

# In Our Prayers...

*\*Requester's name is in parentheses*

**Larry McKesson** (Larry McKesson) – Larry is to have knee replacement surgery tomorrow.

**Larissa Mansfield** (Larry McKesson) – Larissa had some difficulties as she began studying at Harding University this fall. She is doing well now.

**Ongoing Health Concerns** — Larry McKesson; Jerry Lacy; Josh Martin; Judy Jones; Brandy Wheeler; Rick Hales; Jan McKesson; Karen Crowson; Victoria Pettigrew; Jesse Charles; Jeff Foster; Terry Wells.

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

## 1 John 3 v 1 Word Search

F E A O T E N T K C S N M T O O S O L T L E  
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R A K F E S E D O D S S S H P H U E H T A A  
D H A P T G A L A D A R U N A T I S N A I A  
H F G R T S W O N T A O E T O W H A T O I L  
O T T I H T A S O E R O E N H R L E F A E E  
N E E R A T E D I E E G O O N E L A N P S F  
U R I O T O A I A E I D H A H A S R C T N A  
E A C D T B F H O O E O M E A A M O O B N G  
A D B P E S I L T W N G H I I E E A N E E O  
F A T H E R I I O H A F B S O A R N L S P O  
H P O N R R T T R V O O M R I N N D I H R B  
G L C T S H S E I H E P U P O N R W A O E L  
D E N H D E L L A C E B W A T E R R R U A D  
D H R F B P O R N R L M E E E H G N F L E I  
O S M O D W E D S T A A R A L W A O I D U D

Behold what manner of love  
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### Service Times

**Bible Study**  
Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday 7p.m.

**Worship**  
Sunday 10:20 a.m.



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## **God's Waiting Ones**

By Mark Lindley

Waiting on God is one of the greatest challenges in living the Christian life. Isaiah, an Old Testament prophet to Judah, attempted to encourage God's people to wait on God. "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

Isaiah wrote these words before the people of Judah were taken into captivity. However, God knew there would come a time when His people, being held in Babylonian captivity, would need the encouragement to "wait upon the Lord." We can only imagine how Isaiah's words must have served as a source of strength and encouragement as the people of Judah waited for God to provide deliverance from captivity. Isaiah's words also comfort and encourage God's people today to "wait."

What does it mean to "wait upon the Lord?" It means to rely on the Lord; to trust Him; to anticipate His divine help. How difficult it is to "wait" when one is afraid, lonely, or grieving the loss of a loved one! Facing such emotions, one wants a quick fix, something to immediately alleviate one's problems. The last

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thing one would want to do is to “wait.”

When the psalmist was facing turbulent times, he decided that it was best to “be still” (Psalm 46:10a). To “be still” or to “wait” upon the Lord does not mean that one is inactive. It does mean, however, that one is trusting God, not oneself, to provide strength and guidance.

Observe the blessings God imparts to His waiting ones: “they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” At first glance, it may appear that the ideas of this verse should be re-arranged. Why does Isaiah mention flying, then running, and then walking? If an uninspired person were writing this verse, he might write about walking first, then running, and then flying. But Isaiah’s order is right because it is inspired. Perhaps, the order of the ideas suggests that there are times when God’s people feel they are soaring as an eagle over all temptations and problems. Then, there are times when Christians are running the Christian race with patience (Hebrews 12:1-2). More often, however, God’s people must simply “walk” in faith, waiting upon the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:7).

It is the daily “walking”—not the soaring or running—that takes such great faith and patience! But look at the promise: Those who “walk,” waiting upon the Lord, will not faint! Why not? God will renew their strength. What a wonderful, inspiring promise for God’s waiting ones!

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## **Remain in Him**

1 John 2:28-3:10

1. We will have confidence at the \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. We practice \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. We are not of this \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. We make no excuse for \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. We have divine \_\_\_\_\_ for righteousness.

Nourish the \_\_\_\_\_ , God will produce the \_\_\_\_\_ .

## **Weekly Bible Reading Schedule**

Oct 4	Mon	1 John 3
Oct 5	Tue	1 John 4
Oct 6	Wed	1 John 5
Oct 7	Thur	2 John
Oct 8	Fri	3 John