

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Levi Meyer	20	Barbara Parsons
5	Robert Brady	22	Brianna Ferguson
10	Coen Carr	28	Donna Osborne

A large, colorful, bubbly text graphic that reads "HAPPY BIRTHDAY". The letters are thick and rounded, with a slight 3D effect. The colors are: H (green), A (yellow), P (purple), P (pink), Y (blue) for "HAPPY", and B (red), I (green), R (blue), T (orange), H (purple), D (pink), A (yellow), Y (green) for "BIRTHDAY". The text is centered at the top of the page.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

10 BJ/Brett and Kassandra Kilby
11 Abdul and Ariana Cruz
21 Daniel and Taila Merica
25 Jeremy and Merika Bach



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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: 19

SUNDAY AM: 46 SUNDAY PM: 16

WEDNESDAY: 13

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Sermon

***Preaching Through Acts – The Temple of the Lord’s Church
Part 13***

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 13

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

- Stephen, one of the first deacon forerunners, has just been stoned at the culmination of his trial, as authorized by the young Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus.

Chapter 8 Verses 1-4

Exo. 1:8-12 (The more God's people are afflicted, the more they spread out to get away from the persecution, but they continue sharing the gospel as they go, thus multiplying in the face of the enemy trying to slow them down.)

Verses 5-8

Acts 6:5 & 1 Cor. 13:8-10 (Philip was one of the original deacon forerunners who had been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. He used these abilities to share the New Testament teachings which were not yet written, and prove them to those who sought proof that God certified these teachings. This is the same reason these gifts are not needed today and why they are no longer given.)

Verses 9-11

Exo. 7:8-10, 22 & Deut. 32:17 & 1 Cor. 10:19-20 (Other people were supernaturally empowered in ancient days while God allowed His Own people to be empowered. Those others were not being empowered by God, but by demons or Satan. This is who was empowering Simon.)

Verse 12

(When they believed, *pisteuo* in Greek, is a verb and action word. When they actively believed what Philip said, they were baptized, because they realized they were still in their sins, that Hell was waiting for them because of it, but this is how they allow Jesus's sacrifice to be applied to their soul.)

Verse 13

(The man who was called "the great power of God" in verse 10, was amazed and humbled by the actual power of God being displayed.)

Verses 14-17

Acts 6:6 & Mark 9:28-29 (The twelve apostles had not been told or instructed how gifts from the Holy Spirit were to be given to others. We see here that they were just guessing to replicate what happened before with the deacon forerunners who were prayed over and received powers, so they try that first, before also laying their hands on them, as they also did those men, and that worked. The apostles now know how to do this, but it was good that they learned from earlier mistakes to try prayer first.)

Verses 18-24

Acts 8:9-11 & Lev. 10:1-3 & Luke 17:3 & Eph. 4:15 (We see Simon fall to the temptation of pride to once again become important. Not only this, but he profanes (or "makes or treats as common") God and His power, for which God has every right to kill him for such impudence. Peter rebukes him in love with the appropriate force for what he has just done, as a parent would speak to their toddler who picked up their loaded handgun, love in a grave situation.)

Verses 25-34

Isa. 53:7-8 (Jews today do not read or teach on Isaiah 53 because it so clearly talks about the Messiah suffering with the same outcome of what happened to Jesus. When pressed about it, Rabbis teach that it refers to the "the nation of Israel" suffering in this way.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SERVICES ARE 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 each month – next one is Oct. 5th!!**
- ▶ **Praise reports:**
 - ▶ **Greg and Wanda Mattson's daughter, Jaime, is now recovering at home in Missouri**
 - ▶ **Gary Bates surgery went well last week**
- ▶ **Men's meeting immediately following morning worship on September 21st**
- ▶ **Ladies' Devotional—please join us Saturday, Sept. 27th at 10 A.M.!**

Sermon Scripture References - cont'd:

Verses 35-36

Rom. 6:1-7 (We see that preaching about Jesus as the Messiah concludes with Him dying to pay for sins, and that payment is accepted at baptism for the forgiveness of our sins, where we join with Him in His death, burial, and resurrection.)

Verse 37 This verse is not contained in the NIV, ESV, NRSV, WEBUS, and other translations, which is a reason to stay away from them.

Matt. 12:34 & 1 Tim. 6:12 & Rom. 10:19 & Matt. 7:21-23 (The eunuch has heard that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, he believes it, he has counted the cost of becoming a Christian, he is willing to pay it (by repenting) and wants to be baptized. The ONLY thing stopping him from doing so is he needs to prove he believes with all his heart. Jesus stated "the mouth speaks that which overflows the heart," so verbal confession of belief that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, is both sufficient and required, before someone can be baptized. This is what the heart believes and what the mouth confesses, the thing which allows a person to be baptized, yet hundreds of millions will take Rom. 10:19 out of context to say a verbal confession is all that's needed for forgiveness; they will be met with Jesus saying He never knew them and be cast into Hell.)

Verses 38-40

(Baptize comes from the Greek baptizō, "to immerse or submerge." It does not mean to pour or sprinkle water or Philip could have done that with their drinking water in the chariot. It cannot be done without water either when denominations claim it is only spiritual baptism. It is full submersion in water, which is exactly what this man understood when Christ was correctly preached to him.)

PRAY FOR



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