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Sunday Morning Worship

| Announcements | (668-9537) Larry Flatt |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Lead Singing | Stanley Graves |
| First Prayer | Shane Fisher |
| Reading | Ben Biles |
| Scripture | Titus 1:7-11 |
| Lord's Table (N) | *Danny Duncan |
| (S) | *W.C. Chilton |
| (N) | Kane Maynard |
| (N) | Eugene Wilcher |
| (N) | Dustin Hillis |
| (S) | |
| (S) | |
| (S) | Jame Gillies |
| Sermon | Tony Lawrence |
| Dismiss | • |
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Sunday Evening Worship

| Announcements | (668-9537) Larry Flatt |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Lead Singing | Stanley Graves |
| First Prayer | Rickey Hurst |
| Reading | Kevin Flatt |
| Scripture | Matthew 7:13-14 |
| Lord's Table | *Don Sullivan |
| | *Jeff Templeton |
| Sermon | |
| Dismiss | Eddie Palmer |

Wednesday Bible Study

| Announcements | (668-2115) Steve Boyd |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Lead Singing | Tim Fisher |
| First Prayer | Bo Rivers |
| Reading | Joe Roller |
| Invitation | Jamie Brock |
| Dismiss | David Bouldin |

Welcome Committee

| A.M | Clent & Lynette Kesey |
|-----|-----------------------|
| P.M | David & Iona King |

Bus Driver:....Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

| Ushers:Barry Hendrixson & Kurt Mayna | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|--|--|--|
| Attend Nursery:Sonia Vandag | riff | | | |
| Lock Building: Steve Bo | oyd | | | |
| Prepare Communion: | | | | |
| Allen, Glenda & Caleb Hugl | hes | | | |
| Assist with Baptisms: | | | | |
| Doris Smith & Corretta Lawrer | nce | | | |
| Pantry Item: Baby Cer | eal | | | |
| Record For The Week | | | | |
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| Bible Study2 | | | | |
| P.M. Worship2 | | | | |
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Sick

At Home:

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In The Hospital:

Bobby Prater (brother-in-law of Flossie Warren) -Rehab Austin Hudson (Elaine Hoover's father)-St. Thomas

Sermons Topics

Sunday AM Role & Responsibility Of Shepherds Sunday PMTwo Roads

Gospel Meetings

Central church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting on August 10-13, services at 7 pm with Tom Holland preaching.

Bethlehem church of Christ (Van Buren County) will have a Gospel Meeting on August 10-13, services at 7 pm with Wesley Simons preaching.

Bonner church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting on August 10-13, services at 7 pm with Johnny Fox preaching.

Baby Shower

A baby shower honoring Megan Rhea will be held Sunday, August 24, from 1-3 pm at the home of Don & Susie Griffith.

Address Update

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Upcoming Youth Events:

Sunday August 24th – Youth Devo at the Myers' Sunday August 27th – Birthday Wednesday Saturday August 30th – West Sparta Youth Day

Poem on Time & Eternity

Sixty seconds make a minute, May we please the Savior in it; Sixty minutes make an hour, May we feel His saving power; Twenty-four hours make a day, O'er us give His will full sway; Seven days make a week, Make us humble, lowly, meek; As weeks into months must turn, Let us more of Jesus learn: As the months shall make the year, Free us from worry, doubt, and fear; As the years make up our life, Give us victory in the strife; When eternity at last we see, May we live it, Lord, with thee?

~author unknown~



From Tyler's Desk

Miracles in Mark: Attention to Authority

In Mark's account of the gospel, he tells of many of Jesus' miracles. However, he goes beyond merely describing the miracle itself, and goes on to emphasize the importance of each of the miracles. Beyond just learning "what happened" in Jesus' ministry, a study of Jesus' miracles can teach us many important lessons about who Jesus was, and what he should be to us. Over the next few weeks, I intend to write a series of articles looking at the miracles of Jesus and lessons learned from those miracles as seen in the book of Mark.

The first miracle of Jesus recorded in the book of Mark is found in Mark 1:21-27 (it would be helpful to take the time to read these verses before reading the rest of this article).

This miracle took place in the city of Capernaum, a fishing town on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had just recently begun in his ministry, and was not yet well known. The Jews in Capernaum woke up on a Saturday morning, most likely expecting this Sabbath to be just like all the others. It was a day of rest. Instead of going out to their fishing boats, today was a day to go to the synagogue to hear someone give a lesson from God's word. Every Sabbath they would gather together and sing songs of worship and hear a reading from God's word. Instead of hearing a local preacher then give a lesson, they were accustomed to letting most any individual who wanted to present a lesson from God's word.

Although they were comfortable hearing form different speakers, they had grown accustomed to a similar style. Each week one of the scribes would teach them lessons, but they would do so by referring to another's authority. For us this would be like hearing a preacher make a point solely by referencing a commentary of respected brother rather than drawing his point straight from God's word.

This Saturday the Jews went to the Synagogue more likely expecting more of the same preaching. However this Sabbath turned out of be different... much different.

After arriving at the Synagogue and hearing a reading from God's word and worshiping God in song, their speaker stood up to speak. Today they were going to hear from a man named Jesus. Jesus was not a scribe. He was merely a carpenter from the town of Nazareth. They may not have been expecting much, but what they heard and saw that day left them amazed.

The theme of Jesus' lesson can be found in Mark 1:14, Jesus taught them "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Jesus did not reference some other respected scholar to make this assumption. He did not speak on any other man's authority. He just said it. He spoke solely on the authority of God's words.

Who was this guy? A carpenter? From Nazareth? What makes this guy think he can just speak with authority like this? The people were astonished at His teaching (Mark 1:22).

But Jesus didn't stop there. Verse 23 reads "immediately there was a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out." After the people heard the man cry out they saw the most amazing thing of all. Jesus rebuked the spirit, and commanded it to come out of the man, and the unclean spirit obeyed Him!

"He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him!" The people now knew that this was not just a normal carpenter from Nazareth. This Jesus spoke with authority, and he proved he had this authority by casting out a demon!

As we should model Christ in all things, we too should look to God's authority for our teachings. Commentaries written by well studied and respectable brethren can be a great tool, but they are not our authority. Jesus' words, as given in the NewTestament by the apostles and prophets are the only authority we have (Heb 1.2). These were the only words proved to be true through miracles (Heb 2:4). Lets continue to grow in our submission to and respect for Jesus' teachings.

~Tyler~