

Announcements and Church News

Our Stak

Isabelle Broyles—out sick; Les Vasterling—for covid; Grace Vogt—recovering from surgery; William McRoy—In Keningston rehab; Deb Adams—migraines; Sandy Caldwell—for pain Teresa Broyles, Alison Harris and Vicky Lube—cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Fran Barclay, Nancy VanWinkle, Kerry Wygal, John Nickl—health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Charles Broyles—mom, Joyce/gall bladder surgery; Joyce Fezell's—friend Carol VanDyke; The Stewart's—brother-in-law Russell Holt/serious injuries; Clifton Reynold's son Bryce; Susan Villoch's dad James/heart issue; The Stewart's neighbors Rich & Betty Folger/health issues; The Kozola's son Tim for prayers; Carol Untied's—dad, Tony and friend Danielle Krebs/health issues; Sam York—getting stronger; David Sain's—wife Phyllis; Yllka Bejo's—mother; The Bernhardt's—relative Rustin Osburn; Van Stewart's—aunt, Linda Parsons; Dianne Stewart's—brother, Bobby Goodfield; The Stingles—niece's baby; Paula Davis'—niece/ lupus; Carol Mitchell's—mother, Mary; Darrell Broking/health issues; Samantha Jones son, Joshua for prayers;

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Ranny Reeves neighbor, Linda Wall; Linda Hadsock's niece, June McCray; Carol Untied's stepmother Emily; Debbie Methvin's—co-workers father Vasilos and Michele Fuguero; Deb Adams friends son, Jason; Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Ronnie Somerville's dad, Ron; Mattie Simmons friend William; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry; Kay Jessup's friend, Lou Fiores.

INMATES: Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN: Sam Wagner and cousin Mark Wagner (Navy) Austin Reyes (Marine) Matthew Holleran (Army)

OUR SHUT-IN AT HOME: Winston Sandlin

Activities

LADIES BIBLE CLASS— This Friday, July 15th at 1:00pm in the small building.

K-5 CAMP—At Weeki Wachee Christian Camp from July 21st –23rd hosted by the Orange Street Church of Christ. Flyers are in the foyer.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP—We welcome to our family here at Central Pasquale Pinto. Please add his information to your directory: 911 Washington Ave, Apt. 119, Largo, FL 33770-3254; Phone # 323-386-1150.

BAPTIZED— Randall Deily put on the Lord in baptism last Wednesday night. Randall has been attending services and studying with Charles and Dawn McFarland. Please welcome our new brother in Christ to our family at Central

SYMPATHY— Our deepest sympathy is extended to Carol Untied and her family for the loss of her Aunt Karen this past week in Arizona.

LATEST ISSUE— The latest issue of the Christian Courier just arrived and is on the table in the foyer for you.

REMINDER—Weekly sermons are available on CD, our website and livestream on Facebook and YouTube Sundays at 10:30 & 5:00pm and Wednesdays at 7:00pm. If you need the Bulletin, Christian Service List, Calendar or Directory call the office at (727) 446-4808.

Those Serving Today

Announcements—Joe Bonelli

Song Leaders—James George/Jesse Lancaster

Opening Prayer—Mark Bernhardt/Matt Pryor

Lord's Table—Van Stewart

Closing Prayer—Bob Hadsock/John Benson

Birthdays This Week

Yashika Williams—July 11th

Don Stingle—July 14th

Mattie Simmons—July 16th

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Arnold Town Road Church of Christ—Darrell Broking

Chalmette Church of Christ—Mark Lance

South Anchorage Church of Christ—Michael Dale

Elders:

Joe Bonelli Charles Broyles

James George

Deacons:

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Van Stewart

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Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM

Charles Broyles

Major Prophets: Ezekiel-Chap 18

Sunday Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

The Difference Between Being

Saved and Being Lost

Ephesians 2:11-12

Sunday Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Living Righteously In An

Unrighteous World

2 Peter 2:6-8

Ladies Bible Study—Friday

July 15th at 1:00pm

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

The Bible—How To Study It

All of our services are available on Facebook Live and



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From the Preacher's Pen

WHY THERE ARE NO GENUINE MIRACLES TODAY

Roger D. Campbell

In the New Testament, a “miracle” refers to a supernatural act of power that had observable and immediate results/effects. We should not expect God Himself to perform miracles or supply humans with miraculous powers today. Why not?

1) It is not God's will there be miracles today. In God's plan, signs, including all spiritual, miraculous gifts, were temporary. “Whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away” (1 Cor. 13:8). Notice three declarations about these signs (miracles): 1) they will fail, 2) they will cease, 3) they will vanish away. It is clear, the Lord never intended for spiritual gifts (miracles) to last indefinitely.

“Prophecies,” “tongues,” and “knowledge,” are three spiritual gifts which the apostle Paul mentions, both when he lists the miraculous gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 and when he declares the temporary status of the gifts (1 Cor. 13:8). We must not think these three gifts (prophecies, tongues, knowledge, 13:8) are more important or somehow superior to other spiritual gifts. Instead, we should look at them as representing/standing for all nine of the gifts that are listed in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10. That is, what is true about these three gifts (prophecies, tongues, knowledge) is true, in fact, about all nine of the gifts.

Specifically, what Paul says about the duration of prophecies, tongues, and knowledge, is true also about the duration of all of the spiritual gifts which were supplied by the Holy Spirit in the first century. Here is the conclusion: just as those three gifts were a temporary aspect of God's plan, so each of the other spiritual gifts was temporary also.

Looking further in 1 Corinthians 13:9-10, we see a contrast — a contrast between the partial (incomplete) and the perfect (complete). “For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away” (13:9-10). Taking into account the context, Paul is speaking about the temporary nature of the spiritual gifts (in revealing God's word) and contrasts them to the permanent nature of God's word (the completed New Testament). Note that the three gifts which Paul mentions in 13:8 (prophecies, tongues, miraculous knowledge) all are related to receiving revelation from God — revelation that was for the benefit of both the church and those who were still lost outside of the Christ. Those three spiritual gifts (prophecies, tongues, miraculous knowledge) represented a temporary aspect of God's revealing His will to mankind. In contrast to the “in part” (partial revelation of God, 13:9). The expression “that which is perfect” (13:10) has reference to the perfect/complete revelation (word) of God; not Jesus himself as a person.

2) We do not need miracles today. Why? Because we have “that which is perfect” — the completed word of God (the New Testament). The role of miraculous activity has been fulfilled. Tongues were for a sign (1 Cor. 14:22). Signs were used to confirm the word of God that Jesus' disciples preached, as it is written, “And they went forth, and preached

every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following” (Mark 16:20). “Signs following” were the miracles performed that validated (proved) the words they were teaching. Miracles came after the preaching/words. Once that word was confirmed (in the first century), there was (and is) no need to confirm it again.

Jesus' promise to His apostles was that, “when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth...” (John 16:13). That promise was fulfilled — “all truth” came from the Holy Spirit during the lifetime of the apostles (cf. 1 Peter 1:3). Since the Spirit revealed all truth in the first century during the days of the apostles, there is no new revelation from God being given today. Because there are no new revelations from the Lord that need to be confirmed, there are no new signs/miracles.

Spiritual gifts were for the edification of the church (1 Cor. 14:12,26,31). But today, the word of God is sufficient for the edification of the church, as it can build us up and give us an inheritance among the saved (Acts 20:32). Thus, the spiritual gifts/miracles are not needed today.

3) God no longer is making available the power to do miracles. Holy Spirit baptism was a first-century-only phenomenon, so it is not taking place today. Miracles are no longer needed. In addition, there are no true apostles alive who can lay hands on other Christians to pass along miraculous powers to them as is shown in Acts 8:14-20.

No genuine miracles are taking place today. God is still all-powerful, but the age of miracles has passed. They are not needed. We have the New Testament.

WITNESSING

“Witnessing for Christ” is an expression heard in the religious world in an erroneous way. Nobody can “witness for Christ” today in the Biblical sense of the phrase. Witnessing requires giving testimony of that which has been seen. In Scripture, the term refers to eye-witness accounts or revelation by inspired men. It means more than simply telling what one knows. The apostles and some others were witnesses, but we are not, nor can we be. We should learn to use the phrase so that we will “speak as the oracles of God” (1 Peter 4:11).

What difference does it make? First, it may reflect that you do not understand what the Bible teaches about who is and who is not a witness. Second, inasmuch as some who say they are “witnessing for Christ” believe they are directly guided by the Holy Spirit, do not become offended if someone thinks you believe that way also. This phrase is heard among brethren who mean nothing more than preaching and teaching the Word, but their terminology is faulty and sounds more like a denominational imitation than a Biblical presentation. “Sound words” are in order (2 Tim. 1:13). James W. Boyd

**He who has a thousand friends
Has never one to spare,
And he who has one enemy
Will meet him everywhere.**

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