

## In Our Prayers...

*\*Requester's name is in parentheses*

**The Connie Holley Family** (Debbie Sutherlin) — Connie passed away earlier this week after enduring many health troubles.

**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

**Potluck Today** Immediately following worship today, we will enjoy food and fellowship in the education building basement. Please come and share together.

**Montrose Ladies Day** The Montrose church of Christ invites all ladies for a Ladies Day event April 12 & 13. See the flyer posted in the foyer for more details.

**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. Students 18 and under are free. FLC students are free. Adults \$20. Adults over 65 \$10.

**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.

Bulletin, *noun*;

1. something to read during the sermon;
2. a fan used in churches without air conditioning;
3. your receipt for attending church.

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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 26

### He Will Always Welcome Us

*“Oh, that we might know the LORD!  
Let us press on to know him.*

*He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring.” (Hosea 6:3 NLT)*

The vernal equinox is the natural and “official” beginning of the spring season. This is when the sun aligns precisely with the equator. This means day and night are equal in length for that twenty-four hour period. This happened for the Northern Hemisphere of the earth last Tuesday.

The amazing thing is that my calendar was preprinted to show that last Tuesday would be the first day of spring—the vernal equinox! That was no lucky guess. That was no accident. Astronomers are able to predict the occurrence of these things, because God has created the heavens to move in orderly and quite precise ways (Gen 1:14).

In Hosea 6, the dependability of the arrival of spring is compared to God’s faithfulness. The prophet says of God, “his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth,” (v. 3).

Why will God move that way? Why will God so surely “come to us”?

God wants his people to repent of their wickedness. Before this passage, God spoke about coming to his people in wrath; to punish them and tear them apart for their sinfulness. What he really wants is for them to repent so that God can come to them in love and healing—so that he can come to them like the rains of spring after a harsh winter.

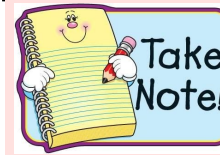
Are spring rains really that dependable, though? Here in the mountains of the Southwest we experience drought—at times severe drought. The rains don’t always come when we think they are needed. Yet, eventually it does rain again.

So, God teaches us to know him.

We ought always to love him, because God always loves us. When we fail to love him, we must repent—return to him. He will always welcome us with open arms.

Still, a day is coming when there will be no more rain or seasons or chances to repent (Heb 1:10-12). God will still be there, and we must face him. Let us be sure we stand before him with Jesus.

— Nathan Wheeler



## Sermon Notes

### Remember the Promises

2 Peter 1:12-15

1. God promised
2. The token of God’s promises is
3. Disciples of Jesus promised
4. The token of our promises is

## Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

*Arranged in Chronological Order*

Mar 25	Mon	Joshua 12-15
Mar 26	Tue	Joshua 16-18
Mar 27	Wed	Joshua 19-21
Mar 28	Thur	Joshua 22-24
Mar 29	Fri	Judges 1-2
Mar 30	Sat	Judges 3-5
Mar 31	Sun	Judges 6-7