

Study & Worship Schedule

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.

Worship - 10:20 a.m.

Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Silverton Update...

We are pleased that **Kevin Baldwin** is now permanently moved to Silverton. He has been preaching there every Sunday for the past two and a half years, traveling each week from Denver. He is now on site and will devote his full time to bringing the gospel to Silverton. He has already baptized three since he began his work there. Let's continue to pray for **Kevin** and for the efforts being put forth in Silverton.

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Bible Reading For This Week

"Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path..."

Psalm 119:105

Mon	Matthew 7	Genesis 23-24
Tues	Matthew 8:1-17	Genesis 25-26
Wed	Matthew 8:18-38	Genesis 27-28
Thur	Matthew 9:1-17	Genesis 29-30
Fri	Matthew 9:18-38	Genesis 31-32
Sat	Matthew 10:1-20	Genesis 33-35
Sun	Matthew 10:21-42	Genesis 36-38

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With The End In Mind

In Peter's first epistle, he reminds his readers that we all live on borrowed time... *"The end of all things is at hand"* (1 Pet. 4:7). Since the end could come at any moment, the apostle has several exhortations for his readers in view of the conclusion of this life:

1. ***"Be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer"*** (v. 7). As we contemplate the brevity of life, we should think sensibly. Knowing that the end is coming, Christians should depend on God through prayer.
2. ***"Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins"*** (v. 8). Since we know that a Judgment Day is coming, we should be more tolerant of one another. When we love properly, we overlook the sins of others against us by not holding grudges. We're going to live with one another for eternity, therefore we should learn how to get along with one another now.
3. ***"Be hospitable to one another without complaint"*** (v. 9). We should never grow weary of opening our homes to fellow Christians who may have need of our help. We should also learn the attribute of "kindness" by receiving guests into our homes. Knowing the end is near should help us overcome any selfishness or any griping about being hospitable.
4. ***"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God"*** (v. 10). Our "gifts" are the result of God's grace and we should use these to benefit others. God has given every Christian an ability to do something in the kingdom. Knowing that the end is coming should motivate us to employ these gifts as God intended.

Yes, we're living on "borrowed time." How are we using it?

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On The Calendar...

2012

January

- 9 Area Preachers meet here in Durango
- 10 Guy to speak at the Fort Worth Lectures
- 11 Ladies class resumes
- 18 Ladies class meets
- 22 First pot luck of the new year
- 22 - 24 Guy in gospel meeting at Brownsville
- 25 Ladies class meets
- 25-27 Guy in gospel meeting at Port Isabel, TX
- 29 5th Sunday Singing at Eastside

February

- 1 Ladies class meets
- 8 Ladies class meets
- 14 Area Preachers meet here in Durango
- 15 Ladies class meets
- 22 Ladies class meets
- 26 Monthly POT LUCK

**2012 Theme:
"Exalting God"**

Prayer List:

Robert Watson... Koben Puckett... DeeAnn Bishopp... Ruth Sutherlin... Eliana Uribbari... Kitty Farrell... Ronnie Sautor... Shirley O'Hare... Peggy O'Hare... Joan Heller... Bob Miller... Let's also pray for the safety of our brothers and sisters who are still traveling during the holidays.

Brothers in the military:

Michael Ogle and Jason Reed

Guy To Fort Worth...

Guy is flying out this afternoon to speak at the Fort Worth Lectures. He will be returning on Thursday.

5th Sunday Singing...

It was announced last week at the area-wide worship assembly that the Eastside congregation in Farmington will be hosting the first 5th Sunday Singing of 2012. Let's reserve January 29 on our calendars and be sure to plan to attend.

Hills To Pagosa Springs...

Steve and Darla Hill are in Pagosa Springs where Steve is teaching and preaching this morning. Let's remember to petition God for their safety.

**Let's Read The Bible
Through This Year!**

Exalting God!

Our theme and resolve this year is to "Exalt God!" We will consider from time to time various aspects of God's glory and how we may properly praise Him. As you read through the Bible this year, note the many occasions where God is highly exalted by the writers. Here is one of those places where the speaker calls upon others to hold God in high regard because of all that He has done and is capable of doing.

"Remember that you should exalt His work,
Of which men have sung.
All men have seen it;
Man beholds from afar.
Behold, God is exalted, and we do not know Him;
The number of His years is unsearchable.
For He draws up the drops of water,
They distill rain from the mist,
Which the clouds pour down,
They drip upon man abundantly.
Can anyone understand the spreading of the clouds,
The thundering of His pavilion?
Behold, He spreads His lightning about Him,
And He covers the depths of the sea.
For by these He judges peoples;
He gives food in abundance.
He covers His hands with the lightning.
And commands it to strike the mark.
Its noise declares His presence;
The cattle also, concerning what is coming up."

Job 36:24-33

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