

In Our Prayers...

**Requester's name is in parentheses*

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

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- — Kim Brown; 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.

Additions:

Since the coronavirus outbreak, my 47-year-old son has been washing his hands religiously. In fact, he said, "I've been washing my hands so much, I found the answers to an old eighth-grade math quiz."

—Susan Freeman



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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.

Singing Youth of Denver Tonight at **7:00 PM** a Christian youth chorus from Denver will be with us to share a program of spiritual songs.

Potluck next Sunday, April 28th. 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 29

Keep Your Sanity in the “End Times” Madness

³ As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" (Matthew 24:3 ESV)

Jesus had just told his disciples that the magnificent stones of the Temple would one day all be thrown down. They understood that such an event could only mean that Jesus’s return at the end of history would follow soon after enemies destroyed God’s holy temple. In their question to Jesus, they want to know how long it will be until this happens, and what sign should they be looking for.

Jesus knows that the answer to their question is far more complex than they realize. The destruction of the Temple will not be followed immediately by his return and the end of history. He knows that history will go on for some unknown span of time; that throughout history there will be periods of tribulation for God’s people. The destruction of the Temple will be one of those, and it will happen within the lifetimes of some of the disciples.

Jesus prepares the Church to endure the chaos of history faithfully by giving the disciples four commands.

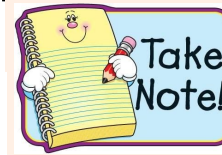
First, “See that no one leads you astray,” (Matt 24:4). There will be no shortage of people who offer solutions to the troubles facing the Church. Some will even claim to be the returned Jesus. Disciples need to wait for the real Jesus to return. Everyone will see him at the same time (v. 30).

Second, “See that you are not alarmed,” (v. 6). Wars and persecutions will happen from time to time throughout the rest of history. Some will try to say *this war* or *this persecution* is The Final one that means it’s the end. But Jesus warns disciples so that we can wait patiently in peace.

Third, “From the fig tree learn this lesson,” (v. 32). There are some signs in the development of a fig tree that show that summer is near. Similarly, Jesus says that the things he described are signs that his return is near. Yet, no one—not even Jesus—knows exactly when he is to come back for us. Disciples must pay attention, always mindful that some things do point to Jesus’s return.

Fourth, “you also must be ready,” (v. 44). Since no one can know when exactly Jesus will come back, the only thing to do is to always be ready. Jesus expects his servants to be busy at their chores when he returns.

— Nathan Wheeler



Sermon Notes

Christian Strangers

2 Peter 2:10-22

1. Two tell-tale signs of dangerous “strangers” within the Church:
2. How Christian strangers are like Balaam:
3. How Christian strangers are like Balaam’s donkey:
4. How Christian strangers are not like Balaam:
5. How Christian strangers are not like Balaam’s donkey:
6. The danger of following Balaam's way:

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Arranged in Chronological Order

Apr 22	Mon	1 Chronicles 1-2
Apr 23	Tue	Psalms 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87
Apr 24	Wed	1 Chronicles 3-5
Apr 25	Thur	Psalms 73, 77-78
Apr 26	Fri	1 Chronicles 6
Apr 27	Sat	Psalms 81, 88, 92-93
Apr 28	Sun	1 Chronicles 7-10