

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.

Next Sunday is STEPPING STONE SUNDAY

**Let's plan to
indicate what we
will give to the
Lord's work in 2012.**

**Let's step up
to a new level
of commitment.**

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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	Hebrews 4	Jeremiah 40-42
Tues	Hebrews 5	Jeremiah 43-45
Wed	Hebrews 6	Jeremiah 46-47
Thur	Hebrews 7	Jeremiah 48-49
Fri	Hebrews 8	Jeremiah 50
Sat	Hebrews 9	Jeremiah 51-52
Sun	Hebrews 10:1-18	Lamentations 1-2

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The "Not For Giving"

Some people just don't want to give on the first day of the week as they have prospered from the Lord (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). They are the "not for giving" group, and fortunately, there are not many of them. You will hear various excuses they make in order to attempt to justify their non-compliance with the will of God. I have not run into one of these "not for giving" individuals in our congregation, but they are around.

Without realizing it, these folks become like leeches, taking from others but not giving. Solomon said, "*The leech has two daughters, 'Give,' 'Give'.*" (Proverbs 30:15). These are always ready to receive and love to make requests of others, "Give me," "Give me," but you rarely see them giving back. They enjoy the comforts of the church building, but will not assist in the cost of providing those comforts. They like the preaching, but give nothing to help support the preacher. They like the ministries in which the congregation is involved, but see no need in supporting those good works.

These are people who have never matured spiritually in the likeness of their Lord, Jesus Christ. If they had, then they would be liberal givers. As it is, they mostly resemble the world in its greed, and they are pleasing to the ruler of the world, that is, the ol' devil, himself. If you run into one of these brothers, then remind them that Jesus said, "*It is more blessed to give than to receive*" (Acts 20:35).

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On The Calendar...

November

- 6-9 Guy to preach gospel meeting at Sayre, Oklahoma
- 8 Area Preachers meet here in Durango
- 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

- 8-11 - Guy to speak at West Yellowstone, MT
- 13 Area Preachers meet here in Durango
- 15 Annual preachers Holiday Dinner at Durango
- 21 Singing night before Christmas holiday
- 25 There will be **no** pot luck this month due to the holidays

Prayer List:

Robert Watson... Koben Puckett... DeeAnn Bishopp... Paula Dahlke... Ruth Sutherland... Eliana Uribbari... Steve Smith... Kitty Farrell... Van Smith... Ronnie Sauter... Jerry Lacy... RosaLee's sister, Shirley O'Hare... Bob Miller's sister, DoraMae Backhuus...

Brothers in the military:

Michael Ogle and Jason Reed

Preaching Today...

Guy begins a gospel meeting in Sayre, Oklahoma today. It will run through Wednesday night and **Guy** should be home on Thursday night. Teaching **Guy's** class will be **Steve Hill**, preaching this morning will be **Steven Hill** and preaching this afternoon will be **Errick Crump**.

Headed South...

Amilene Spotts has already gone to Arizona for the winter. **Loren** and **Sandy Hopkins** should be headed to Arizona in about two weeks. **Henry** and **Pat Bunting** left for Texas this past Tuesday. They will be back next April. Let's be praying for the safety of all of our folks who are traveling and will be away from us for several months.

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

Inside Out

Jesus was invited to the home of a Pharisee for lunch one day during His earthly ministry. I'm convinced that this Pharisee was only looking for something to criticize and condemn about Jesus and he soon found what he was looking for. Jesus had not "*ceremonially washed before the meal*" (Luke 11:38). The reaction of the Pharisee prompted Jesus' response:

"Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the platter; but inside of you, you are full of robbery and wickedness. You foolish ones, did not He who made the outside make the inside also? But give that which is within as charity, and then all things are clean for you" (Lk. 11:39-41).

Some people today are like the Pharisees of old who put much emphasis on the outside or the external conduct of a man but fail to improve themselves from within. This is why they liked rules and laws which can only regulate human conduct but have "*no value against fleshly indulgence*" (Col. 2:23). And, the Pharisees were always trying to skirt the laws they promoted in order to continue doing what they wanted to do and still be justified by law (Matt. 5:21-48). They were really a mess, but they thought themselves to be righteous.

Jesus shows that when a man concentrates on his inner self, his conduct will automatically improve. It is hypocrisy to maintain evil desires from within, but exhibit conduct that appears to be righteous. When you get the inside cleaned up, then you will see the right kind of changes on the outside. By bringing the teaching of Jesus into your inner man, you will be clean from the inside out!

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