

# In Our Prayers...

*\*Requester's name is in parentheses*

**Jeff Hopkins** (*Sandy Hopkins*) – Jeff's back surgery this past Tuesday went very well. He remains in the hospital for now.

**Judy** (*Susie Puckett*) – Judy is a nurse at Needham Elementary in Durango. She fell down some stairs at her home a couple of weeks ago, suffering broken legs and back. She was flown to Denver.

**Chad Mansfield** (*Larry McKesson*) – Chad's blood pressure is now under control. He is back at work and free of the previous troubles.

**Jeanie Mooring** (*Debbie Sutherlin*) – Jeanie had shoulder replacement surgery on March 10. Reports are that the surgery was successful.

**Ongoing Health Concerns** — Chad Mansfield; Bill Himes; David Frederick; Rick Hales; Scarlett Siner; Jan McKesson; Bill Harrell; Joe Shattuck; Josh Martin; Karen Crowson; Terry Wells.

**Door for the Word** — Ongoing Bible studies & effective means for spreading the gospel in and around Durango this year.

## Announcements

**Potluck Fellowship** Our March potluck is today, immediately following worship. Please make plans to stay and enjoy the family time!

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing** We are hosting brothers and sisters from Four Corners area congregations for a singing fellowship on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:00 p.m. Please plan to participate! We will serve a light supper afterward. If you would like to help with the food but have not done so already, please speak with Debbie Sutherlin.

**Work Days** We are having a word day Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> to clean up and de-clutter church facilities. We'll start around 9am. Also, 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.



# ***The Durango Disciple***

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## **A Family with Favor**

By Spencer Clark

When we read the early chapters of Acts, one striking aspect is the quality of the early family of God. They not only spent time together but also had “favor with all the people” (Acts 2:47). They were well-respected by the community for their actions and attitudes.

This raises an important question for us: Are we well-respected by our community? I do not believe the answer lies in trying to please as many people as possible. Peter clearly teaches that “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29). If our primary goal becomes pleasing others in hopes of attracting them to our church or faith, we risk compromising the truth and obeying man instead of God. Peter and the Apostles certainly did not compromise their beliefs to meet the expectations or demands of non-believers. However, the example in Acts shows us that there is power in being a people who are well-respected. They worshiped together, fellowshiped, supported one

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another, and were overall glad and generous (Acts 2:44-47).

Are we perhaps ashamed to share about our church or faith because of our reputation? Do people see us as honest and kind? Are we known for crude jokes? Do we stand up for what is right or for going along with the majority? Do they see us as hard-working or lazy? Would people look favorably upon the church because of us? This is one reason elders “must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil” (1 Tim 3:7). While not everyone will respect the truth, there is a general expectation that the way we carry ourselves should reflect Christ and his church.

Are we living as a family that is respected by our community? If not, perhaps we have work to do individually and collectively to shine the light of Christ into the dark corners of the world rather than hiding there ourselves.

### **A Merry Heart Does Good for the Soul**

My windows aren't dirty, that's my dog's nose art.

Everyone brings joy to this office. Some when they enter, some when they leave.

Remember, as far as anyone else knows, we are a normal family.

Forget the dog. Beware of owner.

Sometimes the best part of my job is that the chair spins.

Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.

## **Sermon Notes**

### The Gospel Jesus Preached Luke 4:16-30

#### 1. Good News to the Poor

A. Set the \_\_\_\_\_ free!

B. Let the \_\_\_\_\_ now \_\_\_\_\_ !

C. Set free the \_\_\_\_\_ !

#### 2. The Year of the Lord's Favor

#### 3. Not by Bread Alone

## **Weekly Bible Reading Schedule**

Mar 23	Mon	Judges 18 – 21
Mar 24	Tue	Ruth 1 – 4
Mar 25	Wed	1 Samuel 1 – 4
Mar 26	Thur	1 Samuel 5 – 8
Mar 27	Fri	1 Samuel 9 – 12