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Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Class.....10:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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OF THE LORD'S WAY
Sundays @ 7:00 a.m. Ch. 18
7:30 a.m. on Ch. 4



March 8 – 11, 2020

Spring Gospel Meeting

South Florida Ave. church of Christ

Sunday AM Bible Class

“As For Me & My House: Developing a Family Mission Statement”

Sunday AM Sermon

“Priorities & Commitments in the Home”

FELLOWSHIP MEAL TO FOLLOW

Sunday PM Sermon

“Father, Help Me to Serve My Family by Washing Their Feet”

Monday PM Sermon

“The Devil’s Theology of Technology: Fracture/Frustrate/Fossilize the Family!”

Tuesday PM Sermon

“The Absence of Adam: Where Are All the Fathers?”

Wednesday PM Sermon

“What Would You Give in Exchange for Your Family?”



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First Corinthians 14

Regulating Miraculous Gifts (Part 2)

Brian R. Kenyon

There are people today who claim to possess miraculous spiritual gifts. However, aside from the fact that no objective proof exists for people doing miracles today, the New Testament teaches that miraculous gifts ceased with the completion of God's written revelation (1 Cor. 13:8-13 cf. Jas. 1:25). In First Corinthians 14, Paul instructs the Corinthians on the regulation of miraculous spiritual gifts. The Corinthian church was known for its division (1 Cor. 1:10-13), and part of that division was fueled by wrong attitudes about miraculous spiritual gifts, particularly the gift of speaking in tongues. It seems that those who had the gifts looked down on those who did not, and those who did not have the gifts were envious of those who did. The value in studying this, in addition to learning more about God's word, is to see the sharp contrast between the first century church (when miraculous gifts were real and demonstrable) and people today who claim to possess these gifts. In Part 1 of this study (in last week's bulletin article), we noted that prophecy was preferred over the ability to speak in tongues (1 Cor. 14:1-5) and that language has to be understood in order to be useful. A key idea in this entire section is edification (1 Cor. 14:3-5, 12, 17, 26). Speaking in languages that nobody can understand does not edify.

Language Not Understood Is Powerless

By writing, "if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks will be a foreigner to me" (1 Cor. 14:11), Paul is saying that if one does not know the meaning of the language being spoken, then the person speaking it might as well be babbling. "Voice," in this context, is being used interchangeably with language. The word "foreigner," or more precisely for the word-play, "barbarian" (KJV), is an "onomatopoeic" word, which is simply the transliteration of a sound. This word denotes a person whose language sounds like "bar, bar" (Morris 189). In other words, that person's language makes no sense, and is, therefore, powerless to build up the church.

Since language that cannot be understood is powerless, Paul tells the Corinthians that they must desire that which edifies. "Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel. ¹³Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful" (1 Cor. 14:12-14). Though the Corinthians were "zealous [eager, ESV]" for spiritual gifts, they must seek to excel in edifying. To edify means to build up, and one reason for miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit was to build up the church (cf. 1 Cor. 12:4-13, 27-31; Eph. 4:11-14). Furthermore, if a person spoke in tongues, he was to pray that he also would be able to interpret because praying in an unintelligible language left a person's understanding "unfruitful."

Do we see the comparison with so called tongue speakers today? In the first place, those today who claim to speak in tongues do not really speak in tongues as per the Bible's usage. What the Bible means by tongues is real foreign languages that those speaking did not study and could not have possibly known except it were by supernatural means (cf. Acts 2:4-11). The so called tongue speakers today, however, speak what they claim is "Holy Ghost language," but in reality is nothing more than hyped-up gibberish. Second, since the church cannot understand the gibberish of the so called tongue speakers today, their verbal babblings are absolutely powerless to Scripturally edify the church! Why then do they continue to claim speaking in tongues? Could it be the same carnality that characterized the Corinthians' division (1 Cor. 3:1-4)?

Conclusion

Let us be content to accept the ability of the written word of God, when properly understood and applied, to edify the church of Christ. Why seek the sensational delusion of speaking in tongues today when the word of God is "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17)?

Works Cited

Morris, Leon. *The First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1985.

SFA FAMILY MATTERS

Prayer List

Our Members: Tonya Anderson; Bobby Sheumaker; Nicole Dix; Melody Baxter; Carol Pace; Ginny Hamby; Cierra Edwards (upcoming procedure); Margaret Coone; Ellen Shearer; Bob Pratt; Ray Nashick; Ron Ford; Chuck & Evelyn Wyatt; Debbie Bush; Geny Johnson; Brian Smith; Sharon Washington; Bernetta Green (hip pain).

Others: **Thelma Rachford** (Dottie Fife's sister); **Felicia Plunkett** (friend of Heidi & Ty Rhymes, brain tumor); **Eric Bunch** (medication regulation); **Alicia Zamot** (Jagie's aunt); **Andre, Nasheka, Nya Medley; Kate**, baby Nya's NICU nurse; **Tonya Mathis** (hospice care); **Keith Cozart** (former member); **Larry Laster; Chrissi Fuesner; Chip Bolding; Tony Seibert; Neil Entwistle Sr.; Tanya Irizarry; Trevor & Sandy Hutchins; Derick Jordan; Peggy Nabors** (Kim Faneuf's mother); **Keijuan Callaway** (Sharon Washington's son); **Anna Bess** (Margaret Coone's mother); **Janet Moore; Mary Ankroum.**

Responses

Marcella Swain responded to the invitation Sunday requesting prayers for her family.



Remember our Shut-ins

Faith West
Carol Eason
Virginia Plumlee
Joyce Burbage
Cheryl Barker

Upcoming Events

- 2/14** - Sweetheart Banquet, 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. This is open to all members.
- 2/15** - SFA is hosting this month's Men's Breakfast.
- 2/16** - Parent & Youth lunch/meeting after morning service; communion to shut-ins; Lads2Leaders workshop. Head count needed by Friday.
- 2/18** - Senior Saints Meeting, 9:30 am
- 2/21-2/23** - YES weekend in Valdosta, GA. Last day to sign up is Feb. 2nd. For more details, see bulletin board or Vince.
- 2/22** - Pinellas Park church of Christ Ladies Day, 8:00 registration, 8:30 welcome. Flyer is on bulletin board.
- 2/23** - Men's training class, 9:30 am
- 2/23** - Teacher's Workshop, 4:30 pm in library

Our condolences

to Graham McDonald on the passing of his mother to Virginia Walker on the passing of her great-nephew

You are in our prayers.

Thank you for visiting

Sharon Roy Tiffany & Samuel Hash
Sierra Gilbert Emanuel & Marcia White
Wanda Powell Robert & Gail Jackson
Tonya Hinson Howard & Kathy Burnette
Roy & Dee Wilt
Lorey Lundy & Kathy Neal

Thank You Notes

We love you all dearly! We do not take for granted, nor will we ever forget the way in which you've embraced, loved, and cared for us. Congregations who stand for our Lord's truth, no matter the cost, are few & far between. We absolutely cherish you & appreciate you all. May God continue to look down with loving favor upon our shepherds, deacons, preachers, teachers & every faithful member! It is a great pleasure to be a part of this family!

Terrance & Shenia

Thank you for the cards, calls, emails & especially all your prayers lifted up on my behalf regarding my health over more than 40 days. My recovery continues. Thanks be to our Father in Heaven.

Bobby Sheumaker

Communion to Shut-Ins

February 16th Youth Group
February 23rd Deal

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

February

Designated Elder During Services - Kenny French
Open/Close Building - John McShane

Josh Estridge **Table** Alex Parramore
Dennis McCarter **Assist** Gabriel Brownlow-Dindy

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Song at Bible Class/Prayer Paul Romine
Sound Booth Alex Parramore
Announcements Frank Hamby
Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer Edward Atkins
Sermon Hiram Kemp
 "Why I Love the church of Christ"
Closing Prayer Wesley Brunson
Greeters...before: S. Smith
Greeters...after: McShane
Cards Willcut (Sawyer)/Klark

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader Vince Daugherty
Scripture reading/Prayer Jimmy Sweeney
Sermon Hiram Kemp
 "Why I Love the Old Testament"

Closing Prayer David Deal

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Song Leader/Prayer Tucker Sweeney
Closing Prayer Charles Paulin

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Song at Bible Class/Prayer Kyle Bingle
Sound Booth Phil Fife
Announcements Frank Hamby
Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer Paul Romine
Sermon Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer Wadi Khoury
Greeters...before: Fife
Greeters...after: Melissa/Debra
Cards Willcut (Sawyer)/Klark

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader Vince Daugherty
Scripture reading/Prayer Tyler Anderson
Sermon Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer Gavin Williams

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Song Leader/prayer Jonathan Singh
Closing Prayer Jimmy Sweeney

~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Jan. 19 \$7,489.00
Jan. 26 \$5,994.32
Feb. 2 \$8,340.61
Feb. 9 \$7,969.60
Contribution Average \$7,495.05

Big Support for "Littles" Service Project

Thanks to all who helped make the service project for our younger youth group a success, especially the R. Kenyons for opening-up their home and Vince for keeping the little ones on task! This was a fun learning, and fellowship event, with a sweet service ending for all!



Let Us Sow the Gospel Seed

everywhere we go by inviting others to church services, church events, church activities, and/or one-on-one Bible studies!

SFA @ FHU

Last week, Hiram, Brian, and Jagie went to the lectureship at Freed-Hardeman, and met up with the Grimes (who still seem from here) and Heidi (not pictured). Great fellowship!

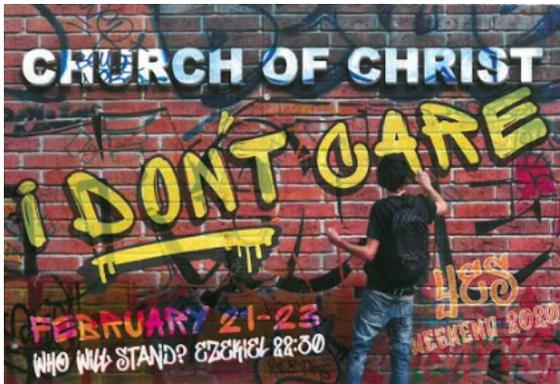


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Return Service Requested

The End of Your Search for a Friendly Church . . .

Young People Make Plans to Attend



YES Weekend hosted by the Forrest Park church of Christ in Valdosta, Georgia. Lord willing, we will meet at the fellowship hall Friday, Feb. 21, eat lunch, load up the vehicles, and go to Georgia. We will return Sunday afternoon, Feb. 23. Let Vince know if you would like to go!



MISSION TRIP PERU

We are gearing up with prayer and planning for a YES II mission trip to Ica, Peru, on July 17-25, 2020. This was the date that best fit the most members. If you have gone in the past and want to go again, please register online as in the past. If you are new, see Brian for how to register. We appreciate our eldership for seeing the value of involving our young people in evangelism!

Bulletin Changes to Take Place. Over the next few weeks the bulletin will undergo changes to better meet the needs of the congregation. Brian has been filling-in since Bob McAnally's health waned and could no longer put together the bulletin. We now have full-time office staff who can give better attention to it. Thanks for your patience and support as we make the transition.