

Noteworthy

Prayer Requests: Jo Anderson (*on-going medical*), Earl Branham (*illness*), Joe Brown (*cancer*), Mildred Church (*shut in*), Mary Elliot (*medical*), Charles Goodall (*on-going medical*), Mary Henderson (*medical*), Linda James (*ongoing medical*), Bennie Jones (*rheumatoid arthritis*), Paul Lloyd (*rehabilitation in Toledo, Ohio*), Bonnie Meagher (*medical*), Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Dottie Reynolds (*back, ongoing medical*), Ian Rice (*medical*), Suzette Stevens (*ongoing medical*).

Family and friends: Ned Hicks (*Larry Hicks' father, ongoing medical*), Brian James (*cancer*), Fritz Marschall (*Bob's mother, skin cancer, surgery this Wednesday*), John Marschall (*Bob's father, medical*), Lindy McReedy (*Cindy Hicks' aunt, cancer*), Wayne Ryland (*ongoing medical*) Ardis Tucker (*Paula Sullivan's sister-in-law*), and Bob Waldron (*Congestive heart failure*). Remember and encourage others who are struggling physically and spiritually.

Group Meeting: Group 1 will meet next week after the evening worship service.

Men's Training Class: The 4th Sunday of each month at 5 pm (*Next week, Oct. 28th*).

Gospel Meetings: Our fall gospel meeting with Leon Mauldin will begins TODAY and runs through Friday (*Oct. 21st-26th*).

Ladies Bible Class: Next class will be November 12 at 7PM (*Please see bulletin board in foyer for more details*). In preparation, please do lesson number 9 on page 37 in the book provided for the class (*Woman, Her Blessings and Responsibilities, by Irene S. Foy*).

Funeral Arrangements: The funeral for Zachary King will be Saturday October 27th, 11am, at the Lakeland Funeral Home, 2521 Bartow Road Lakeland, FL 33803. Let's all do our best to comfort his family during their difficult time of loss.

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 10/24/18

Song Leader: Trent Stevens
Opening Prayer: Leon Miller
Invitation: Mike Sadler
Announcements: Larry Hicks
Closing Prayer: Timothy Payne
Recordings: Clay Sadler
Usher: Mike Sadler

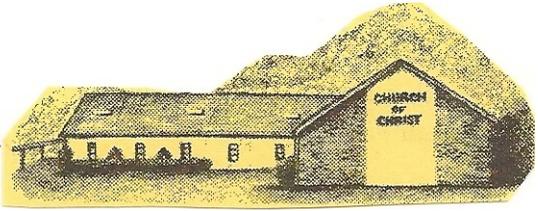
Sunday Evening: 10/28/18

Song Leader: Keith Marschall
Opening Prayer: Ronnie Henderson
Lord's Table: Sherman Johnson
Announcements: Larry Hicks
Closing Prayer: Neil Miller
Recordings: Kirk Marschall
Usher: Gus Johnson

Sunday Morning: 10/28/18

Lord's Table: Sherman Johnson (B)
 Jordan Lawson (C)
Serving: Trent Stevens
 Timothy Payne
Song Leader: Colby Sadler

Opening Prayer: Charles Goodall
Announcements: Larry Hicks
Closing Prayer: Earl Branham
Recordings: Kirk Marschall
Usher: Gus Johnson



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<p><u>ELDERS</u> Larry Hicks (863) 899-7405 Leon Miller (863) 640-6378 Larry Wisdom (863) 583-4311</p>	<p><u>SERVICES</u> Sunday Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Morning Services 9:50 A.M. Evening Services 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p><u>DEACONS:</u> Robert Marschall Michael Sadler Moses Stevens David Williams</p>
<p><u>EVANGELIST:</u> Ian Rice (863) 213-9795</p>		

“Do Miracles Occur Every Day?”

What does the Bible teach regarding miracles? Is it true, as some claim, that miracles are happening every day?

In reality, even during Bible times, miracles did not occur "every day." Miraculous activities for the most part were confined to certain periods of Biblical history. These included the miracles of the creation week. Then when Israel was in Egyptian bondage, God sent the ten plagues, caused Israel to cross the Red Sea on dry land, fed them with manna, and on occasion also miraculously gave them water. Later, the ministries of the prophets Elijah and Elisha were characterized by numerous miracles.

The next "cluster" of miracles was during the ministry of Christ, and finally, during the establishment and spread of the church (Acts). Obviously then, miracles were not "evenly distributed" over the centuries of Biblical history, but rather were used by God only at certain times, to meet unique needs, and to accomplish specific purposes.

Among the many miracles Jesus performed we read of His healing the man with an amputated ear be simply touching him (Luke 22:50-51). Honestly, do you see that every day, or any day? When there was a great tempest in the sea of Galilee, Jesus "rebuked the waves and the sea and there was a great calm" (Matthew 8:23-26). On another occasion, on that same sea, Jesus came unto His disciples walking on the water (Matthew 14:26). Jesus miraculously fed 5,000 men plus women and children with five loaves and two fish (Matthew 15:32-39). There are three recorded occasions where Jesus raised the dead. These include the only son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17). Jarius' daughter (Matthew 9:18-26) and Lazarus (John 11).

These are but a few, a very few of the miracles Jesus did. The purpose of Jesus' miracles is stated in John 2:30-31: "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." That purpose has been accomplished.

Further, Mark gives us insight into the purpose of the miraculous when he

writes, "And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs" (Mark 16:20). References is made to the salvation which began to be spoken by the Lord, "and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His will" (Hebrews 2:3,4).

The purpose of the miraculous then was to reveal and to confirm the word of God. There was a time limitation on the miraculous. Gifts such as tongues, prophecy and knowledge (miraculous) would cease (1 Corinthians 13:8-10) with the completion of the revelation. God's power has not ceased. His presence and glory are evident all around us. We are abundantly blessed by Him (Acts 14:17; James 1:17). He hears and answers prayer (James 5:16). When the revelation of truth was completed, and had been fully confirmed, the miraculous ceased, having accomplished its purpose.

~ Leon Mauldin

"That Which One Needs to Know to Be Saved"

The Bible says that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). Therefore, all are in need of conversion. Each individual is in need of the deliverance, blessings, privilege, hope and joy that the Gospel holds out to man. Since Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32), we must conclude that there are certain things that one must know in order to be saved.

One must know that he is a sinner. Everyone who has lived long enough to reach an age of accountability has sinned (the only exception being Jesus). You must know that you are a sinner before you will be motivated to desire salvation from your sins. Not only must one know that he is a sinner, but one must also know that sin results in spiritual death: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). The death which results from sin is that of spiritual death; separation from God, while one lives here on earth, and eternal separation, without hope and without God in the world to come.

One must know that Christ died for our sins. Once you understand that you are a sinner, separated from God, you need to

know of God's provision for your salvation. Through God's love for man, and in His grace, He made provision for man's salvation through Jesus' death on the cross. By the grace of God, Jesus tasted of death for every man! (Hebrews 2:9). On man's part there must be faith in Jesus as the Son of God. Man must believe that Christ died for his sins. We do not refer to "faith only", which is dead (James 2:20,26), but to an obedient faith.

One must know what to do. Jesus Himself tells us what we must do to be saved, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned" (Mark 16:16). If one is to be saved, he must know what Jesus said to do. Man cannot be saved, without doing what Jesus, the Author of salvation (Hebrews 12:2), said to do to be saved.

When one is aware of his helpless and hopeless condition, and believes in Christ, and through godly sorrow repents of sin (Acts 2:38), acknowledges his faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10), and is baptized, he then has remission of every past sin, and access to all spiritual in Christ. May we be of assistance to you?

~ Leon Mauldin