

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Howell Todd

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd

Lord's Supper

Presiding: Ken Grandstaff

Serving: Eric Horne

Austin Horne

Preaching: Kyle Richardson

Closing Prayer: Austin Horne

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Austin Horne

Preaching: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Howell Todd

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Devotional: Kyle Richardson

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Serving Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper: Kyle Richardson

Preaching: Howell Todd

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Austin Horne

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Singing Night!

There will be a potluck afterwards. Invite your friends!

Game Night!

Friday, August 24 at 7:00 PM.
Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

Gospel Meeting at Rome:

August 5-8, speaker is David Sain.
7:30 each evening.

Our Gospel Meeting!

Sep 16-18 with Fred Rhodes. Be inviting your friends and family!

God's Plan of Salvation

Hear the Word
(Rom 10:17)

Believe in Jesus
(John 8:24)

Repent of your sins
(Luke 13:3)

Confess faith in Christ
(Rom 10:10)

Be **Baptized** for forgiveness of sins
(Acts 2:38)

Live **Faithfully**
(1 Cor. 15:58)

TEAM MEETINGS

Correspondence - Sunday evenings after worship see Kyle Richardson.

Visitation/Bible Study - For assignments see Brian Horner.

Member Care - Regarding Member needs contact Kyle Richardson.

Flower Request - Please call Lynda Ann Sparkman: 444.0938(h) 587.8187(c)

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August 5, 2012

Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

What is a Miracle?

Miracles today are looked at as if they are simply some great phenomenon, something wonderful and great. How often have you heard someone say, "It's a miracle he made it through that accident." Or, "It's a miracle he made it through some operation." Or perhaps when referring to the birth of a child, someone might say, "What a great miracle." When many people think of a miracle today, the above remarks are what they are referring to; they really do not understand what constitutes a true miracle.

A true miracle is much different than what many folks believe miracles are today. W.E. Vine says a miracle is, "power, inherent ability; is used of works of a supernatural origin and character, such as could not be produced by natural agents and means" (Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words).

In the Bible we find miracles are referred to as "wonders," "signs" and "powers" (cf. **Acts 2:22; Hebrews 2:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:9**). Also the word "works" is used in some cases to show a miracle was performed (**John 5:20; 6:28-29; 9:3-4; 10:37-38**). All these terms describe for us different areas that were used to indicate a miracle was performed.

In the Bible when a miracle was performed, it was done in such a manner that all who witnessed it could testify that it truly was from God.

The miracles Jesus performed were so notable no one could prove the things He did were not from God. When He healed the sick, it was witnessed by all in such a fashion that none could deny that what He had done was from God. For example: The raising of Lazarus from the dead in **John 11:43-45**. Notice the text: "*Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days*" (**John 11:39**). Lazarus had been in the ground for four days; his body had already begun to decompose. But at the command of the Lord, Lazarus comes forth from the grave. "*And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and*

To all our visitors - Welcome!
We hope you will come back
and worship with us soon!

Please call to inform us of News items or Prayer Requests that need to be in the Bulletin:

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foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go. Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him" (John 11:43-45). Because of this miracle, many of the Jews believed on Him.

Those who saw the miracles of the New Testament recognized that the things taking place went beyond the ordinary. When Peter healed the lame man of Acts 3, he and John had to go before the Sanhedrin to answer as to what they had done. As this deed was examined, the Sanhedrin could not say anything against them, "And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it" (Acts 4:14). Even they realized that what was done was that of a supernatural origin. "Saying, what shall we do to these men? For that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it" (Acts 4:16).

Miracles in the New Testament were always done in such a way that all who say could say this was from God. It is interesting to note that of all the so-called miracle workers of today, none of them have ever (nor can they ever in the future) perform a miracle that shows the supernatural. When put to the test, all the so-called miracle workers of today fail totally and completely to be able to reproduce a miracle like unto that of the Bible.

Johnie Scaggs,
Wesconnett church of Christ
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"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:19-21

Bible Riddle

Eleven are found in the scripture inspired,
"Who is like God?" our name enquired.
From several tribes of the Jews we came,
But to these we brought no great fame.

One had a son who became a spy,
At the hands of his brother another did die.
One, of Issachar, had four brothers,
One was a captain and led many others.

The best known of us an angel stood,
Representing all that is great and holy and good.

Of this one, an Old Testament prophet told,
He, too, a New Testament prophet did behold.

As through the Bible's pages you look,
My name you will see as you search the Book.

(last week's answer: "Cornelius")

Animal Kingdom

If you were an animal, what animal would you be?

Would you be a hippopotamus and be too big for your britches?

Would you be a porcupine and when you get angry you throw your quills?

Would you be a turtle and when you can't face life, you crawl back into your shell?

Would you be a peacock and spread your feathers to impress other people?

You could be a penguin and wear your tuxedo and just go to the social events for the very elite.

Would you be an ostrich with your head in the sand?

Would you be a bear and growl all the time?

Would you be a bulldog that is always down in the mouth?

Would you hold your head high like a giraffe?

Would you have the companion of a friendly dog?

Or would you have the gentleness and beauty of a fawn that when people look at you they would see God?

Margaret L Winter

This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - Who buried Moses?

Check back next week for the answer!

Last Week's Trivia:

Q - In what mountain did Moses die?

A - Mt. Nebo. Deut. 32:49

Remember in Prayer

Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews
Fannie Bell Warren
Janelle Arrington

Others:

Hollis Cluck
Vickie Wade - cancer
Muril Todd
Karen Hudson - cancer
Christy Garrett
The Bryan Family
Annie and JW Smith
Margie Taylor
Priscilla and Patrick Graves
Jessica Richardson
Dan Smith
Diane Grandstaff and family
William Wells - inoperable condition
Joe Allen
Bonnie Richardson - cancer
Linda Kay Edwards - surgery recovery
Dylan Speck - kidney problems
Haily Speck - melanoma
Edna Forbes
Janice Garrett
Carol Goins - Mary L.'s sister

August Birthdays:

24 - Edward L'Heureux

Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (Epistles)	1 Thessalonians 4-5
Monday (The Law)	Leviticus 22-24
Tuesday (History)	2 Kings 21-25
Wednesday (Psalms)	Psalms 90-92
Thursday (Poetry)	Proverbs 14-15
Friday (Prophecy)	Ezekiel 42-48
Saturday (Gospels)	John 1-2