

In Our Prayers...

**Requester's name is in parentheses*

Leon Beaver (Joe Puckett) – After nearly dying from severe illness, Leon has been home now for several days and doing much better.

Jodi James – Jodi broke her elbow recently.

Kenny & Travis Sutherlin (Kenny Sutherlin) – Kenny and his son, Travis, are experiencing similar health symptoms. Doctors have not been able to diagnose yet.

Brad & Sarah McGlothlin (Nathan Wheeler) – Brad and Sarah, of Oklahoma City, plan to begin studies at Bear Valley this fall.

Ongoing Health Concerns — Ken Williard's daughter-in-law; Judy Woody; Cailin Porter; Bobby Arnett; Miriam Nij; Judy at Needham Elementary; David Frederick; Rick Hales; Scarlett Siner; Bill Harrell; Joe Shattuck; Josh Martin; Karen Crowson; Terry Wells.

Door for the Word – Pray for relationships with the lost that lead to opportunities to talk about Jesus.

Announcements

June Potluck Fellowship Our June potluck fellowship is **today** following worship services.

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Service Times

Bible Study

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Worship

Sunday 10:20 a.m.



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Why Would Our Neighbors Come Out to Our Place?

By Nathan G. Wheeler

The massive World Cup soccer tournament is underway across North America, and most of the venues are in the U.S.A. Many from around the world are visiting our country for the first time. A major news story recently is how surprised our visitors are. Contrary to what they read at home, the U.S. has great food, friendly people, and fine facilities for soccer fans.

They would never know how good the U.S.A. can be if we were not hosting the World Cup. Their interest to attend that event motivated them to risk some expense and discomfort in our country.

The same is true for Durango folks visiting our church on Sundays. They don't bother to visit us. Our experience is teaching us that Durangoans (a.k.a. "Durangotangs") are not motivated to get out for worship services like ours.

I think that's okay. Worship is about God, not us who gather before Him. It is a time for disciples of Jesus to cor-

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porately express our devotion to Jesus and to God the Father whom Jesus leads us to serve. That is not an appropriate strategy for outreach to non-believers.

Still, we can borrow a page from the present experience of the U.S. As the World Cup motivated many to come here who would not have come otherwise, there must be one event or activity we could host that our neighbors already want to go out to do. They get out for the farmers market, rodeos, live music, cultural festivals, outdoor sports, great food, protests, parades, and more. What would our resources (buildings, lawns, parking lot, finances, people) allow us to do?

Hosting something our neighbors would want to come out to our place to do would be a golden opportunity to begin relationships with many kinds of people living around us. For some of them, it might be their first experience of Christian hospitality. For a few, it might be the first step on a path on which they meet Jesus for themselves and begin to follow Him.

A Merry Heart Does Good for the Soul

Why wasn't Boaz a nice man before he got married? He was Ruthless.

"A priest, a rabbi, and a minister walk into a bar. The bartender says, 'What is this, a joke?'"

What time of day did God create Adam? Just before eve.

It wasn't the apple in the tree that got us in trouble, but the pair on the ground.

***What to Expect When You're Expecting
the Kingdom of God***

Luke 7:18 – 35

1. Expect to be _____ .

2. Expect to be _____ .

3. Expect to be _____ .

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

June 29	Mon	Psalm 31 – 34
June 30	Tue	Psalm 35 – 38
July 1	Wed	Psalm 39 – 42
July 2	Thur	Psalm 43 – 46
July 3	Fri	Psalm 47 – 50
