

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 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: 26

SUNDAY AM: 53 SUNDAY PM: 18

WEDNESDAY: 17

OFFERING: \$1,923

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Sermon

***Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord's Church
Part 7***

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 7

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

-Initial converts to Christianity were made during Peter's first gospel sermon on Pentecost Day 30 A.D.; now Peter and John have publicly healed an adult man at the temple who was born crippled.

Chapter 4 Verses 1-3

Acts 23:8 (There were three main sects of Judaism in these days: Pharisees, Sadducees, and Essenes. In very simple terms, Pharisees accepted authority beyond the Tanakh (Old Testament) allowing for teachers to undo the meaning of Scripture. Sadducees did not accept authority beyond the Tanakh, and did not even accept anything beyond the Torah (first 5 books) as inspired, being hyper-literalists with that text. Because of this, they did not believe in angels, spirits, or the afterlife. Essenes tried to blend both approaches into whatever suited them and lived as recluses in the desert away from all. All of these approaches are wrong; we must accept all Scripture as inspired, not falling short or going beyond, and then use that to help and influence those around us.)

Verse 4

Matt. 9:2, 24:45 & 8:13 (There are 3 words for "believing, or faithful" in Greek: pistis, pistos, pisteuó. Pistis is a noun, in simple terms describes "mental faith" in something. Pistos is an adjective, in simple terms describes "how actions are done." Pisteuó is a verb which shows "mental faith which is put into faithful action." In this verse, those who "believed" (pisteuó) believed what was said so much they put it into faithful action and were baptized, with God then adding them to the Church just as He did in 2:47.)

Verses 5-7

Deut. 13:1-5 (These men are seeking to find out what it was that empowered Peter and John to do this miracle, as directed by the Torah.)

Verses 8-12

Matt. 10:19 & Ps. 118:22 & Deut. 18:21-22 (God gives Peter exactly what to say in the moment he needed it, Peter did not have to prepare his argument or rehearse a debate for God's Word. He gives God the glory, showing their miracle did indeed come from God and not some demon, and that God certified their message that Jesus was the Christ, just as Scripture had prophesied would happen to the Christ when He came.)

Verses 13-16

John 10:37-38 (We need to draw the conclusions that God has given us to draw by the proof given in our lives and in what we read.)

Verses 17-18

Matt. 13:3-9, 18-23 (People can always choose to not believe the evidence given to them, despite how effective it should be. We will not be able to lead everyone to salvation because many will stop themselves from believing. Jesus explained in His parable that three of four types of people - soils - would not end up growing faith from what they are given. We should not be discouraged when people don't believe, these men did miracles and people did not believe. Our job is to keep giving everyone a chance.)

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 after morning worship service today – please join us!!

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, cards, and especially the prayers following our loss – we appreciate you all so much! In Him, the Benetti family

Ladies – join us for a Diaper Party immediately following morning worship service on August 17th to help Emberly and Wyatt Smith welcome their baby boy! Food will be provided. Please bring a pack of diapers of any size!

Congratulations to the Meredith family – Mark and Lynett welcomed their new baby boy, Billy, last week! Mom and baby are both doing well!

Sermon Scripture References - cont'd:

Verses 19-20

Acts 5:29 & Rom. 13:1-2 (The only times Christians are ever given the example to disobey their ruling authorities is when those authorities try to rule against God's directions.)

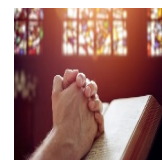
Verses 21-31

Neh. 9:6 & Ps. 2:1-2 & 1 Pet. 1:20 (These men did not pray for safety or peace. They understand the ONLY important thing is helping souls come to Christ for salvation. That is what they pray for, the courage to keep giving that message correctly and with boldness in the face of opposition, and healing to keep doing so effectively as long as possible.)

Verses 32-37

Deut. 16:16 & John 13:34 (This is not an example or command for Christians to sell all they have and give it away. However, it is a demonstration of loving brethren in the Church MORE than you love yourself. These former Jews had traveled from around the world to Jerusalem and been there about 2 months already, exhausting all their money, supplies, places to stay, and resources for their originally planned visits. The Church did not let anyone go without, because the members valued each other more than themselves.)

PRAY FOR



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