

Those to Serve

March 23		March 30	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Claude Anderson	Opening Prayer	Bill Westmoreland
Song Leader	Gary Adams	Song Leader	Kevin Odom
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Kevin Odom	Presiding:	David Blair
Lynn Adams	Loyd Wilson	Rick Stone	Bobby Parker
David Blair, Jr.	Mike Turner	Chuck Huckabee	Claude Anderson
Pete Griffith	Anthony Sandoval	Gary Adams	Elijah Sandoval
Closing Prayer	Ben Lenamon	Closing Prayer	Chris Lindelof
Nursery		Nursery	
Judy Dillon	Laurie Maxcey	Stephanie Ray	Laura Wilson
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	Clifford Layton	Opening Prayer	Paul Hamilton
Song Leader	Mike Turner	Song Leader	Bob Williams
Communion	D. Mauney & Bill W.	Communion	E. Ray & R. Bazzy
Closing Prayer	Von Knight	Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams
Nursery	Teresa Turner	Nursery	Angela Parker
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
* Derek Mauney, Bill Westmoreland, Brent Lindelof, Eugene Priestley, Elijah Sandoval		* Eddie Ray, Ron Bazzy, Larry Roberson, Gheath Alatrash, Kyle Huckabee	
Announcements	Ryan Parsons	Announcements	Ryan Parsons
Video Camera	Tim Godwin	Video Camera	Taylor Griffith
Welcomers Tex & Pat Greene Larry & Deborah Roberson		Welcomers Von & Rubye Jo Knight Gary & Jean Adams	
Building Lock Up	Charles Huckabee	Building Lock Up	Derek Mauney
Wednesday 3/19		Wednesday 3/26	
Song Leader	Greg Fabian	Song Leader	Kevin Odom
Opening Prayer	Brian Pack	Opening Prayer	Tex Greene
Closing Prayer	Lynn Adams	Closing Prayer	Mike Turner
Devotional	Gary Adams	Devotional	Bill Westmoreland

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Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Class.....7 pm

Wednesday Bible Study...7 pm

ELDERS

Gary Adams 281-485-2436
Greg Fabian 281-485-2436
Von Knight 281-485-2436
Clifford Layton 281-485-2436

DEACONS

David Blair – Building & Grounds
Chuck Huckabee – Finances
Chris Lindelof—Benevolence
Kevin Odom – I.T.
Eddie Ray – Education & Missions
Mike Turner— Worship Services

MINISTERS

D.C. Brown Pulpit Minister
Ryan Parsons Youth & Family Minister
Paul Tiohanon Evangelist
 Save, Benin West Africa

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MODERN DAY MIRACLES

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I try not give into the weekly temptation of finding an article from someone else and running it in this space. Whether or not my articles are worthy of this space is a matter of personal opinion, but I hope the majority of what I write is worthy of your time and that the articles either challenge or affirm your faith. In truth, this weekly exercise is beneficial to me and so I “yield not to temptation” and strive to produce an article each week.

Most of the time!

There are certainly other men whose minds are far sharper than mine and whose articles are deserving of your perusal. I came across the following article this week and found that it addressed one of the perennial questions that every generation of believers must ask and answer. And not only do we ourselves sometimes ask, we frequently get asked by our friends and acquaintances in regard to this subject. I think the brother dealt with the subject in a forthright manner and he makes his points easily understood. So this week I confess, I have given into the temptation but I am confident that you’ll be richer for it. D.C.

Churches of Christ & Modern Day Miracles

By Ben Bailey

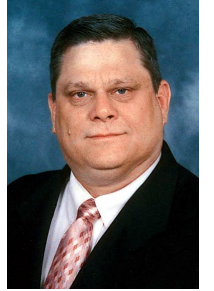
Why do churches of Christ not believe in modern day miracles? Without a doubt, the subject of miracles is a very confusing subject to many. With such a miracle-frenzy sweeping our religious world, why do churches of Christ not believe in modern-day miracles? Let me offer two basic reasons.

First, the Bible teaches that miracles were to come to an end with the completion of the Bible. The purpose of miracles in the first century was to confirm the truth of God’s Word (Mk. 16:20; Heb. 2:3-4). Miracles were never for physical gratification alone. Paul had the power to heal Trophimus, yet he left him in Miletus sick because miracles were not for physical gratification alone. (2 Tim. 4:20). The premiere passage that teaches miracles have ended is 1 Cor. 13:8-10. Paul states, “Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. 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.” In this passage Paul teaches prophecies, tongue-speaking, and miraculous knowledge will come to an end when that which is perfect comes. We must determine what the “perfect” is. The word for perfect in the original language carries the idea of complete or absolute. In the Bible there are only four things that are perfect: God, Christ, the Holy Spirit and God’s Word. Of these four perfect items, God (Mt. 1:21), Christ (Jn. 1:1-4) and the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4ff) have already come by the time Paul wrote 1 Corinthians. The only thing left to come is the “perfect law of liberty” (Jas. 1:25). Therefore, Paul is saying that when the perfect law of liberty is completed (perfected) that which is partial (prophecy, tongue-speaking and miraculous knowledge) will end. Dear friend, the Bible does not teach miracles still exist today.

Also, churches of Christ do not believe in modern-day miracles because we do not see any genuine miracles happening today. These are the kinds of miracles we read of in the Bible: a man is raised from the dead (Jn. 11), a lame man walks instantaneously (Acts 3), blind people are given their sight immediately (Mk. 10:49-52), a man’s ear is attached back to his head automatically (Lk. 22:50-51). Dear friend, you must admit these kinds of miracles are not happening today. As I



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YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH



Jr. & Sr. High devo will be Sunday, the 30th, at the Huckabee's.

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH

Stay tuned for details on J.A.M. for the month of April.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old—6th Grade

This week your Sunday morning lesson will be Birth of Jesus Matt.

1: 18—25; Luke 1: 39—80. Wednesday evening will be Purification at the Temple; Wise men Visit Luke 2: 21—28; Matt. 2: 1—12.



say these things, please do not think that in the churches of Christ we do not believe in the power of prayer. We believe God can heal people through prayer and providence (James 5:13-15). In His time and way God will heal people, but people no longer have the power to do biblical miracles. Why is it that not one miracle worker can go down to the cemetery today and raise a dead person? Because that power no longer exist for us!

In a day and age when all people can seem to think about is miracles and the Holy Spirit, maybe we should start turning our attention to the product of the Holy Spirit—The Word of God (John 16:13). Instead of getting in a fizzle about miracles today, Christians need to be fired up for the Words of the Holy Spirit (Jer. 20:9). May God help us to study to show ourselves approved (2 Tim. 2:15).

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Clifford Layton** is the contact elder for March. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Clifford.
- **Ladies Bible Class** has started a new study on “New Testament Worship”. We invite all the ladies to come join us in the Library on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM.
- **Paul Cartwright**, candidate for Youth & Family Minister, will be with us on Sunday, April 30th. He will present our morning sermon, help with the song leading for 5th Sunday singing in the evening, and meet with the parents at 4:30 PM in the Annex.
- Please take the time to check the **Teaching Schedule** for the 2nd Quarter of 2008. It is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Camp Hensel Campers

We will LEAVE from the Annex at 11:00 AM on Friday. You need to bring a sack dinner for Friday night and money enough for two (2) meals on the road. Be sure to check your list of what to bring & not to bring. If you need another copy of that list, it is on Ryan's door.

To Our Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, visits and the food that was brought to us during our illness & surgery.

We couldn't make it without you.

In Christian Love,
Clifford & Nina Layton

KEPT IN PRAYER

Betty Bazy received some good reports today. She continues her chemo treatments and appreciates very much your prayers which she feels are seeing favorable results. They ask that you continue to remember them in prayer.

Cooper Gartrell has returned to Texas Children's Hospital.

Rick Stone is in Southeast Memorial Hospital, Room 326. He is in isolation with a staph infection.

Larry Fabian, father of Greg Fabian, is improving following a heart issue.

Samuel Knight, grandson of Randy & Trudy Knight, is in Texas Children's Hospital.

In Continuing Need: Our Members: Betty Bazy, LaRue Case, Cooper Gartrell, Dorothy Kirkland, Ed & Wilma Koob, Janice Lemoine, Claudia Martin, Dwight & Andra Ramsey, Elaine Rawlings, Chase Shelton, Rick Stone.

Shut-In: Varnell Allison, Katie Barnes, Leonard Dunford, Louise Farmer, Rossie Gilbert, Rebecca Morganthaler.

Others: Timothy Anderson, Delta Burner, Hazel & Doyal Childress, Margaret Clayton, Michael Dykes, Ainsley Garza, Bob & Dee Grigg, Fred & Florence Henshaw, William Kay, Margaret McKinney, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Sue Pinch, Clairette Pool, Joan Pollock, Katy Ramsey, Betty Rosenberg, Bing Scherzer, Lance Smith, Brett Statham, Kay Taliaferro, Alan Walker, Adam Wilson, Elaine Wilson.

So that we might keep our Continuing Needs list current, if you asked for a name to be placed on this list, please give Laurie an update. We would like to determine if there are any changes that need to be made.

March Birthdays

24 Eddie Ray	25 Evelyn Cordell
29 Craig Williams	29 Judy Indest

March Anniversaries

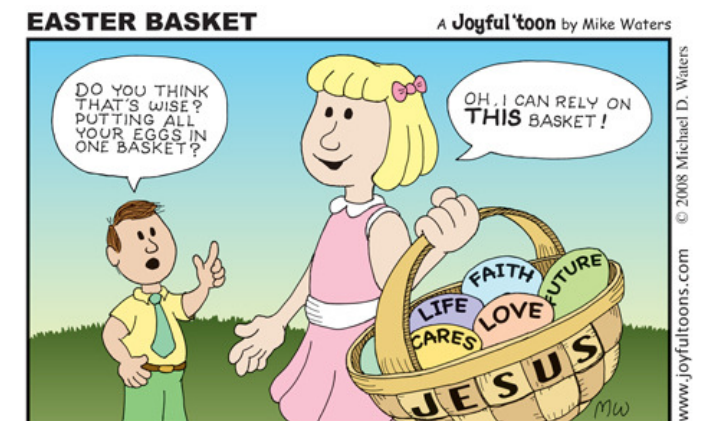
22 Greg & Linda Fabian	31 Russell & Canova Genaro
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April Birthdays

2 Derek Mauney	2 Megan DeWeese
2 Morgan Cuellar	3 Dianne Westmoreland
6 Mary Clem Noe	7 Elaine Genaro
13 Tracey Mauney	13 Shawn Cravens
15 Slade Ray	17 Claude Anderson
18 Laurie Huckabee	21 Tex Greene
22 Lila Odom	22 Alan Pearson
24 Holly Bhojwani	25 Lacey Gartrell
28 Lucille Adams	29 Leonard Dunford

April Anniversaries

7 John & Lacey Gartrell	7 Morris & Berna Dyes
9 Orlando & Amy Cuellar	19 Chuck & Sheila Banyai



because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.
- 2 TIMOTHY 1:12 NIV