

Today's Sermons:

AM "The Savior's Invitation" (Matthew 11:28-30)

PM "Studies in Revelation" (Chapter 8)

Those Privileged To Serve:

Announcements: Bill Powers
 AM Song Leader: Tim Winters
 AM Prayer: Lindy Hiatt
 Lord's Supper: Tim Canup, David Turmire, Jim Miller
 PM Song Leader: Mark Miller
 PM Prayer: David Turmire
 Lord's Supper: Leroy Kennell
 Wed Song Leader: Jeff Venable
 Wed Invitation: Bill Powers

Records For Last Week:

Contribution: \$1284.25
 Daily Bible Readers: 4
 Sunday Bible Study: 22
 AM Worship: 41
 PM Worship: NA
 Wednesday Bible Study: 22

Building Cleaning For Next Sunday:
Check Calendar

Prepare Communion For November 2009
Susie Stanley



BIBLE QUESTIONS

(Answers Next Week)

81. What man said: "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither"?
82. Who said: "Skin for skin"?
83. What preacher "taught publicly and from house to house"?
84. What man had 7000 sheep, 3000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen and 500 she asses?
- 85 Who said: "But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold"?
86. What woman advised her husband to "curse God, and die"?
87. About how long was the Bible in being written?
88. How many men wrote the Bible?
89. In what language was the Old Testament originally written?
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THE PURPOSE OF MIRACLES

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Just before His ascension to heaven, Jesus gave His marching orders to the apostles and promised that they would be endowed with miraculous powers (Mk. 16:15-18; Acts 1:5, 8). Mark reveals that the disciples were faithful to the Captain's commands and that the Christ was true to His faithful followers: "And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following" (Mk. 16:20).

This inspired excerpt from early church history provides vital information on the purpose of miracles. Mark clearly indicates that the miracles were wrought to confirm the message of the apostles and early Christians. Carefully consider this in light of Hebrews 2:3-4: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?"

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Times of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study:.....10:00am
 AM Worship:.....11:00am
 PM Worship:.....6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program

Sunday:.....9:35am
 "Back to the Bible"
 AM 580 WSKS

12th Annual Lectureship
 "God's Plan for Salvation"
 September 25-27, 2009

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- TODAY – MEN’S BUSINESS MEETING AND LADIES BIBLE CLASS – AFTER PM WORSHIP
- NOVEMBER 9 – SINGING AT MARGATE HEALTH AND REHAB – 6:30 PM

Those Needing Our Prayers:

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16).



Nancy Howell	Linda James	Gertie Scalf
Bill Fagan (cancer)	Ashley Polk (accident)	Tim, Cindy & Boys
Candy Phillips Familyu	Shannon Rash, Julie & Jonathan	Belle Gardner
Tom & Della Jones	Linda Powers	Lindy Hiatt
Steven Winters	Krissy & Susie Stanley (DC kids)	Kaleb Davis
Jim Winters	Asher Powers	Randall Green
Kiana Miller	Doris Black	Bertha Martin (sight)
Thomas Jones	Benny Brown	David Vannoy
Denise Church	Robert Bare Familyu	Amanda Winters
Eugene Kidder	Savannah Bedenbaugh	Tim Owings
Gene Owings	Joe & Mable Turner	Everett & Sandy Adama
Gail Martin	Trina Martin	Mark Miller

Our Shut- Ins

Mary Turner – Margate Health & Rehab; Room #415A, 540 Waugh St., Jefferson, NC 28640

Answers to Last Week's Bible Questions

71. **No.**
72. **Euodias and Syntyche.** Phillipians 4:2.
73. **Epaphroditus.** Phillipinas 2:27.
74. **Trophimus.** 2 Timothy 4:20.
75. **Benjamin.** Phillipinas 3:5.
76. **Paul.** Phillipians 1:21.
77. **Paul.** Acts 9:16.
78. **Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12.**
79. **Cousins.** Colossians 4:10.
80. **Laodicea.** Revelation 3:14-22.



How did you do? Did you get them all?

It is of utmost importance to recognize that every time God had special messages for man, He confirmed those messages with miracles. For example, when God commissioned Moses to lead Israel out of Egypt, He provided Moses with miraculous abilities that confirmed that the messages to Pharaoh and Israel were from Heaven (Ex. 4:1-9; 7:3-12:33). Additionally, the miracles performed by Jesus confirmed the message that He was and is God. Peter pointed out this very fact in Acts 2:22: "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know." God's final message to man is the New Testament. Jude declared this undeniable truth when he wrote that the faith (the gospel) "was once for all delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). According to Jude, the New Testament message will never have to be modified or amended; it is perfect, complete, and finished. During its initial proclamation and recording, miraculous signs confirmed it to be from God (see Mk. 16:20; Heb. 2:3-4). It might be said that those miracles were God's "stamp of approval" on the Gospel.

When that final message to man was completed, the need for miracles ceased. Paul foretold this very thing in 1 Corinthians 13:8-12 where he stated that the "in part" system (the miraculous manner in which God's Will was given part-by-part) would give way to the "perfect" system (the completely revealed Will of God).

To say that miracles still take place is to say that God is still revealing new messages to man. To say that He is continuing to reveal such is to put one in contradiction with clear New Testament passages such as Jude 3 mentioned above. The fact is, God's final revelation has been presented to man and God's stamp was pressed into it more than 2,000 years ago. The need for miracles has ceased since the record of Jesus' miracles and the miracles of His apostles and other First-Century followers confirm that the New Testament message is God-approved. That message is complete and all-sufficient. It is the whole of God's Will for mankind and it -- including the record of the miraculous -- has the power to produce faith in the minds of all who accept it. This is demonstrated in John 20:30-31: "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." Friend, the pressing question now is, "What will you do with the miraculously confirmed word of God?"

