaches in John 14:23, our relationship with God deepens as we obey him.

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Obedience means surrendering our will to God's will, choosing his purposes over our own—not just once, but daily.

Douglas answered God's call. After studying medicine in India and mastering reconstructive surgery in England, he could have pursued wealth and prestige elsewhere. Instead, he returned to his homeland to serve people suffering from leprosy, those whom others dared not touch. Jesus declared, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). Douglas did not merely memorize those words; he lived them.

As Francis Chan illustrates, imagine a father telling his daughter to clean her room, only to have her memorize his instructions or gather friends to discuss their meaning rather than actually clean it. The point is obvious: understanding a command is not the same as obeying it.

The same question confronts us as Christians. We know Jesus' command to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20), but are we doing it? Do we truly love God with our whole being and love our neighbors as ourselves?

God's will for us can be summarized in three commitments: Love God. Love people. Make disciples.

We sometimes wait for a special calling while neglecting the clear commands God has already given us. Begin there. Faithfulness in ordinary acts of obedience prepares us for whatever God calls us to do next. Like driving at night, we may see only a short distance ahead, but God sees the entire road. We need only take the next step of faithfulness.

Are You Running the Right Race?

Luke 12:13-34

1. The world runs on _____ .
2. Greed is _____ .
3. Christians run on _____ .
4. Faith is focused on the _____ of God.

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

October 19	Mon	Ezekiel 27 – 30
October 20	Tue	Ezekiel 31 – 34
October 21	Wed	Ezekiel 35 – 38
October 22	Thur	Ezekiel 39 – 42
October 23	Fri	Ezekiel 43 – 46