

In Our Prayers...

Philip James- Eye surgery

Sherman Family- Jeremy
Sherman died

Sharon- pancreatic cancer

Lanny Roberts- splintered
hip

Virginia Roberts- knee
problems

Denny- stage 4 lung cancer

Yvonne Hataway- burns

Andy Smith- cancer

Solomon Jones- relocation

Paula Wilson- cancer

Koben Puckett- paralyzed

Breast Cancer- Paula Powell,
Sarah Wilmon, Linda
Ragsdale

Recovery- Kim Provost, Mary
Orbison, Kim Click, Guy
Draper, Cheryl Lin

Health concerns- Bob Felton,
Rosa Lee Cundiff, Ruth
Sutherland and Margie Warner

-Evangelistic opportunities

-Pray for our nation

Worship & Studies

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.



January 14- Area-wide
preacher's meeting

January 26- Potluck



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Numbered Among the Nine

Luke tells us that Jesus once healed ten leprous men (Lk. 17:11-19). As He was passing through their village, *"they raised their voices, saying 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!'"* Jesus responded by cleansing them of their disease.

Although they were LOUD in their desperate request, they became SILENT in their gratitude. After being cleansed, only one returned to say "thank you" to Jesus! And, this one was a Samaritan, not a Jew like the others. Jesus seems to be a little upset by the lack of gratitude when he asks, *"Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine----where are they?"*

The incident, of course, is a great lesson for us all. Expressing gratitude should be the natural response from anyone who has benefitted from others. Sadly, in our modern world, many are more like the nine and fail to say "thank you." Not only do they neglect voicing gratitude when others benefit them, but even worse, they fail to acknowledge all that God has done for them.

Christians must move beyond the ways of the world and excel as people of gratitude. When we consider all that God has done for our lives along our earthly pilgrimage, how can we not give thanks? And, even more, when we realize the great price He paid for our salvation, it should constantly send us to our knees in thanksgiving. *(Continued inside)*

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News & Announcements

- **The Orbisons** will be in Texas next week.
- **The monthly preacher’s meeting** will be on Tuesday the 14th .
- **Pot Luck** this month, January 26.

Psalm 100:4-5

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving
 And his courts with praise;
 Give thanks to him, bless his name.
 For the Lord is good;
 His lovingkindness is everlasting
 And his fithfulness to all generations. -NASB*

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Jan 13	Mon	Matthew 9:18-38	Genesis 31-32
Jan 14	Tues	Matthew 10:1-20	Genesis 33-35
Jan 15	Wed	Matthew 10:21-42	Genesis 36-38
Jan 16	Thurs	Matthew 11	Genesis 39-40
Jan 17	Fri	Matthew 12:1-23	Genesis 41-42
Jan 18	Sat	Matthew 12:24-50	Genesis 43-45
Jan 19	Sun	Matthew 13:1-30	Genesis 46-48

Numbered Among the Nine

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Recently, I've been reminded that the graduates of our former Intern Program are not to be numbered among the nine. Every once in a while I see one of these men or I hear from them in some manner and receive expressions of gratitude from them all. Let me share the most recent voicing of thankfulness:

"I continue to reflect upon my time in Durango with extreme gratitude and that gratitude grows each and every day. I could only wish that more churches, preachers and schools of preaching could see the difference between having a career as a church of Christ speaker and working to develop into a man of God, as you have taught us. Durango, just has no idea the impact they have made on me alone and especially across the Lord's church as a whole. One of the things I miss, perhaps the most, is hearing the congregation say, 'Preach the word!' That means so much more to me now. Please tell everyone I said hello and give them my best. May God continue to bless your efforts."

Your brother,
Erick Crump

See what I mean? All of these men say similar things... they are not to be numbered among the nine! What about you? Do you remember to give thanks to God through Christ? Let's all become grateful Samaritans... and not be numbered among the nine!

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