

In Our Prayers...

**Requester's name is in parentheses*

Timothy Collins (Debbie Sutherlin) — Timothy has applied to join the Air Force. Pray that a minor back issue does not disqualify him.

Jerry & Paula Harms — Jerry's retirement from City of Durango; he and Paula relocating to Montrose, CO.

Jeff Hopkins — Various tests ongoing in preparation for spine surgery.

Bereavement — Marge Himes family; Charlene Jones family; Jimmy Mooring family.

Health concerns- — Bill Himes; Paula Dahlke; Glenda Fields; Monica (local resident); Ruth Sutherlin; Connie Holley; Jeanie Mooring's sister, Kathy.

Door for the Word — Guidance for spreading the gospel in and around Durango this year.

Additions:



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News and Announcements

Creation Concert at FLC April 13th and 14th the Performing Arts Department of Fort Lewis College is presenting classical concert music on the theme of creation. If you would like to attend as a group, let Nathan or Brandy know.

Hospitality Needed Nikki Bahler and her family visited here last July. She will be back in Durango by herself in April 14th—17th and needs a place to stay. If you can help, see Nathan Wheeler for more information.

Singing Youth of Denver Mark your calendar for Sunday evening, April 21st. A Christian youth chorus from Denver will be with us to share a program of spiritual songs. More details to follow.

For the Ladies There are events for Christian women coming up in April and June. See flyers posted in the foyer for more information.

"The man who doesn't read his Bible

has no advantage over the man who has no Bible."

— Albert M. Wells, Jr.

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Service Times

Bible Study

Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday 7p.m.

Worship

Sunday 10:20 a.m.



Scripture Reading: Genesis 25:19-34

5 R's of a Restoration Movement

7 The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple, (Psalm 19:7).

19 Therefore, thus says the LORD, "If you return, then I will restore you-- Before Me you will stand," (Jeremiah 15:19).

19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness," (2 Timothy 2:19)..

Those who established the Durango church of Christ learned the Christian faith from predecessors in the "Restoration Movement." This form of Christian revival emerged among several key figures close to 1800. Something had gone wrong in the practice of Christianity and they knew Christians must get back to the Bible in obedience to Jesus.

That is the spirit of "restoration." Something is wrong and needs to be corrected. While there are things we can do about it, restoration is truly the work of God through his word.

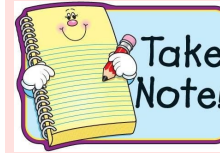
For that reason, Restoration Movement churches, such as ours, love reading the Bible. We know that God uses those holy writings to impart knowledge of his will and to supply spiritual power to put that knowledge into practice.

The first step in practicing what we read is always repentance. This spiritual motion is so fundamental to Christianity that Paul named "abstain from wickedness" as a primary identifying mark of the Church of God Jesus is building (2 Tim 2:19; Matt 16:18). More than merely regretting wrong things of our past, repentance takes decisive action to correct them. For God in Noah's day, repentance meant cleansing the wicked earth with a global flood (Gen 6:6, 7). For Zacchaeus it meant paying quadruple to people he had defrauded (Lk 19:8).

When we seek God's restoration of us by repenting according to what we read in God's word, we find righteousness in two ways. First, by God's gracious provision in Jesus we are counted righteous ("justified"), in spite of our unworthiness (Rom 3:21-26). Second, Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, helps us to follow through and live righteously (Matt 5:20; Heb 4:15, 16).

Finally, because of all of these things Christians whom God is restoring find ourselves rejoicing. In churches of Christ, we love to get together to sing hymns, praising "the excellencies" of God (1 Pet 2:9).

— Nathan Wheeler



Sermon Notes
Practice Makes Perfect
2 Peter 1:3-11

- 1. The gift of the gospel already includes
2. Become complete as a Christian by practicing

- A. Excellence
B. Knowledge
C. -Control
D.
E. Christian
F. Brotherly
G. love.

3. These are the spiritual of living life Christianly.

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Arranged in Chronological Order

Table with 3 columns: Date, Day, and Bible Reference. Rows include Mar 18 (Mon, Deuteronomy 24-27) through Mar 24 (Sun, Joshua 9-11).