

# In Our Prayers...

*\*Requester's name is in parentheses*

**Vashara** (Jodi James) – A daughter-in-law of Victoria, of the Shiprock church of Christ, has been very ill and is not improving.

**Neil Himes** (Brandy Wheeler) – Brandy's brother, Neil Himes, has relocated to Farmington from Iowa.

**Elizabeth Siner** (Nathan Wheeler) – The Siners are stranded in Prescott, AZ due to car trouble. They are from Durango.

**Natalie Woody** (Debbie Sutherlin) – Yolanda Woody's niece, Natalie, was hospitalized a week ago for a health emergency.

**Ryan Patrick** (Debbie Sutherlin) – Ryan was recently hospitalized for a severe liver condition.

**Ongoing Health Concerns** — Ryan Patrick; Ken Williard's daughter-in-law; Yolanda & Judy Woody; Cailin Porter; Bobby Arnett; Miriam Rodriguez; David Frederick; Rick Hales; Bill Harrell; Joe Shattuck; 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

**Men's Business Meeting** The July business meeting has been pushed back to this Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 am in the basement of the education building. The meeting will begin around 7:30.

**Mountain States Children's Home** Please participate in MSCH's 2026 Change Can Campaign. See the flier in the foyer for more information. Pick up your can on the foyer table. No cans left? Let Nathan Wheeler know, and we'll request additional cans. We will collect the cans on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

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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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## **A World of Amens**

By Brian Moats

Yahweh made the world full of Amens. He speaks, and creation comes into existence. He calls forth trees, and they report for duty. He summons birds, and they answer in flitting praise.

The summer months are full of these moments of “yes and amen.” In my tiny backyard, cardinals call and respond from tree to tree, and if the conversation succeeds, more bright red daggers of the sky will soon be on their way. A summer storm erupts: lightning flashes, and the sky answers with the raucous amen of thunder.

The Word of the Lord began and continues this echo. God speaks first, and His people, and all creation, must respond with the affirmative: Amen. Speaking creation into being, giving prohibitions and permissions, making promises, calling from a burning bush, delivering laws, providing construction details, composing poems for singing... He initiates with His creative word, and His people respond.

Yahweh made promises throughout the entire Old Testament, and Jesus is the Amen to all of them. In His person, He carries

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## *Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 5*

### **A World of Amens**

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the resounding “yes” to every story, promise, prophecy, and faithful hero. He fulfills all things, and His whole life reverberates as an affirmative to the Father.

And the cycle continues. The gift of the Spirit to the church is itself an Amen to the promises of Christ, who is the Amen of God. Jesus promises that the Spirit will come (John 16), and at Pentecost the promise is met with fire and wind, tongues and bold proclamation.

Remarkably, God does not simply issue commands unilaterally. He also teaches His church to approach Him with Spirit-filled petitions. In prayer, we speak back to the God who first spoke to us. And, according to His will, the God of the universe gives His Amen to our prayers, continuing the conversational, world-changing dance of call and response between Himself and His people.

Church and societal breakdown happen when we cease to reverberate with the words and will of God, when we halt the Amen. Imagine lightning without thunder, a child calling out while his parent answers with silence. That is what happens when we cease to obey, and when we cease to pray.

Disobedience is a refusal to say Amen to the commands of the Lord. Love your enemies becomes hatred of enemies. Shout for joy becomes pitiful praise. Pray without ceasing becomes occasional prayer. And prayerlessness, which is itself disobedience, withholds from God the millions of petitions He delights to Amen in Christ for the life of the world.

Our work is to repent, and to Amen every command of the Lord. And as He answers our prayers in Christ, the world will be filled more and more with His glory. Amen.

### **A Merry Heart Does Good for the Soul**

I wanted to go jogging but Proverbs 28:1 says “the wicked run when no one is chasing them.” So, there’s that.

## ***How Does His Garden Grow?***

Luke 8:4-21

The Field

The Soils Revealed

How God's Garden Grows

#1. They ask Jesus for \_\_\_\_\_ with His word.

#2. They \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus' every word.

#3. They \_\_\_\_\_ upon Jesus' word.

#4. They grow in their \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' word.

## **Weekly Bible Reading Schedule**

|         |      |               |
|---------|------|---------------|
| July 13 | Mon  | Psalm 71 – 74 |
| July 14 | Tue  | Psalm 75 – 78 |
| July 15 | Wed  | Psalm 79 – 82 |
| July 16 | Thur | Psalm 83 – 86 |
| July 17 | Fri  | Psalm 87 – 90 |