

Family Matters

Church of Christ • Bayfield, Colorado

January 21, 2007

No Virtual Reality

Most people have heard these popular saying, "You had to be there," or "It made more sense in person." The essence of these sayings is that some things must be experienced in order to understand them. So, too, man's relationship with his Creator.

Christ is the only surrogate, the only mediator. No man can intercede for another; no creature can adequately convey the personality of the infinite Creator to the finite. One must be there himself—in person. Your parents, your church, your wife, your clean living, nothing will do it for you. You have to experience Jesus Christ for yourself.

— J. A. Gillmartin
sheepcribone.blogspot.com



"I JUST KNOW IT'S GOING TO SNOW TODAY. MAYBE WE SHOULD CALL OFF CHURCH. WHAT DO YOU THINK?"

"I THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE STUDIED FOR YOUR SERMON IS WHAT I THINK!"

Daily Bible Reading

	New Testament	Old Testament
Sunday	Luke 9:1-17	Ezra 3-4
Monday	Luke 9:18-36	Ezra 5-6
Tuesday	Luke 9:37-56	Ezra 7
Wednesday	Luke 9:57-10:16	Ezra 8
Thursday	Luke 10:17-37	Ezra 9
Friday	Luke 10:38-11:13	Ezra 10
Saturday	Luke 11:14-36	Nehemiah 1

Prayer Concerns



If you have someone in the prayer concerns, please take one of the yellow cards and write an update on the back so we will know how each are progressing and if they still need on the list. Put in the collection plate.

NEW

- Brian Young-jail
- Jeannie Schmidt's mom, Patty Riecke, has been diagnosed with a lung disease.
- Lola's brother, Ralph Mchenry, having knee problems and needs long time care. He has fallen and is sometimes disoriented.
- Jessica Hill having health problems.
- Harry Mortimer

CANCER

- Linda E.'s dad, Oscar, will be having surgery tomorrow in Santa Fe. The doctor thinks the tumor is benign.
- Leroy Beaver
- Dan McClure's daughter, Sam
- Gene's mother, Terecia
- Debbie Brown's sister, Tammy
- Ginger's brother-in-law, Earl Peterson
- Stan Williams
- Montey Warlick
- Mike H.'s mother, Fern

OTHER ILLNESSES

- Mary Lynn Malone
- Linda Ebert's niece, Miranda
- Linda Ebert's cousin, Mikey Powers
- Tyler Yager
- Angela Westbrook
- Shannon Petersen
- Harold Fair (back surgery)
- Jodi's friend, Ashley
- Monty's grandmother, Nadine Ford
- Gladys' friend, Janie Tubbs

- Gladys' friend, Mary Ann Adams
- Brian Wells, Sandra's son (kidney transplant)
- Darren Cowger
- Hannah's great granddaughter (kidney)
- Eugene Westbrook
- Traci Bartalo
- Twilla's sister-in-law's sister

VARIOUS NEEDS

- Ginger's granddaughter, Ginny
- Kenneth McCoy (aneurism in stomach)
- Cameron Lora (stomach attacks)
- Carolynne's cousin, Hewey
- Hall Branch
- Wayne Culbreth
- Linda Manley's brother-in-law, David Grey
- Linda Manley's brother, Larry
- Ryan Lopez
- Brian, Alisha, and Jeremy
- Juanita
- Ruth Sutherland
- Howard and Lucille
- Shannon Petersen's cousin

PREGNANCIES

- Ginger's niece, Karen
- Jeri's sister, Jaki
- Jessica Pennington

MILITARY

- Linda E.'s nephew, Christian (Baghdad)
- Dylan (Iraq)
- Matthew Laas (Iraq)
- Bob and Sue Deitz grandson, Andrew

Activities



- Mac will be taking pictures this morning for the picture board and directory in the nursery.
- If you are interested in going to the Marriage Seminar with Joe Beam in Farmington Feb. 9-10, please let Tobi know so that we can get you a ticket.
- Secret Prayer Sister forms are on the table. Please give to Barbie by Sunday, Feb. 4. This session will run Feb.-May.
- Dylans' goodie box. It will be mailed February 7.
- If you know of families in Bayfield or Ignacio who have children or a spouse in Iraq, please let Carolynne or Sandra know.
- CHANGE OF PLANS. Ladies' Night Out will be Tuesday, Jan. 23, in the Family Building at 6:30. Supper will be provided. Melinda will be teaching us to make pie crust.
- The Serenity Group (Spiritual Recovery Fellowship) meets Monday evenings at 7:00 downstairs in the main building.
- Ladies' Bible Class Tuesday morning 9:30-11:00 in The Family Building.
- Wednesday Night Meals 6:00 in the Family Building. \$3.00 per person.

Repeated Words in Romans 3:21-4:25

In our scripture reading this morning pay attention to the repetition. Paul has a message he wants to get firmly planted into the minds of the Christians in Rome. It is a message that we need as well.

- righteousness** – (12x in this section) = used to indicate what God wants of men – upright, justice, righteousness (in sense of fulfilling divine expectations)
- justify** – (6x in this section – also in v. 20) = show justice to someone, justify, acquit
- law** – (12x in this section – 4 other times if include verses 19-20) = law, rule governing one's actions – sometimes it is used specifically of what we refer to as the OT.
- faith** – (18x in this section) = that which causes trust/faith, oath, trust, confidence, faith (active sense – believing)
- believe** – (7x in this section) = believing in something
- work** – (5x in this section) = deed/action – works

(word description comes from A Greek English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature)

NOTES:

Thank you, Lord, for the blessing of snow. How beautiful it is, and what a blessing it is for the spring. Anything worthwhile will have its challenges and discomfort. Education does



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not come easy. Each class requires discipline to study and a determination to complete the work required for the course. Being physically fit does not happen without putting the effort into exercise. The blessing of water during the summer means we will get to deal with snow and rain in their seasons. It may change our plans a little and be an inconvenience, but the blessings far outweigh the interruption. Along with our thanksgiving for the moisture, we may need to ask for forgiveness for the times we grumble.

What did you think about the scripture reading in Luke 7:29-30? There is a parenthetical statement that indicates where certain people's hearts were. It was backward to what should have been expected. "All the people, even the tax-collectors," I had to smile at this, "acknowledged that God's way was right." Why? Because "they had been baptized by John." John had been preaching for people to be ready for Messiah. How? Sharing necessities with others, not overcharging people, not accusing people falsely, and being content with your pay (see Luke 3:10-14). When people came to understand the rightness of John's message, they were ready to hear and follow Jesus. Hmmm. Are we ready to hear Jesus? Our world argues with Jesus constantly. Unfortunately, so do many who claim to be Christian. Many seem like the Pharisee and experts in law described in Luke 7:30. Get this, "they rejected God's purpose for themselves . . ." They were more intent on their own understanding and so called wisdom. They studied God's law and thought they had it figured out. But, they missed Jesus. Why? Luke says it was because they had not been baptized by John. What's that got to do with missing Jesus? As I understand it they were too intent on their own wants. Their preconceived ideas about God blinded them from seeing. Knowing God comes when we are willing to repent and change our way in favor of his. It is then we recognize truth (see 1 Corinthians 2:14). If we wait until things make sense before we change to be like Jesus, we will not change. Things make sense when we are open to change as seen in God's word. May we not "reject God's purpose" for our lives. May we see Jesus with clarity.

–Love, Gene

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Sunday:

Bible Classes 9:00 A.M.
Worship 10:00 A.M.
Worship 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday:

Ladies Bible Class . 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.
Devotional 7:45 P.M.

Servants

For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. (2 Corinthians 4:5, NIV)

Elders

Harvey Cundiff 884-9074
Ian Fair 259-4781
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Monty Cundiff 884-1363
Dick Holway 884-9103
Ron Penning 884-7175
Lance Taylor 883-2374

Minister

Gene Chapin 884-9280
Doug Hooten 884-2549

Small Groups

	LOCATION	LEADERS
Group 1	Auditorium	Frank Van Tassel & Harvey Cundiff
Group 2	Moyers' 308 E. East St.	Bart Moyers & David Ebert
Group 3	Hately's 4040 CR 509	Mike Hately & J. Paul Brown
Group 4	Family Building (teens)	Doug Hooten & Mark Huffmyer
Group 5	Melinda Cundiff's (Young Adults) 2253 CR 516	Doug Hooten & Gene Chapin (This group meets at noon)