

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.

Charlene Jones Family (Russ Jones) — Charlene Jones passed away recently. Pray for family and friends grieving her loss.

Bill Himes (Brandy Wheeler) — Brandy Wheeler's dad, adjusting to the loss of his wife of 53 years, Marge Himes. Bill also has several ongoing health concerns.

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

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

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

Additions:

The church of Christ in Durango

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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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News and Announcements

Provo Mission Update Mark Collins' February report about the Provo mission is posted in the foyer.

Men's Business Meeting There will be a bi-monthly men's business meeting this Saturday, March 9, 7 am in the Annex basement.

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.

"Faith is like radar that sees through the fog—the reality of things at a distance that the human eye cannot see."

— Corrie Ten Boom



Scripture Reading: Genesis 24:32-61

Nourish the Roots, Produce the Fruits

⁶ And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸ And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹ Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”
 (Luke 13:6-9 ESV)

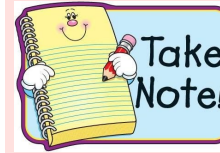
There is no better food than “garden fresh” fruits and vegetables. I confess that I gladly pay the premium price for “vine-ripened” tomatoes at the grocery store. My favorites, though, are fresh picked, ripe strawberries, raspberries, and cherries. Come on, summer!

There is nothing gardeners can do directly to make that kind of fruit. There is no technique that can be used on the stems or vines of the plants to cause a blossom to grow. There is no procedure you or I could do to cause the blossom to begin to form as the fruit. There is no treatment anyone can apply to that young fruit to make it grow and ripen to an edible and nutritious mature form.

My dad was always busy with his gardens (except in the winter time, of course). I have a clear memory as a young boy growing up in Burlington, Washington, of Dad mixing up some foul smelling goo in a watering can. I asked him what he was doing. He said he was “feeding” some of his vegetables. That was a strange idea then, but now I understand. While Dad couldn’t directly cause nutritious food to grow for his family, by feeding the plants at their roots, he knew that healthy plants would eventually produce the food we needed.

Isn’t this why you and I gather time after time for Bible study? Isn’t it why, as we have opportunity, we also study the Bible privately? By returning constantly to the teachings of God, preserved in writing for us in the Bible, we hope that our own spiritual roots in Jesus will be nourished. We trust that according to God’s purposes for his word, that nourishment will make us “good trees” (Matthew 12:33). As that is the case, our lives will naturally produce the fruit God desires.

— Nathan Wheeler



Sermon Notes

**Stand Together
by Jesus’s Word of Peace**

1 Peter 5:14

1. “Peace” illustrated: Mark 4:39.
2. Jesus speaks his word of peace now to the Church under pressure.
3. The peaceful Church multiplies fear in the enemies of Jesus.

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Arranged in Chronological Order

Mar 4	Mon	Numbers 23-25
Mar 5	Tue	Numbers 26-27
Mar 6	Wed	Numbers 28-30
Mar 7	Thur	Numbers 31-32
Mar 8	Fri	Numbers 33-34
Mar 9	Sat	Numbers 35-36
Mar 10	Sun	Deuteronomy 1-2