

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST March 14, 2021



SAUL RECEIVED A MIRACLE

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It may come as a surprise to some to learn that even the experience of a true miracle does not save a person from his sins. In fact, Saul underwent more than one miracle in the process of his conversion to Christ. First, he was miraculously blinded (cf. Acts 9:8-9), and then, he was miraculously given sight: "And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP
1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes
for all ages & fellowship
for lunch every Sunday!

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hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith" (Acts 9:17-18). Yet, these miracles did not wash away Saul's sins.

Many, today, simply do not know what the Bible teaches concerning miracles. Even so, the term miracle is often used today concerning many non-miraculous occurrences. An in depth study of miracles yields that their primary purpose in New Testament times was for: (1) proof that Jesus is the Christ, (2) fulfillment of prophecy, (3) proof that the first Christians' messages were from God, and (4) to provide the first Christians' with messages from God. Paul (formerly Saul) wrote in depth to the church at Corinth concerning their misuse of miraculous abilities (cf. 1 Corinthians 12-14). In an ungodly manner, the Corinthian brethren had ranked the "gift of tongues" (miraculous ability to speak another established language which one has never studied) as greater than other miraculous abilities (spiritual gifts). In the midst of his writing concerning spiritual gifts, Paul wrote what has become known as "the greatest

chapter on love.” Many, many people are familiar with Paul’s words about love in 1 Corinthians 13; yet, many of those same people do not know that said chapter is primarily concerning the early Christians’ use of miraculous abilities. Paul informed them how that their abilities to perform miracles were useless if they did not have sacrificial, godly love for their brethren (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:31–13:7). He went on to inform them how that love is eternal, but the brotherhood’s ability to perform miracles was temporary: “Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part” (1 Corinthians 13:8–9). Then, Paul provides us this nugget of truth—the ability to perform miracles was only needed until the Word of God was completely revealed and written down (cf. 1 Corinthians 13:10).

Thanks be to God for the miracles He has performed. Thanks be to God for the completed Word of God that negates the need for miracles, today, as they were in the first century. Thanks be to God that we can be saved without having to experience or witness a miracle (cf. Mark 16:16).

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Wiley Tuggle, first leg surgery scheduled for 3/29; **Mary Alice Arnold; Clarence & Faye Edwards; Sammy Williams; Inez Neyman.**

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Wofford family, John's father passed Thursday; **Shirley Hubbard family**, Carl's aunt passed; **Eddie Honeycutt**, Carl's brother; **Jessica**, Mark Lance's daughter, leukemia; **Carolyn Plumlee**, Lara's aunt; **Christine Lockett & family**, Marc's friend.

Birthdays

3/6 Emma Wofford
3/9 Ginger Bayless
3/9 Jan Daniel
3/13 Carl Zluticky
3/15 Leah Angel
3/29 Payton Jackson

Get Involved!

March Youth Devo @ Ratliff's
More details to come

Men's Leadership Class: Sundays, 12 PM
All men invited (young & old)

Youth Devotionals 2021
Sign up to host a youth devotional

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, March 14

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Jason Bayless
Song Leader	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper: Preside	Jim Jackson
Assist	

Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland
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Afternoon

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Tim Wilkes, II
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jim Jackson

Closing Prayer	Andy Ratliff
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Wednesday, March 17

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Prayer	Jason Bayless
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	John Wofford

TECH:	John Wofford
HALL:	