

## Serving This Week:

### Sunday Morning

**Announcements:** Brian Horner

**Song Leader:** Brian Horner

**Opening Prayer:** Howell Todd

### Lord's Supper

**Presiding:** Dan Smith

**Serving:** Eric Horne

Kyle Richardson

**Preaching:** Steven Yeatts

**Closing Prayer:** Ken Grandstaff

### Sunday Evening

**Opening Prayer:** Dan Smith

**Preaching:** Singing Night

**Closing Prayer:** Ken Grandstaff

### Wednesday Evening

**Opening Prayer:** Kyle Richardson

**Devotional:** Brian Horner

**Closing Prayer:** Howell Todd

### Serving Next Sunday:

**Lord's Supper:** Ken Grandstaff

**Preaching:** Howell Todd

**Opening Prayer:** Ken Grandstaff

**Closing Prayer:** Dan Smith

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

### 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)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Singing Night!

Tonight is our first Sunday

Singing. Potluck to follow.

Bring a Friend!

### Friday Night Singing:

Oct 26 - 7:00 PM. Mark your  
calendars!

### Pantry Restock:

Canned Vegetables

White & Brown Rice

"Praise the LORD, all  
nations! Extol him, all  
peoples! For great is his  
steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the  
LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!"

*Psalm 117*

### 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)

## Bethel church of Christ

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October 7, 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*

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voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and 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 super-natural. 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

### HeartPrints

Whatever our hands touch-  
We leave fingerprints!  
On walls, on furniture  
On doorknobs, dishes, books.  
Smudges, showing we were there!

Oh God, wherever I go today  
Help me leave heartprints!  
Heartprints of compassion  
Of understanding and love.  
Heartprints of kindness  
And genuine concern.

May my heart touch a lonely neighbor  
Or a troubled child  
Or an anxious mother  
Or perhaps an aged grandfather.

Lord, send me out today  
To leave heartprints  
And if someone should say  
"I felt your touch,"  
May that one feeling be  
YOUR loving touch Lord, through ME.

Ruth Harms Calkin

### When You Walk Through the Storms

There is an old hymn that says, "when you walk through the storm, keep your head up high; an don't be afraid of the dark." It concludes with the words, "Walk on, walk on, walk on through the rain and you'll never walk alone." Other songs speak of storms. For example, you may remember the line, "When storms around are sweeping, when lone my watch I'm keeping,...Remember me, O Mighty One!" Another example is "when upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost..."

Life does have its storms and we can face the storms with doubt or faith. Doubt motivates us to ask, Why is this happening to me?" Or, "Does God care that this is happening to me?" Or, "How can a good God allow this to happen?" On the other hand, faith knows that storms come because we live in a fallen world and believers are not exempt from suffering. Additionally, faith doesn't understand everything but it does trust God to see us through whatever happens to us. Faith remembers that God has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Heb. 13:5), and "casting all your care upon Him, for he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). and "In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Romans 8:37).

Doubt sees the storms, trembles, and collapses. Faith sees the storms, is "knocked down, but is never knocked out" (2 Cor. 4:9) and experiences the presence of the Lord. Doubt will ultimately come (see Romans 8:28). Storms will come. They will take many forms. They, at times will be devastating, But, "when you walk through the storm, the dark...never walk along." We have His word on that.

Jay Lockhart – Calvary City, KY

### Remember in Prayer

#### Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews  
Fannie Bell Warren  
Janelle Arrington  
William Wells

#### 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  
Joe Allen  
Linda Kay Edwards - surgery recovery  
Dylan Speck - kidney problems  
Haily Speck - melanoma  
Edna Forbes  
Janice Garrett  
Carol Goins - Mary L.'s sister  
Lila Kirk

Please call to inform us of News items or Prayer Requests: Kyle Richardson (495-7106) Dorothy Jean Smith (444-5437)

### Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (Epistles)	Heb 5-7
Monday (The Law)	Numbers 29-32
Tuesday (History)	2 Chronicles 11-15
Wednesday (Psalms)	Psalms 117-118
Thursday (Poetry)	Proverbs 28
Friday (Prophecy)	Jonah
Saturday (Gospels)	Acts 3-4

### October Birthdays:

3 - Bryana Morris  
18 - Dan Smith