

## In Our Prayers...

*\*Requester's name is in parentheses*

**Ruth Sutherlin** (Debbie Sutherlin) — Durango ICU on Thursday for kidney trouble.

**Tamara Barlow** (Nathan Wheeler) — Tamara has a new job with Pizza Hut in the evenings, and she is looking for a second, daytime job.

**Jared & Casie Brittain** (Larry McKesson) — Jared was severely burned fighting a wildfire in Oklahoma.

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

**Health concerns-** — Jeff Hopkins; Kim Brown; Bill Himes; Paula Dahlke; Glenda Fields; Mary Elizabeth Bingham (local resident); 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.

## News and Announcements

**Men's Business Meeting** The May men's business meeting is rescheduled to Saturday, May 18, 7 am.

**Thank you!** Thank you, Durango church of Christ family. Everyone pulled together to host the Singing Youth of Denver a couple of weeks ago. Prayers, publicity, and providing food were crucial for a successful event. This was a blessing far beyond the walls of this 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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### **Pray Boldly!**

Television interviewer and journalist Larry King describes three farmers who gather daily in a field during a horrible drought. The men are down on their knees, looking upward, and praying the skies will open and pour forth a much needed rain. Unfortunately, the heavens are silent, and the petitioners become discouraged, but they continue to meet every morning to lift up their request to God.

One morning an uninvited stranger approaches and asks the men what they are doing. They respond, "We're praying for rain." The newcomer looks at each of them and shakes his head, "No, I don't think so."

The first farmer says, "Of course we're praying. We are down on our knees pleading for rain. Look around, see the drought. We haven't had rain in more than a year!"

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Scripture Reading: Genesis 30:25-43

Pray Boldly!

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The outsider continues to nod his head and advises them their efforts will never work. The second farmer jumps in and says, "We need the rain; we aren't asking only for ourselves, but for our families and livestock."

The man listens, nods, and says he still isn't impressed. "You're wasting your time," he says.

The third farmer can't take any more, and in anger he says, "Okay, what would you do if you were in our shoes?"

The visitor asks, "You really want to know?"

The three landowners answer, "We really want to know! The future of our farmlands is at stake."

The guest announces, "I would have brought an umbrella!"

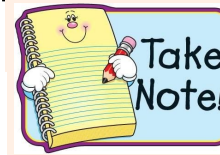
So when you pray, pray boldly to the Lord! He came to earth; He suffered; He suffered crucifixion. He died for you. With that kind of love for you. Always and ever, when you pray, Pray Boldly!

James 5:16 tells us, "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." Are you a righteous person? Have you obeyed the Gospel by confessing your faith in Christ (Mt. 10:32-33), repenting of your sins (Lk. 13:3,5), and putting Christ on in baptism (Mk. 16:16)?

— Mark T. Tonkery

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- How many telemarketers does it take to change a light bulb? Only one, but he has to do it while you are eating dinner.
- How many narcissists does it take to screw in a light bulb? One. The narcissist holds the light bulb while the rest of the world revolves around him.
- How many DIY buffs does it take to change a light bulb? One, but it takes two weeks and four trips to the hardware store.



Sermon Notes

God Is Holding the Door

2 Peter 3:8-9

- ◆ A crisis for the faithful...
  - ◆ That you "beloved" can think clearly...
1. Remember:
  2. Recognize:
  3. Repent:
- ◆ God is not running late, He's ...

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Arranged in Chronological Order

May 6	Mon	Psalm 25, 29, 33, 36, 39
May 7	Tue	2 Sam. 8-9; 1 Chron. 18
May 8	Wed	Psalm 50, 53, 60, 75
May 9	Thur	2 Sam. 10; 1 Chron. 19; Psa. 20
May 10	Fri	Psalm 32, 51, 86, 122
May 11	Sat	2 Sam. 13-15
May 12	Sun	Psalm 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55