

The Silver Star

The Church of Christ - shining like a star in Silver City

March 29, 2009

Our Mission:

"To glorify God by being a Christ-centered, Spirit-led church where every 'one' matters."

The Faith of Job

- A. Whenever we suffer, the Bible book that we are most likely to turn to is the book of Job.

- B. One question that is never asked in the book of Job is "why do we suffer?"

- C. If Job is innocent, how can God allow Job to suffer?

- D. Conclusion
 1. We are all engaged in a spiritual battle – the battleground being our very souls.
 2. The battle exists because of sin and its consequences in our world.
 3. It is a battle that we do not fight alone – God is with us.
 4. Like Job, we must fight the good fight and continue to trust God and His goodness – if we do that our latter days will be blessed!

Thoughts from Job from The Handbook of Bible Application

KEY BIBLE VERSE: *Stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face. (Job 1:11, niv)*

Believers shouldn't expect a safe life. Satan attacked Job's motives, saying that Job was blameless and upright only because he had no reason to turn against God. Ever since he had started following God, everything had gone well for Job. Satan wanted to prove that Job worshiped God not out of love, but because God had given him so much.

Satan accurately analyzed why many people trust God. They are fair-weather believers, following God only when everything is going well or for what they can get. Adversity destroys this superficial faith. But adversity strengthens real faith by causing believers to dig their roots deeper into God in order to withstand the storms. How deep does your faith go? Put the roots of your faith down deep into God so that you can withstand any storm you may face.

KEY BIBLE VERSE: *He knows every detail of what is happening to me; and when he has examined me, he will pronounce me completely innocent—as pure as solid gold! (Job 23:10, tlb)*

Occasional doubts must not be allowed to erode our trust in God. In chapter 22, Eliphaz had tried to condemn Job by identifying some secret sin which he may have committed. Here Job declares his confidence in his integrity and God's justice. We are always likely to have hidden sin in our life, sin we don't even know about because God's standards are so high and our performance is so imperfect. If we are true believers, however, all our sins are forgiven because of what Christ did on the cross in our behalf (Romans 5:1; 8:1). His forgiveness and cleansing are sufficient; they overrule our nagging doubts. The Holy Spirit in us is our proof that we are forgiven in God's eyes even though we may feel guilty. If we, like Job, are truly seeking God, we can stand up to others' accusations as well as our own nagging doubts. If God has forgiven and accepted us, we are forgiven indeed.

Happy Birthday to



Wendy Torres (30th),

Jack Elder & Kris Huckans (April 1),

Evelo Hood (2nd),

Cindy Hyde & Rita Robinson (4th)



Happy Anniversary to

Pete & Cindy Waller (4th)

& Curtis & Linda Barentine (6th)

Upcoming Events...



Sunday Evenings 5:00 PM

Join us for a series on Marriage.

Wednesday Night for the Master -

Devotional this week

April's Pot Luck

April 19th due to Easter

Congregational meeting after our meal.

Game Night

Friday, April 24 - More info later!

teenspace/youthspace

***LTC 2009 - "Life, Light, Word"

April 10 - 12

Choir at 5 PM Sundays

Events especially for ladies....

2nd Annual

Christian Women's Conference

at University Church of Christ

in Las Cruces

April 3rd & 4th

Registration forms & information are

available on our back table & on their

website (www.lc-church.org/women)

There is a group planning to go from Silver

- contact Bettye Fell.

Bilingual-Ladies Spring Tea

"A Journey Together"

Saturday, April 18, 2009

The Church of Christ in Eastwood

Guest speaker-Carla Lowe

from North Richland Hills Texas

Pine Springs Ladies' Retreat -

September 11-12

Glorieta Retreat 2009 - September 25-26

"It's All About Him - The Joy of Worship"

Sponsored by the Grants ladies

New Location - Manzano Mountain Retreat

Speakers: Emily Lemley & Sarah Jackson

Early registration is recommended -

\$55 per person.

Registration will begin in July.

"A fool says in his heart, 'There is no God'." If it were me, I would rather listen to the Father of truth than the Father of lies.

Remember in prayer...

Randy Ruebush - rotator cuff surgery
April 1

Nancy Tanner - rheumatologist Friday,
April 3rd regarding joint problems

Sally Beckworth's father-in-law & family in
decisions for his care

Bob & Kari's daughter, Kim, had a blood
clot in her neck, but it has been
dissolved. She is on blood thinners &
considering further treatment.

Flooding victims in the Fargo area
including Richard & Thelma Rogers'
daughter - please especially remember
Rhonda & her husband Cory

Sharon Cabeldue, Jeanne's sister, still
having ups & downs

Ruth Clark is back at Silver Care & really
enjoys visitors

Last Week's Contributions

Contribution	\$ 1816.00
Kids' Kash	\$ 67.70
Van	\$50.00
Total	\$ 1933.70
Budget	\$ 3000.00

VAN FUND

Beginning balance \$ 13695.27

Balance today \$ 6350.00

Mark you donation "van fund"
& give during our regular collection
if you'd like to see this paid off.



PANTRY

The grocery truck for the Lakeview
Christian Home in Carlsbad, NM will
be here April 27th-29th to pick up
groceries for the elderly residents of
their home. They are asking for
donations of cold cereal

(Cheerios, Cornflakes,
Raisin Bran, Rice Krispies)
or any canned food items.



Large cans are best as they feed large
groups of people at one time.

Please bring your donations by
Sunday, April 26.