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“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

APRIL 8, 2018

MIRACULOUS GIFTS

Christians in the first century were given miraculous gifts by God through the Holy Spirit. Paul listed some of the miraculous gifts when he wrote to the church at Corinth (1 Corinthians 12:1-11). Those included miraculous wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, the working of miracles (perhaps the opportunity to have more than one gift), prophecy, discernment, tongues, and interpretation of tongues. Acts 2:1-12 shows us that speaking in tongues meant speaking in languages one had never studied.

These miraculous gifts were given for the purpose of confirming the inspired Word (Mark 16:20; Hebrews 2:1-4). This means the ability to perform these miracles was proof that the one speaking the Gospel was telling the truth. You can see this illustrated on the occasion where Nicodemus came to see Jesus. Nicodemus knew that Jesus was a teacher from God because of the miracles Jesus was able to perform (John 3:1-2).

It was necessary in the first century to confirm the New Testament through miraculous works because it was in the process of being written down. To prove we are preaching the truth today we can take people to book, chapter, and verse to show them. The earlier Christians were able to do that with the Old Testament Scriptures, but not with the New Testament because it was not complete at that time. The New Testament was completed and confirmed by the end of the first century. Therefore, after the first century there was no longer a need for the miraculous confirmation of the word.

1 Corinthians, chapters twelve through fourteen is an important section of holy and inspired Scripture when it comes a discussion of miraculous gifts. We have already noted that 1 Corinthians twelve lists some miraculous gifts for us. In the context, Paul was pointing out that though there are various gifts, they all came from the one Spirit. Therefore the church should not be fighting over those gifts. Because of their fighting, Paul told them there was something better than miraculous gifts. That which is better than miraculous gifts is love.

In 1 Corinthians 13:8-13 Paul makes the argument that love is better than miraculous gifts because miraculous gifts will cease, but love will not. Some argue today that miraculous gifts would last until Jesus comes again, but the context does not bear this out. In verse eight Paul makes it clear love will never fail, but miraculous gifts will fail and vanish away. In verses nine through twelve Paul tells us that miraculous gifts would cease when that which is “perfect/complete” is come. That which is complete is knowledge. In verse nine you have partial knowledge. The complete in verse ten refers to that same inspired knowledge. When the inspired knowledge God wanted man to have was completely given, God stopped giving miraculous gifts to Christians.

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We cannot have apostles today because there is no one living today who has been witness to the resurrected Christ (Acts 1:22). While any Christian could receive a miraculous gift, only the apostles were able to give those miraculous gifts. This fact becomes clear in Acts, chapter eight. Philip was a Gospel preacher who was “full of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:3-5). In addition, he was fully capable of performing miracles (Acts 8:6, 13). Yet Philip was unable to give the Holy Spirit to the new Christians in Samaria. The new converts in Samaria would be unable to perform miracles without the Holy Spirit, so two apostles were sent from Jerusalem (Acts 8:14-16). When these apostles laid hands on the new Christians, they were able to receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:17-18). The Holy Spirit and the resulting miraculous gift was only passed on by the laying on of the apostles’ hands. We cannot receive miraculous gifts in that manner today because there are no apostles today.

Some have suggested that others besides the apostles were able to pass on miraculous gifts because 1 Timothy 4:14 says, “Do not neglect the gift that is in you which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.” It is important to compare this verse with 2 Timothy 1:6 which records Paul saying to Timothy, “Therefore, I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.” The word “with” in 1 Timothy 4:14 means at the same time. The elders laid hands on Timothy at the same time he received this gift. The word translated “through” in 2 Timothy 1:6 means “by”. Paul is the one who laid hands on Timothy to give him the gift. That was done by the means of laying on of this apostle’s hands. All of this was done at the same time the elders laid hands on Timothy. It was typical for the laying on of hands to occur when an individual was assigned to a task in the church (Acts 13:3). The elders and Paul laid hands on Timothy at the same time. The elders to assign a task to Timothy, and the apostle to give Timothy a miraculous gift.

The other way people in the first century received the ability to perform miracles was through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The only ones to ever receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit were the apostles on the day of Pentecost (Acts 1:1-8; 1:26; 2:4), and the household of Cornelius (Acts 10-11). There is no other record of any other people receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. When Paul wrote the book of Ephesians, he said there was only one baptism (Ephesians 4:5). The only one needed by man for salvation is baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), therefore, it is clear that the baptism for the remission of sins is the only one available by the time Paul wrote the church at Ephesus. We cannot receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit today, and consequently cannot receive the ability to perform miraculous gifts in that fashion.

- Kevin V. Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

April 9 - Luke 9:37-62
April 10 - Luke 10:1-24
April 11 - Luke 10:25-42
April 12 - Luke 11:1-28



April 13 - Luke 11:29-54
April 14 - Luke 12:1-31
April 15 - Luke 12:32-59



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to pray for Sherrill Stewart's niece and Mark Minor's cousin, **Debbie Cranfield**, who has now been told she does not have cancer but that her spleen is very enlarged. Please continue to pray for her.

Ashling Clauset was scheduled to have an infusion in Chapel Hill this past Monday. This is a treatment for Crohn's Disease. She is the eleven year old granddaughter of Charley and Pat Belch.

Please remember **Avery Johnson** in your prayers. He is a 21 yr. old son of a co-worker of Betty Hoots. He was weed-eating this past week and a stick went into his eye. He has lost total vision in that eye and is most likely going to lose his eye.

BruceAnne Farmer, (friend of Lorie Rose), had a bilateral mastectomy treatment, you all prayed and she did very well for a while. Her cancer has returned extensively in her spine. She will return to the oncologist on April 16 to determine if the cancer has spread to her brain and a treatment course, if any. She requested prayers and I am requesting your prayers for her. She would love to receive cards and encouragement. Her address is 2901 Banner Springs Rd., Jamestown, TN 38556. Thank you in advance - Lorie

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Ernestine Martin

Kim Matthews
Di-Ann Moser

It was reported that Mildred Barker's health is in decline at this time.

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers

**THE PRAYER LIST IS AVAILABLE ON
THE CREDENZA IN THE FOYER.**



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for the month of April are: Laundry detergent, hand dishwashing liquid, soap

2018 Nicaragua Medical Mission June 15-23

Currently, we have ten members from Warners Chapel planning to participate in the campaign in Granada, Nicaragua. Each member has already contributed \$500 to commit to the trip. The ladies will also be sewing dresses for the team to distribute. Please continue to pray for this effort.



WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

April 10 - Sewing for Nicaragua at 9 a.m. in Annex.

April 12 - The 50 and Over Class will meet at 11 a.m. in the Annex.

Apr. 14 - Baby Shower for David & Krystal Warner at 2-4 p.m. in Annex (Elizabeth Alta Warner was born on January 18, 2018.) They are registered at Baby's-R-Us.

Apr. 14 - Youth Devotional at the home of Jody & Ashley Everett beginning at 6 p.m. All who attend are asked to bring desserts, drinks, and their favorite board games. There is a sign-up sheet on the Youth Board.

Apr. 15 - Congregational Fellowship Meal following morning worship service in the Annex.

Apr. 28 - Youth outing to Carowinds Amusement Park. Although this is a youth outing, all in the congregation are invited to come as well. There is a sign-up sheet on the Youth Board, so please sign-up and indicate how many tickets you will need. You MUST sign up by **Sunday, April 22nd** if you want to come. It is imperative that you write a check made out to Warners Chapel by **Sunday, April 22nd** and give it to **Caleb** so the order form for the tickets can be sent in.

May 19-20 - Senior Rally. The Speaker will be Rod Rutherford

AREA EVENTS:

April 8-11 - Gospel Revival at the Cary church of Christ. Speaker: Gary Dismuke. Topic: "Soul Searching Questions".

Apr. 8-12 - 74th Annual Carolina Lectureship at Highland Acres church of Christ in Statesville.

Apr. 13-15 - Youth Rally at the Lake Norman church of Christ.

Apr. 15-19 - Spring Gospel Mtg. at West Jefferson church of Christ. Guest Speaker: Chuck Stewart.

Apr. 22-25 - Gospel Mtg. at Liledoun church of Christ. Speaker: Derek H. Franklin - Crawford church of Christ in Rock Hill, SC.

SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR DETAILS

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - April 1, 2018	135
Sunday Worship Service	202
Contribution for April 1, 2018	
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	34
Chapters Read:	551
Sunday Evening Worship Service	108
Wed. Evening Bible Study - April 4, 2018	95

Lord's Day Appointments For April, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For April:

Clayton Workman

Gene Southern Dwight Barringer
Shawn Thomason
Laura Cooper
Todd Hinson
Caleb Rutherford

Preparing Communion for April:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - April 15, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Mark Minor	Morning - Tim Harper	A.M. - Gene Southern	A.M. - Roger Allen
Song Leader - Tommy Rose	Evening - Robby Landry	P.M. - Wayne Allen	P.M. - John Allen
Prayer - Andy Santiago		Wed. - Don Minor	

Greeters for April:

Mike & Laura Cooper

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - April 15 ~ Brad Hoots
Wednesday: - April 18 ~ Brad Hoots

Lord's Day Appointments - April 8, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Shawn Thomason	Morning - Al Lawson	A.M. - Nathan Roy	A.M. - David Moore
Song Leader - Tim Allen	Evening - Jason Allen	P.M. - Clayton Workman	P.M. - Jim Harrison
Prayer - Jack Piper		Wed. - Allen Cooper	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - April 8 ~ Andy Santiago
Wednesday: - April 11 ~ Andy Santiago

Greeters for April:

Mike & Laura Cooper

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - Nursery open for small children during all services.

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes	10:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:50 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Service	7:00 PM
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“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8
SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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ELDERS

DEACONS

Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Mike Cooper

Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury