

In Our Prayers...

**Requester's name is in parentheses*

Sarah Willmon (Brandy Wheeler) – Sarah has been diagnosed with a colon infection. It may heal on its own, but doctors are watching closely in case surgery is needed.

Matt Sims (Debbie Sutherlin) – Debbie Sutherlin's cousin, Matt, has been in treatment in a Phoenix hospital for extreme infection.

Alford Hannah (Joe Puckett) – Alford has suffered complications from an attempted bypass in his leg. Insurance is creating a roadblock to further care.

Melinda Black (Susie Puckett) – Melinda (Susie's cousin) is home in San Angelo now and continues her infection recovery.

Ongoing Health Concerns — Lyle Provost; Shirlean Johnson; Jim Beaver; Miriam Rodriguez; Vashara; Ken Williard's daughter-in-law; Yolanda & Judy Woody; Cailin Porter; Bobby Arnett; 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

Work Day at the Church Building Saturday, October 10th, beginning at 8 am we will work on some chores around the church building. Our main focus will be on finishing the exterior paint on the education building.

Fundamentals of the Faith Bible Study Sunday, October 11th, there will be a Bible study meeting for all who are interested in reviewing the basic teachings of Christianity. After morning worship, we'll share lunch in the education building. The Bible study will follow.

Mobile Medical Clinic for Veterans 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.



The Role of the Woman and the Bride

By Brian Moats

Eve was created as a helper, or battle-mate, for Adam. God gifted the woman with a feminine nature and calling, and her primary place of warfare is found in the home and domestic work. The serpent loves a weak household, so the godly helper engages in the fight under the banner of her lord and husband in the home.

The excellent wife brings food from afar, provides food for the household, considers fields and buys them. She is dressed in strength and puts her hand to the spindle. She opens her hands to the poor and needy, and her husband is known in the gates. Her lamp does not go out at night. (Proverbs 31)

This is thus true of the bride of Christ Jesus, the church. The work of the church on earth is a domestic task. The church is preparing and adorning the earth to be a fit home for her husband.* This domestic work is warfare, an attack on lurking dragons and powers on their fool's errand.



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How do we, the church, do this domestic work in the world?

The church feeds the needy bread and wine, spreading a feast and welcoming all. We decorate the earth with beauty, from grand cathedrals to knit socks for newborns. We buy and purchase the fields and the plains, building a kingdom for our Lord and Head. We are dressed in strength for battle, the full armor of God, and we clothe the naked in the righteous clothing of our Lord. We keep our light shining into the night, giving a promise of hope for all who dwell in darkness. (Proverbs 31)

Both men and women are in the bride. Men lead the church and home in strength, and women follow their heads in dignity.

Let us all, then, get to our assigned battle-lines as we prepare this world as a home for our Bridegroom. And on the last day, heaven and earth will meet, and our Lord Jesus Christ will come home to dwell with His bride forever.

* This is a reflection that the author holds to one of the historic Christian models of the end times. The model is called "postmillennialism." In this view, the "new earth" is the result of the efforts of the church before the second coming of Christ.

A Merry Heart Does Good for the Soul

A minister is walking down the street one day when he notices a small boy trying to use the doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach.

After watching the boy's efforts for some time the pastor walks across the street up to the little fellow and rings the doorbell.

Kneeling down next to the child, the pastor smiles and asks, "And now what, my little man?" To which the boy replies, "Run!"

Two Ways to Get on God’s Bad Side

Luke 11:37-54

Two Ways to Get on God’s Bad Side

- 1. Externalism

- 2. Legalism

The Great Peril of These Ways

The Good News: Jesus

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

October 5	Mon	Ezekiel 3
October 6	Tue	Ezekiel 4
October 7	Wed	Ezekiel 5
October 8	Thur	Ezekiel 6
October 9	Fri	Ezekiel 7