

### 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.

## Today Is Stepping Stone Sunday...

This is the sixteenth year of our annual Stepping Stone Sunday. Each family will be given a form to indicate what they will be giving in the year 2012. These do not need to be signed. This information will help us in preparing a budget for next year. If, for some reason, you cannot complete the form today, then please give it to **Joe Puckett** as soon as you can.

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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**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Hebrews 10:19-39</b>	<b>Lamentations 3-5</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Hebrews 11:1-19</b>	<b>Ezekiel 1-2</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Hebrews 11:20-40</b>	<b>Ezekiel 3-4</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>Hebrews 12</b>	<b>Ezekiel 5-7</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Hebrews 13</b>	<b>Ezekiel 8-10</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>James 1</b>	<b>Ezekiel 11-13</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>James 2</b>	<b>Ezekiel 14-15</b>

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## Seek First

To "...seek first His kingdom and His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33) means that God's reign in our lives must be our priority. God must come before family, career, or recreational pursuits. To "seek" means to look for and attempt to obtain something. Here, we seek to possess God's reign over our lives and to know His righteous will in every circumstance. "First" means that this is "priority one."

There is a promise attached to this command: "and all these things will be added to you." The "things" of which Jesus speaks are the necessities we need to sustain our lives. When God becomes our priority in life, then we need not worry about the mundane things so many people pursue.

Putting God first is no easy task for a culture that is in mad pursuit of self interests. Many people are so busy with other things that they have little time for God. The three occasions we come together each week as His people ought to be a minimum of dedicated time for God, yet many can't even meet this priority. Giving as we have prospered should be easy enough for us all, but many withhold what rightfully belongs to the Lord. It is one thing to say that we are putting God first in our lives... it is something else to prove it.

**Guy Orbison, Jr.**  
Durango, CO

## On The Calendar...

### November

- 13 Annual **Stepping Stone Sunday** in Durango  
 23 Singing night before Thanksgiving Day  
 23 Ladies Bible Class will *not* meet...  
 24 Happy Thanksgiving!  
 27 There will be **no** pot luck this month due to the holidays

### December

- 3 Men's Business Meeting  
 4 Steven Hill's graduation  
 8-11 - Guy to speak at West Yellowstone, MT  
 10 "Come and Go" at Steve and Darla's house  
 13 Area Preachers meet here in Durango  
 15 Annual preachers Holiday Dinner at Durango  
 21 Singing night before Christmas holiday  
 25 Merry Christmas!  
 25 There will be **no** pot luck this month due to the holidays

### Prayer List:

Robert Watson... Koben Puckett... DeeAnn Bishopp... Ruth Sutherlin... Eliana Uribbari... Kitty Farrell... Ronnie Sautor... Shirley O'Hare... Joan Heller is in a nursing home recovering from a broken hip. Her address is 13840 N. Desert Harbor Dr., Peoria, AZ 85381, PH:623-271-9100

*Brothers in the military:*

Michael Ogle and Jason Reed

### Graduation Day...

The graduation day for **Steven Hill** has been set for December 4. The **Hill** family will then be moving to Van, Texas where **Steven** will begin his first full-time ministry for the Lord. Let's keep praying for the **Hill** family.

### Intern Update...

We have had some generous donations this year and have continued to enjoy the financial means of carrying on this work. Much of the support comes from right here in Durango. We have heard from several of our graduates in recent weeks and they are all doing fine. Two men have already been accepted into the program for the future. The first will be arriving in May or June of next year.

**Focus On  
Heaven In 2011...**

## Lethargy in the Church

Webster's defines lethargy as sluggishness. Unfortunately, we see much of this in the church today... it seems that some members just can't get moving. They are taught, encouraged, and pleaded with, but nothing seems to move them. They just will not become involved in carrying out work that will help the cause of Christ. Lethargy is not new to the church, it has been with us for many years, and is the main reason the church is not growing in the States as it should.

This lethargic attitude brings to mind the Laodicean church spoken of in Revelation 3:15-17, *"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot. I would thou were cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth..."*

Christians do not generally start out being lethargic, but drift into it. Many become weary in well doing, then begin to ramble along. Many parents and older Christians do our young people a disservice when they set a sluggish example. Our young people need to see committed Christians at work.

We need to realize the seriousness of the charge God has given us; take the message of salvation to the lost world. In order to carry out that commission (Matt. 28:19-20), we must prepare ourselves to be teachers of the Word and be busy doing the will of the Lord. There is no excuse for us not to know the gospel. We are blessed with excellent preachers and teachers who present the Word to us, trying to help us grow. We are the earthen vessels, the only means. When we fail the job goes undone.

Men and women are dying every day, not having heard the gospel of Christ. It will be a sad day indeed when we stand before the Lord on that great day of judgment and someone turns to us and cries, "you never mentioned Him to me."

**Dale Grissom**  
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