

# In Our Prayers...

*\*Requester's name is in parentheses*

**Ken Williard** (Larry McKesson) – Ken's daughter-in-law has a tumor. Diagnosis is pending further testing. Ken's brother-in-law passed away late last month.

**Jodi James** – Jodi broke her elbow recently.

**Leon Beaver** (Joe Puckett) – Leon's liver is no longer functioning. Low kidney function is keeping him off of the transplant list for now.

**Kenny & Travis Sutherlin** (Kenny Sutherlin) – Kenny and his son, Travis, are experiencing similar health symptoms. Doctors have not been able to diagnose yet.

**Brad & Sarah McGlothlin** (Nathan Wheeler) – Brad and Sarah, of Oklahoma City, plan to begin studies at Bear Valley this fall.

**Ongoing Health Concerns** — Dennis Dahlke; Judy Woody; Cailin Porter; Bobby Arnett; Miriam Nij; Judy at Needham Elementary; David Frederick; Rick Hales; Scarlett Siner; Bill Harrell; Joe Shattuck; 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

**Special Contribution for Youth Camp** Thank you all for contributing funds last Sunday for the Four Corners Youth Encampment. We collected \$700 to send to them this year!

**June Potluck Fellowship** Our June potluck fellowship is in two weeks, on Sunday, June 28<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.



# ***The Durango Disciple***

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## **I Pledge Allegiance**

By Nathan G. Wheeler

Today is “Flag Day” for the United States of America.

Growing up in Cub Scouts (and, briefly, Boy Scouts), I remember learning about the symbolism of the flag. As I remember it, the stars represent the fifty states, of course. The thirteen red and white stripes represent the original thirteen colonies that united to become the United States.

Both in scouting and in school, I also grew up pledging allegiance to the Republic represented by this flag.

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands....”

I never really thought about what it meant to pledge “allegiance” to anything. Allegiance has to do with obedience, duty, and faithfulness. Is it proper for a Christian to promise *allegiance* to anything but the Kingdom of God?

To whom do Christians owe our *obedience*? In his Great Commission, Jesus called the Apostles to teach Christians “to obey everything I have commanded you,” (Matt 28:20). The Apostle Peter wrote that Christians were chosen by God “for obedience to Jesus Christ,” (1 Pet 1:2). Also, Peter and John put

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the matter quite plainly when they told the Jewish Sanhedrin, “We must obey God rather than men,” (Ac 5:29). Not that we are to disobey established authorities under most circumstances. Paul wanted Titus to teach the church on the island of Crete “to be submissive to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work,” (Tit 3:1).



Who has the right to require anything of Christians as a *duty*? King Solomon wrote, “Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man,” (Eccl 12:13). The Apostle John taught that every Christian’s duty is just what that name implies: *to be like Christ*! He wrote that every believer “ought to walk in the same way in which he walked,” (1 John 2:6).

Finally, to whom must Christians be *faithful*? In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus warned against dividing one’s loyalty between God and worldly wealth (i.e., “Mammon”). He said, “No one can serve two masters...he will be devoted to one and despise the other,” (Matt 6:24). In 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, Paul was concerned that those Christians were at risk of being “led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.” Such would mean they followed “a different Jesus” in “a different spirit” hoping in “a different gospel.”

Since God’s word teaches that our obedience, our duty, and our faithfulness must all be to God’s Kingdom in the name of Jesus, Christians must not promise our allegiance to any other master in the heavens or on the earth.

***Faith that Thrills Jesus***

Luke 7:1-10

1. The Honored Servant
2. The Worthy Patron
3. The Unworthy Confessor
4. The Marvelling Teaching
5. The Saved Servant

**Weekly Bible Reading Schedule**

June 15	Mon	Job 33 – 36
June 16	Tue	Job 37 – 40
June 17	Wed	Job 41 – Psalm 2
June 18	Thur	Psalm 3 – 6
June 19	Fri	Psalm 7 – 10