

## *In Our Prayers...*

*\*Requester's name is in parentheses*

**The Family of Marge Himes** (Brandy Wheeler) — Brandy is in Iowa for February, helping her dad in the aftermath of her mother's passing.

**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:

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### **Do Good to Everyone**

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We must understand such opportunities as God's calling upon our lives in that moment. None of us can feed every hungry person. But what about the one hungry person who actually asks you for help?

In that moment, the fact of the "opportunity" is what matters. We are on the hook, no matter whether they are friend or foe. Surely, they are part of "everyone" to whom we must do good.

— Nathan Wheeler

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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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### **Do Good to Everyone**

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith," (Gal 6:9, 10).

"Everyone's invited!" Those are great words to hear when the wedding is coming to a close, and the reception is being announced. Those are great words to hear, also, when colleagues in the workplace are talking about leaving early to go to dinner together. It is affirming to be included and valued.

Paul commands in Galatians 6:10 that "everyone" is to whom we as Christians are to "do good." That is a lot of people! Also, that represents many difficult problems. So many are struggling to make ends meet for their households. So many don't even have homes! There are many who suffer directly due to ungodly lifestyles they are living. How do Christians "do good" for all of those

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**Scripture Reading: Genesis 22**

**Do Good to Everyone**

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people?

Jesus taught that the greatest commandment is to “love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.” The command that is next in line instructs us in *how* to love God according to the first commandment: “love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matt 22:37-39)

So, we are correct to understand Paul’s command to “do good” according to Jesus’s command to “love your neighbor as yourself.”

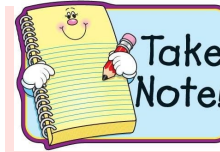
In another place, Jesus illustrated loving your neighbor in his story we know as “The Good Samaritan,” (Luke 10:25-37). It is a story about an enemy having compassion on someone in desperate need. He uses his own resources of time and money to help him through that time of need. So, “do good to everyone” means using our personal resources to help people through their time of need.

This is so vital for faithful Christians that Jesus said our salvation will be determined based on whether we clothed the naked, fed the hungry, visited the imprisoned, etc. (Matt 25:31-46).

But which ones? Jesus can’t expect us to do good to everyone who is in prison or sick or hungry or naked or lonely, can he? None of us has enough time or money for that.

The answer is in Paul’s phrase, “as we have opportunity.” What is an “opportunity”? In Jesus’s story, the Samaritan just happened to be traveling on the road where the Jewish man lay suffering his injuries. Similarly, notice that Jesus did not go looking for sick people to heal. Rather, he healed those whom he happened to encounter along the way as he went about his actual mission of preaching the gospel from town to town.

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**Sermon Notes**

**Sheepish Faith**

1 Peter 5:6-11

1. I need \_\_\_\_\_ .
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is near.
  
3. The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_ .

Two men are on opposite sides of the river. The first man shouts, “How do I get to the other side of the river?” The other man yells, “You *are* on the other side of the river!”



**Weekly Bible Reading Schedule**

*Arranged in Chronological Order*

Feb 12	Mon	Exodus 39-40
Feb 13	Tue	Leviticus 1-4
Feb 14	Wed	Leviticus 5-7
Feb 15	Thur	Leviticus 8-10
Feb 16	Fri	Leviticus 11-13
Feb 17	Sat	Leviticus 14-15
Feb 18	Sun	Leviticus 16-18