

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Jan Lavern recovering from elbow and wrist surgery; David Jones out sick; Emily George for sciatica; Penny Bevaqua—wrist surgery; Wayne Bishop—doing better; Teresa Broyles, Alison Harris and Vicky Lube—cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Fran Barclay, Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS; Regina Hunter's friend for knee surgery; John Benson's -friend Wendell for Stg 4 kidney cancer and broken kneecap; Mattie Simmons sister Willie Mae for gall bladder surgery; Teresa Broyles—Step-mom Mary Jane Wright recovering from a fractured skull and spine; Samantha Jones daughter Ariel, brother Eddie and son Joshua; Carol Mitchell- tumor on liver; The Stewart's—bro-in-law Russell Holt; Clifton Reynold's son Bryce; Susan Villoch's dad James/heart issue; The Kozola's son Tim; Sam York-recent surgery; David Sain's—wife Phyllis; Yllka Bejo's—mother for broken hip; Van Stewart's—aunt, Linda Parsons; Dianne Stewart's—brother, Bobby Goodfield and sister Lynn Owens; The Stingles—niece's baby; Paula Davis'—niece/ lupus; Darrell Broking/for health issues.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Ranny Reeves neighbor, Linda Wall; Randall Deily's—uncle; Linda Haddock'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 Sommerville's dad, Ron; Mattie Simmons friend William; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry; Kay Jessup's friends, Lou and Rose Fiores also co-worker Marie Woleck.

INMATES: Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

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

Activities

LADIES BIBLE CLASS— This Friday, November 18th at 1:00pm in the small building.

GOSPEL MEETING—South Florida Ave. Church of Christ in Lakeland from November 13th–16th. Flyers are in the foyer.

BAPTIZED— Last Sunday morning Sonia Bor-ing put on the Lord in baptism. Sonia has been attending services and studying with Charles and Dawn McFarland. Please welcome our new sister in Christ to our family at Central. Please add her to your directory: 7175 53rd St N, Pinellas Park, FL 33781-4304; Phone 727-831-3389.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS— The Active Assaultants Incidence Class will be on Monday, December 5th at 6:00pm here at the building. See the elders with any questions.

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.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Announcements—Joe Bonelli

Song Leaders—Matt Pryor/James George

Opening Prayer—David Jones/Joe Bonelli

Lord's Table—Max Herman

Closing Prayer—Dennis Cuckler/Zack Stewart

Birthdays This Week

David Jones—November 14th

Daniella George—November 15th

Clifton Reynolds—November 15th

Eula Lytle—November 16th

Carol Untied—November 17th

Ronnie Sommerville—November 19th

Anniversaries This Week

David and Samantha Jones—November 13th



Gospel Broadcasting Network
<http://gbntv.org> YouTube
<https://spiritualsword.org/>

SEARCH TV Channel 44 (WTOG) at 7:30am Sunday YouTube watch & hear Phil Sanders

THE INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL HOUR YouTube (24/7) to hear Jeff Archey

House to House Heart to Heart **FSOP** www.house-to-house.com fsop.net **Soaring for Souls** soaringforsouls.com

Childhaven, Inc. Childhaven Children's Home in Cullman, AL www.childhaven.com

FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME fairhavenchildrenshome.com **cocindia.net** www.christiancourier.com

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:

Max Herman
Van Stewart

Preacher: Charles Broyles

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Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM
Charles Broyles

Major Prophets—Ezekiel 32
Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM
Charles Broyles

Challenges We Face As A Disciple of Christ
Matthew 16:24-27

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM
Charles Broyles

The Impact That Truth Can Have On Life
1 Peter 1:22-25

Ladies Bible Study-Friday
November 18th at 1:00PM

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM
Charles Broyles
Attributes of God

All of our services are available on Facebook Live and YouTube **YouTube Live!**



From the Preacher's Pen

WHY DO WE NOT HAVE 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 that 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 again three declarations about those signs: “...they will fail ... they will cease ... vanish away.” It is clear: the Lord never intended for spiritual gifts to last indefinitely.

Prophecies, tongues, and knowledge are the three spiritual gifts which the apostle Paul mentions both when he enumerates the miraculous gifts (1 Cor. 12:8-10) and when he declares the temporary status of those gifts (1 Cor. 13:8). Rather than think of the three gifts which are repeated in chapter thirteen (prophecies, tongues, knowledge) as being more important or somehow superior to other gifts, we should look at them as representing (standing for) all nine of the gifts that are listed in 12:8-10. That is, what is true about these three (prophecies, tongues, knowledge) is true about all nine of the gifts.

Specifically, what Paul says about the duration of prophecies, tongues, and knowledge is true 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, too.

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 temporary and permanent revelation from God. 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 of God.

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 out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word

through the accompanying signs” (Mark 16:20). 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, “...when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...” (John 16:13). That promise was fulfilled — “all truth” came from the Holy Spirit in the lifetime of the apostles. 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. In addition, there are no true apostles alive who can lay hands on other Christians to pass on miraculous powers to them (Acts 8:14-20).

No genuine miracles are taking place today. God is still all-powerful, but the age of miracles has passed.

I DARE YOU FOR ONE MONTH TO:

Not miss a single service of the church. No excuses! Give up those material things which have caused you to neglect your duty to God. Make a few sacrifices! Really put Christ first!

Study your Bible every day, even if it means letting some other important (?) things go, like turning off your TV. Bring at least one visitor to Bible class and worship.

Visit at least one night a week and not just the ones you know and like the best! This time visit those people you do not know too well or do not know at all.

Make prayer a part of your day. Pray every time you have a decision to make. When you feel the slightest need, pray! Pray when you do not feel the need! While you are at it— pray for your enemies, for those who hinder the truth by their gossip and laziness! Oh, yes, pray for those who “murmur.”

Put your whole heart into the worship services. Do all this for just one month, and you will not want to return to your former state! That is if you are really in earnest about going to Heaven and forward for Christ. You will also be surprised at the results...both in yourself and others. Try it; you have nothing to lose and your soul to gain.

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“You have the right to remain silent”

is advice that more of us should heed more often.