

Those to Serve

(B) Keith Stifflemire
(FV) Jack Wall
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Jorge Garza
1st prayer Mike Mallett
2nd prayer Judd Wall
Announcements: Calvin Burks
Singing: Kevin Grant

September 6th

Mission Sunday

September 7th

Labor Day

September 13th

Grandparents Day

September 22nd

Autumn Begins

September 27th

Noon Fellowship

October 4th

Mission Sunday

Happy Birthday

Louis Sallie Sept 11th

Vernon Houts Sept 24th

Judy Grant Sept 28th

Autumn Vann Sept 29th

Prayer List:

Virginia Lovell
Dennis Sheldon
Janell Houts Hall
Odell Mallett
Dora Martinez
Mona Lancaster
Willis Hughes
Letha Sheldon
Ruby Jones
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

Quotes & Sayings

- ***Avoid a cure that is worse than the disease.*** Aesop
- ***Focus on what's right in your world instead of what's wrong.*** Unknown
- ***If you have a strong belief, then anything is possible.*** Hermann J Steinherr
- ***I want you to remember the guiding principles of my life. You can be what you want to be, if you believe in yourself and work hard, because anything, and I'm telling you anything, is possible.*** Kirby Puckett

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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Is God Using Miracles Today?

Recently we've heard some brethren suggesting that God may, in fact, still be using miracles to accomplish His will. "At least," they say, "it can't be ruled out." We disagree.

In any discussion of miracles it is important that a true definition be in place. W. E. Vine says miracles are "works of a supernatural origin and character, such as could not be produced by natural agents and means." In other words, a miracle occurred in Bible times when the laws of nature were suspended and something beyond the scope of the natural realm took place. Biblical examples of miracles would include the virgin birth of Jesus, Jesus walking on the water, the dead (even those dead for several days) being raised, etc. These things simply could not happen in the natural course of things - they constitute true miracles.

Be careful not to apply the term 'miracle' to things that are wonderful and amazing – but still within the realm of nature. The birth of a baby, for example, is an amazing thing but it is not a miracle. Science fully understands, and complete explanations can be offered, for how a baby is conceived and born. It is all in accordance with the laws of nature, and no miracle is involved. The virgin birth of Jesus, on the other hand, was a miracle. See the difference?

Also, remember that miracles were intended as a "sign" (a term used synonymously with the word "miracle"). These "signs" served to reveal and confirm God's truth. For example, Jesus' miracles proved that He was the divine Son of God, and when other inspired men spoke and wrote, their miracles confirmed that the message they proclaimed was truly from God. If, as some folks are suggesting, God may still be working miracles, but 'we can't know for sure,' our question to them would be 'why?' What purpose would be served if the miracles provide no verifiable sign?

Now, the question remains: Does God use miracles today? The answer is NO! We know this because:

1. Miracles served the specific purpose of revealing and confirming God's Word (Mark 16:17,20). That work is now completed, and miracles are no longer needed.

2. The means by which miracles were passed on (baptism of the Holy Ghost, or the laying on of the apostles' hands) are no longer available.

3. The scripture specifically says miracles would end when God's complete revelation was made known to man (1 Cor. 13:8-13)

Miracles served an important role in God's eternal plan, but that role is now finished. There are no miracles today. - by Greg Gwin

Complaining Christians

Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world. (Philippians 2:14-15)

Few things can be more destructive to a child's future (both earthly and heavenly) as a propensity to whine and complain. Such is the manner of those who are ungrateful, greedy and self-seeking. Continued grumbling and griping is evidence that a child has successfully trained his parents to cater to his wantonness, placing in jeopardy not only the child, but also the parents (Pr 22:6; Deut 6:7; Eph 6:4). If the routine is not broken (Pr 2:15; 23:13-14), the murmuring child will become a murmuring adult, and an irritation to his peers.

Recall, when God brought the children of Israel from Egypt, they were a nation of complainers (Ex 15:24; 16:2; 17:3). The apostle Paul candidly states, "...with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness." (1 Cor 10:5) He cites the things which happened to them as "...our example, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted." (v 6) Friend, you and are not to "...complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer." (v 10)

A Christian complaining is no more acceptable than any child or the nation Israel doing so. If the Lord commands that we "drive it far" from the child, and if He scattered the Israelite bodies in the wilderness on account of their murmuring, then surely we can understand that such has no place in the child of God. The context of Philippians 2 supplies Jesus as our great example, through His obedience in going to the cross. Recall, the prophet wrote of Him, "...as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth." (Isa 53:7) If he endured such hostility and pain for us, without complaint, ought we not endeavour to serve Him daily without complaint?

Understand, my friend, our standing as children of God depends upon us laying aside all murmuring. If we are to shine as lights in this world, it will be through faithful obedience, and the knowledge that we are to be "blameless and harmless", not whiners and complainers. - by William Stewart