

Study & Worship Schedule

Sunday

Bible Study — 9:30 a.m.
Worship — 10:20 a.m.
Afternoon Worship — 1:30 pm.

Wednesday

Bible Study — 7:00 p.m.

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Weekly Bible Reading

“like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,” 2 Peter 2:1

Let's Read Through the New Testament Every Month

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| Monday: | 2 Timothy 3 – Hebrews 4 |
| Tuesday: | Hebrews 5 – James 1 |
| Wednesday: | James 2 – 2 Peter 1 |
| Thursday: | 2 Peter 2 – Jude |
| Friday: | Revelation 1 – 11 |
| Saturday: | Revelations 12 – 22 |
| Sunday: | |

Know Your Bible Answer:

“Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself!”

~ 2 Corinthians 12:7

Mind Protein

“You can't pour from an empty cup, take care of yourself first.”
~ Anonymous

“In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.”

~ Mark 1:35

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5 Ways to Know if I'm Dying Spiritually

1. I'm happy and content with my current level of spirituality. *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”* (Matthew 5:6)
2. I have no interest in the mission of God's people which is saving souls. *“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who is wise wins souls.”* (Proverbs 11:30)
3. Worldly things attract me more than spiritual things. *“You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: ‘He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us’?”* (James 4:4–5)
4. I know there are changes God expects me to make in my life, but I keep putting them off. *“But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.”* (James 1:22)
5. My participation in worship on Sunday and other church gatherings is sporadic at best. *Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”* (Hebrews 10:24–25)

Jess Simpson
Durango, CO

Calendar

January

24-POT LUCK
27-Guy to preach two meetings in Texas
31-5th Sunday Singing in Aztec, NM

February

13-Men's business meeting
28-POT LUCK

2016 Theme: Higher Heights

Know Your Bible

What was the **main** purpose and intended function of Paul's "thorn in the flesh" according to 2 Corinthians 12:7?

Answer on back cover...

Prayer List

Koben Puckett ... Ruth Sutherlin ... LeRoy & RosaLee Cundiff ... Loren Hopkins ... Suzanne Puckett (brain cancer)

Brothers in the military:

Michael Ogle, Andrew Kays, Nathanael Harris

Family Happenings

Today is our first pot luck lunch of 2016. It's so uplifting to enjoy good food with good brothers and sisters in Christ who truly care about one another. If you are visiting with us today, please join us for our meal across the street immediately after worship since you are our honored guests.

Guy is working hard and preaching at several meetings in Texas. Please be praying that God's word will change people's lives in those efforts.

Be An Advocate

Also known as a champion, upholder, backer, supporter, everyone needs an advocate. From a Biblical perspective, Jesus is our Advocate (1 John 2:1). The idea behind the Biblical definition involves someone to come alongside and stand in the place of someone else.

The intent is not to make this post solely about Jesus and His role as our Advocate. The intent of this post is to consider our role as His followers.

- When people are struggling with their faith, do they know they have an advocate?
- When we see people dealing with the challenges of daily life, are we there as an advocate?
- When others are stepping out to accept responsibility, will we be an advocate for them?

Everyone needs to know someone will be there by their side to be a champion for them. Whether it is during a time of temptation, personal trial, or spiritual growth, Christians must be an advocate for their brethren.

The necessity of such is vital to the development of the Lord's church. Christians need to know the Advocate we have in Jesus and they need to know the advocate they have in church.

"But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin." (Hebrews 3:13)

Bob Turner
Denver, CO

Sunday Morning Auditorium Class

Action-Based Christianity — Acts chapter 10

Sunday Morning Sermon

Honing Your Spiritual Gifts

Sunday Afternoon Sermon

Tough Questions — "Doesn't the Bible say you can murder your children?"

Wednesday Evening Auditorium Class

Jess will be teaching class this evening