

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

5 Christi Taylor	19 Abdul Cruz
7 Dominic Benetti	21 Raimi Carr
14 Ismael Diaz	24 Lynett Meredith
17 Jeremy Bach	25 Ashley Ferguson



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

10 Troy and Kimberly Owen
14 Harold and Janie Kilby
17 Jason and Eliasha Carr
29 Greg and Wanda Mattson

Happy Anniversary!

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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: 18

SUNDAY AM: 54 SUNDAY PM: 13

WEDNESDAY: 12

OFFERING:

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Sermon

***Preaching Through Acts – The Temple of the Lord's Church
Part 9***

Gathering Times

Sunday Bible class 9:30 AM Sunday morning worship 10:30 AM

Sunday evening worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible study 7:00 PM

SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord's Church – Part 9

Overview facts: written 63-80 A.D. by Luke, the Gentile physician and traveling companion of Paul.

-Peter and John healed a man who was crippled in Ch. 3, were arrested and threatened not to teach in Jesus's Name anymore in Ch. 4, and the apostles have prayed to God for courage and strength to continue doing so boldly.

Chapter 5 Verses 27-28

Matt. 27:25 (What a short memory these men had regarding the blood of Jesus.)

Verse 29

Rom. 13:1-2 & Acts 4:19-20 (Here we see the only time in the New Testament that Christians are not to obey their governing authorities - when they conflict with the directions of God.)

Verses 30-32

Acts 4:29-31 (God gave them the boldness they needed to speak the Truth, just as they asked for.)

Verses 33-40

Rom. 8:28 (Because God causes ALL things to work together for good **for those that love Him**, God even used these earlier false claims and followings of fake Messiahs who got killed, and whose movements fizzled out, to protect His apostles when they are on trial, getting the Sanhedrin to **choose** not to kill the apostles when nothing was stopping them from killing them. The men never choose to listen to them when the Church does not fizzle out, having shown it has come from God since Jesus did indeed die, but God used false Messiahs and blasphemous claims from years earlier to save His people by causing all things to work together for good for His people and purposes.)

Verses 41-42

John 15:18-20 & 1 Pet. 4:12-19 (We should expect to be persecuted for our beliefs in this life, because the world cannot stand its actions being judged by the actions of those who do rightly. But if we suffer for Christ, we are blessed.)

Chapter 6 Verse 1

(Whenever God's people are abounding, problems will start to be introduced. When there are problems in a congregation that need to be solved, we will see that growth will never be mentioned to be going on until it gets solved, then we will intentionally see the text mention that the Church began growing again.)

Verses 2-6

1 Tim. 3:8-13 (The apostles were leading the Church with the authority of God and teaching and training for spiritual growth. When these physical and logistic problems were introduced, while they could have solved them, this would have been at too high an opportunity cost since they would not be focusing on spiritual guidance anymore. Thus, the creation of the "deacons" is modeled here, a role for men to focus on the physical, while the apostles, and later elders - also called: shepherds, overseers, bishops, and pastors - focus on the spiritual needs of the congregation.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SERVICES ARE BEING STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Classes and sermons are available on Youtube.

There is a children's Bible study during the sermon.

Potluck fellowship the first Sunday of the month – please join us September 7th!!

Please pray for Greg and Wanda Mattson's daughter Jaime who is being treated for an aneurysm and remains hospitalized in Missouri.

Ladies – join us for a Diaper Party in the fellowship hall immediately following morning worship service today to help Emberly and Wyatt Smith welcome their baby boy! Food will be provided – and your husbands can join Dominic for sandwiches and coffee at the preacher's house while you attend!

Praise report – Ryan Kilby's blood pressure is back under control – Harold and Janie want to thank everyone for their prayers!

Sermon Scripture References - cont'd:

Verse 7

(The congregation is specifically noted to begin abounding in growth again once the problem was solved in a godly way and peace was restored in the Church. The same thing happens today, when the strife of sin is in a congregation it will not be blessed with growth until it is solved in godly ways, then growth will come as well.)

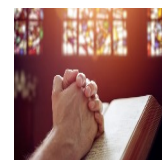
Verse 8

Acts 6:5-6 (This is the first time a non-apostle has performed a miracle. It happened after the apostles laid their hands on Stephen and prayed over him and the other first deacons. This shows how miraculous gifts were given in the Christian age to all who were not baptized in/by the Holy Spirit.)

Verses 9-15

John 15:18-20 & Matt. 5:11 & 1 Peter 3:13-17 (When the Church is growing again, problems return. Stephen was attacked the same way that Christ was, with lies and false accusations, but he is blessed for it and is ready to make a defense of Christ, which he will do throughout Chapter 7.)

PRAY FOR



**Diana Landers
Kathie & Eddie Rose
Jerry Harvey
Wally Dickinson
Gary Bates**