

In Our Prayers...

**Requester's name is in parentheses*

Lara Mansfield (Larry McKesson) — (Chad's wife) Abdominal mass being diagnosed. Blood work results pending, but the doctor said it is 90% - 95% chance that it is not cancer.

Pat Korodaj — Medical testing

Jeremy Korodaj — Fell off his bike, back problems

Donna Castleman — Heart attack, dementia

Brandy Womack (Sutherlin) — Health issues

Teen suicides

Connie Holley — In Pagosa: losing weight, trouble walking.

Abby Rose (Larry McKesson) — Fibrous Dysplasia

Paula Dahlke — Glaucoma

Sailor Raymond (Renee Long) — 3 mos old, Heart surgery, Complications

Tara Van Ausdall (Jeanie Mooring) — Complications from Rheumatoid Arthritis

John Dicks (Virginia Roberts) — Cancer, Not faithful

Ukraine (Debbie Sutherlin) — family of Oksana

New Christians — growth

Health concerns- — Jimmy Mooring, Ruth Sutherlin, Koben Puckett

Workers for the "Harvest" (Elders, Teachers, Preachers)

Door for the Word

Additions:



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The Excellent Ones

In Psalm 16:3, David revealed his love for his kinsmen. They were God's people, which made them majestic and noble. That's high praise for people who weren't perfect. David's fellow-Israelites made their share of mistakes. They had their flaws. They committed their sins. Yet, inspired of the Holy Spirit, David called them "excellent" – warts, blemishes, and all.

Does David's complimentary language imply approval of sin? Hardly. Every adult who has ever received proper commendation, even commendation directly from God, has received it in spite of his or her sins (except Jesus, of course, who was sinless). David's assessment of God's people was a general statement intended to highlight their exalted status as God's chosen ones.

God still has an exalted opinion of his people today, even though we are far from perfect. Christians are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession" (1 Pet. 2:9). "But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast

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The church of Christ in Durango meets at:

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Worship & Studies

Sunday

Bible Study- 9:30 a.m.
Worship- 10:20 a.m.
Afternoon Worship- 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study- 7 p.m.



Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:4-25

News and Announcements

Four Corners Men's Bible Study Aztec Church of Christ, September 12, 10am — noon. Dutch treat lunch afterward. Jeff Foster of Gallup, NM will introduce the letters of Peter.

Help Update the Prayer List Please review the items on the Prayer List. Let Nathan know which items are current. Also, please provide any other concerns or praises to take to God in prayer together. Thank you!



Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Sept 11	Mon	II Cor. 4	Proverbs 10-12
Sept 12	Tues	II Cor. 5	Proverbs 13-15
Sept 13	Wed	II Cor. 6	Proverbs 16-18
Sept 14	Thurs	II Cor. 7	Proverbs 19-21
Sept 15	Fri	II Cor. 8	Proverbs 22-24
Sept 16	Sat	II Cor. 9	Proverbs 25-26
Sept 17	Sun	II Cor. 10	Proverbs 27-29

The Excellent Ones

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love" (Psa. 147:11). God loves us so much that he calls us his children (1 John 3:1). Jesus is not ashamed to call us his brothers and sisters (Heb. 2:11).

But doesn't God know we have weaknesses and flaws? Yes. Doesn't he know that we mess up from time to time and sin? Yes. Doesn't he know that we can't be perfect no matter how hard we try? Yes. God doesn't love perfect people only. He loves *you* (1 John 4:8,19). He chose *you* (Eph. 1:4). He honored *you* (Heb. 2:6-8).

Doesn't that make you want to serve him with all your heart?

— Eddie Parish
Brown Trail Church of Christ
Bedford, TX

Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² *I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."*

³ *As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.* ⁴ *The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.*

⁵ *The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.*

⁶ *The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.* ⁷ *I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.* ⁸ *I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.* ⁹ *Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.*

¹⁰ *For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.*

¹¹ *You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (ESV)*