In Our Prayers

Of Our Number

Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
Jennifer Derrick—health problems
Rick Hemphill—dental procedures
Jeff Mashburn—health problems
Kari Miles—surgery recovery
Jim Nivison—improving
Denise Vincent—surgery recovery

Others in Need

Kristen Adam—stage 4 cancer
Terri Adams—cancer
Glen Brooks—clot in carotid artery
Fran Carlos—back surgery
Sheila Cole—health problems
Ruth Cook—cancer surg. recovery
Louise Douglas—health problems
Kim Dunn—cancer
Joyce Faulk—health problems
Jennifer Foxworth-health problems
Annette Garrett - Non-H. lymphoma
Lucinda Lingor—heart problems
Jerry Madden—cancer
Paul Mays—Lyme disease
Ann Parker—health problems
Kenny Parsons—shoulder surgery
Dan Sikes—back pain, surgery
Michael Totoro—cancer

Pray for Christians overseas, such as those facing persecution in Pakistan and India.

Pray for peace, pray for the bereaved, the persecuted, sick/ suffering, civil leaders, military, 1st responders, the lost, enemies.

Pray for our evangelistic efforts and for more opportunities.

To Our Visitors

We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Events

November 1
Meal after AM Worship

November 8
Men's Meeting

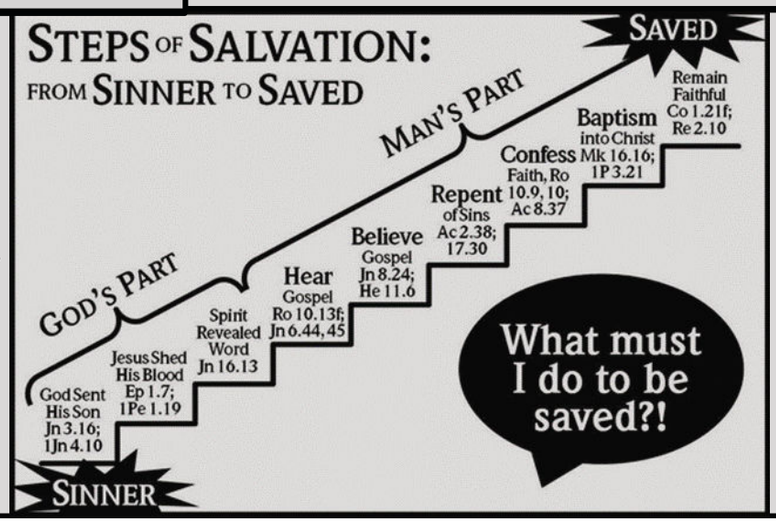
November 28
4th Wednesday Singing

Privileged to Serve

Announcements: Mark Howze
Song Leading: Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Caleb Howze
Serving the Lord's Supper
Head: Ethan Howze; Helpers: Jacob Mashburn, Trey Miles, Johnny Moss
Lord's Supper PM
Head: Caleb Howze
Helper: Ezra Howze
Bible Reading: Rick Hemphill

Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Php. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** weekly as prospered, cheerfully (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7); **5) The Lord's Supper** on the first day of every week (Matt. 26:26-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-34; 16:2; Heb. 10:23-31).

"...ye were the servants of sin..." (Romans 6:17).



"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17b-18).

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Meeting Times

Sundays:
10AM Bible Class
11AM Worship
6PM Worship

Wednesdays:
7PM Bible Class

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Miracles Happened and Miracles Ceased

The Bible teaches that miracles both happened and ceased. Men in our city and across our nation claim to be miracle workers today. I believe what the Bible teaches about miracles. Therefore I believe these men are frauds.

They do not teach the Gospel plan of salvation. God's plan of salvation is for a penitent believer to confess faith in Jesus and be baptized for salvation (Acts 2:36-41). Most of those who claim miracles today teach salvation through the "sinner's prayer" and simply "accepting Jesus." Would God give miracles to such false teachers?

They do not teach New Testament worship. Most of the so-called "miracle-working" churches have women in leadership roles, instruments of all kinds, do not observe communion weekly, and participate in other acts of worship foreign to the New Testament (Read 1 Cor. 14:34; Acts 20:7; Eph. 5:19). Would God give real miracles to those who teach and practice false worship?

They do not practice Bible miracles. These religious racketeers bleed as much money as they can from the poor, unsuspecting and helpless. They make a mockery out of Christianity. They do no real miracles. Jesus performed great miracles, real miracles! Nicodemus said, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him" (John 3:2).

Matthew 15:30 says, “And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them.” Jesus rebuked the wind and the waves and caused the great calm (Matt. 8:26). No one is doing these miracles today!

Miracles ceased when the perfect or complete revelation was received. “Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity” (1 Cor. 13:8-13).

With the completion of God's revelation and the passing of those who possessed miraculous gifts, these gifts ceased. The only miracles we have or need today are those recorded in the Bible.

DOES THE LORD PERFORM MIRACLES TODAY?

There was a time when miracles happened. When Jesus was upon earth He performed many signs and miracles (Matt. 8:16; 9:34; 14:14-36; John 11). Jesus even gave others the power to perform miracles. But not one miracle is being performed today.

What was the purpose of miracles? Miracles were performed by Jesus, the apostles, those upon whom the apostles laid their hands, and those who were baptized with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1–4; 8:14–18; 10:44–46). These miracles served to confirm God's Word (Mark 16:17–20; Heb. 2:3–4). Miracles confirmed that the message preached was divine. “And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name” (John 20:30-31). Jesus performed miracles to prove His claim of being the Son of God and to confirm that what He taught was God’s message.

Are miracles needed today? Everything originated by miracle, but it continues by divine law. God miraculously created Adam and Eve (Gen. 1:27-28; 2:21-22), but subsequent generations ordinarily come into existence through the natural process of reproduction. God originated things by miracle but continues them through natural law.

Both Old Testament and New Testament were ushered in by miracles (Exodus 18-20; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21). When the New Testament was completed, the need for miracles ended. Paul described the purpose and duration of miracles in these words, “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive” (Eph. 4:11-14).

Are miracles being performed today? Following the establishment of the church, miraculous gifts were imparted through Holy Spirit baptism or the laying on of the apostles' hands. No person living on earth today has been baptized with the Holy Ghost (Eph. 4:5). There are no people living today who have had the hands of the apostles laid on them to impart miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-18). Therefore, the Lord does not perform miracles through any human today!

Miracles ceased when the perfect came. Miracles were both “in part” and temporary. Miracles ceased when the perfect or complete will of God—the New Testament—was completely revealed (1 Cor. 13:8-10).

Do Christians speak in unknown tongues today? There is no doubt that the gift of speaking in unknown tongues was a reality in the early church (Mark 16:17; Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6; 1 Cor. 12-14). These unknown tongues were earthly languages (Acts 2:4-11). These languages could be interpreted (1 Cor. 14:27-28). Tongue speaking was the ability to speak intelligently a language you had not studied. The purpose of this miraculous gift was as a sign to unbelievers (1 Cor. 14:22). The gift of tongue speaking ceased with the passing of the miraculous age (1 Cor. 13:8-10).

No one living today can walk on water, raise the dead or perform any other real miracle. This cannot be done because the Bible teaches miracles have ceased. Have you ever wondered why the so-called modern-day miracle worker: 1) Only selects healing and tongues from 1 Corinthians 12, 2) Cannot raise the dead or stop a tornado, 3) Refuses to drink deadly poison, 4) Believes the Bible is incomplete and still needs confirmation, 5) Does not possess the signs of an apostle?

Let us be content with being New Testament Christians today. To become a Christian a believer must repent and be baptized for remission of sins (Acts 2:38). True miracles caused faith (John 20:30-31). The so-called miracles of today cause doubt and confusion.

--Charles Box, adapted