

# In Our Prayers...

*\*Requester's name is in parentheses*

**Bill Himes** (Nathan Wheeler) – Bill was in the hospital this week. On Friday he was moved to Pine Ridge in Pagosa for physical therapy.

**Dennis Dahlke** (Larry McKesson) – Dennis has been having a struggle to get the right hearing aids, as well as a few other troubles.

**Ongoing Health Concerns** — Cailin Porter; Bobby Arnett; Miriam Nij; Judy at Needham Elementary; David Frederick; Rick Hales; Scarlett Siner; Jan McKesson; Bill Harrell; Joe Shattuck; Josh Martin; Karen Crowson; Terry Wells.

## Announcements

**April Pot Luck** Our monthly potluck fellowship is coming up next Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please make plans to stay after worship and join in the feast.

**Montrose Ladies Day** The Montrose church of Christ is hosting a ladies day from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. See the flier posted in the foyer for more details.

**Work Day** We are having a work day Saturday, Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> we'll have breakfast at 8am and a brief business meeting. Then we will work on painting the exterior of the education building.

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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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## Measuring the Value of Life

By Neal Pollard

Recently, outside the Bulgarian Embassy in Washington, D.C., the son of a former embassy member lost his life. Walking with his friends, he was confronted by muggers. Apparently, however, his murder could have been averted since the thieves only wanted his jacket. He resisted and fought until one of the agitated criminals slew him. Without benefit of an opened police report, one's imagination awakens. What was so special about that jacket? What made the coat worth a human life to its young, foreign possessor—its age, design, or material? Why did he not just give up the jacket?

Tragically, mankind has made the same mistake, giving up something so valuable for something less important since the dawn of his existence.

- Adam and Eve gave up their lives for a piece of forbidden fruit (Gen. 3:6-7).
- Lot's wife gave up her life for a single glance back at Sodom (Gen. 19:26).

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- Korah gave up his life for a run at power (Num. 16:31-35).
- Achan gave up his life for, among other trifling things, a “Babylonish garment” and a bit of wealth (Josh. 7:21,25).
- Absalom gave up his life for a seat on a throne (2 Sam. 18:14-15).
- Ahab gave up his life for a vineyard of grapes (1 Kings 21:19; 22:29-38).
- Haman gave up his life for a bow from Mordecai and his own foolish pride (Esther 3:2ff; 7:9-10).
- Judas gave up his life for approximately twenty dollars (Zech. 11:12; Acts 1:18).
- Ananias and Sapphira gave up their lives for an infinitesimal percentage of the world’s riches (Acts 5:5,10).
- Some Christians give up their lives for brief pleasure (1 Tim. 5:6).

The soul is worth far more than anything of the world with which we might compare it (Matt. 16:26; 1 John 2:15-17). So many fritter away their spiritual selves in pursuit of the transient (Luke 12:15). Life is so worthless to many!

If one is lost to materialism, he is spiritually dead. When called before the Judge, will he watch Christ hold up his cars, houses, bank accounts, boats, pleasures, and unforgiven sins and say, “My friend gave his life for this?” May it never be so!

## **Sermon Notes**

### The Cleansing Touch

**Luke 5:12-17**

1) \_\_\_\_\_ by His Touch

2) \_\_\_\_\_ by His Word

Follow the Way of Lord Jesus

## **Weekly Bible Reading Schedule**

April 27	Mon	2 Kings 16 – 19
April 28	Tue	2 Kings 20 – 23
April 29	Wed	2 Kings 24 – 1 Chron 2
April 30	Thur	2 Chronicles 3 – 6
May 1	Fri	2 Chronicles 7 – 10