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Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship.... 10:30 A.M.
Afternoon Worship.....1:30 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

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Apostolic Authority (cont.) Darrell Conley

Nor does Christ change the subject from the eighteenth verse to the nineteenth verse - from the establishment of the church to the kingdom of heaven. They are one and the same thing. The kingdom of heaven is the church of Christ. The kingdom was to be established during the lifetime of some living then.

And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There are some here of them that stand by, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God come with power (Mark 9:1).

Although there are passages that speak of the kingdom in its eternal, glorified state, it is made clear that it existed on earth during the first century and Christians were part of it.

...who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love (Col. 1:13).

It is obvious that one cannot be translated into that which does not exist.

Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe (Heb. 12:28).

I John, your brother and partaker with you in tribulation and kingdom and patience which are in Jesus, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus (Rev. 1:9).

The Bible teaches that the kingdom is the church.

And behold, I send forth the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city, until ye be clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49).

The apostles, having been instructed by the Lord and promised this power, received this promise some ten days later - the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This enabled them to preach the gospel in languages that they had never studied or learned. This was a miracle of **speech**, not of hearing. The spirit gave them **utterance** (Acts 2:4). Each man heard the apostles **speaking** in his own language (v. 6). That unlearned Galileans were able to speak in the languages of the sixteen nations that were present, was a sign that the apostles spoke from God. Before the Word of God was committed to the written page, and thus able to be translated, God enabled men to miraculously speak in these other languages that the gospel might be preached to the whole world. Paul says, "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but the unbelieving" (1 Cor. 14:22). Tongues are not gibberish. That is not a sign to anybody!

Although we only have in Acts 2 some of what Peter said ("And with many other words he testified, and exhorted them, saying, Save yourselves from this crooked (continued page 2)

generation” v. 40), all of the apostles spoke with tongues and all of them stood up while Peter preached this first gospel sermon. It was in response to this sermon,

They heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brethren, what shall we do? (Acts 2:37).

They were told to repent and be baptized for the remission of their sins.

They then that received his word were baptized: and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls (Acts 2:41).

In Acts 10 Peter also preaches the first gospel sermon to the Gentiles. Paul, as apostle to the Gentiles, was able to say later,

If so be that ye continue in the faith, grounded and stedfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel which ye heard, which was preached in all creation under heaven; whereof I Paul was made a minister (Col. 1:23).

The apostles were personally involved in carrying out the Great Commission. In addition, those to whom they preached and imparted the Holy Spirit, also carried out the Great Commission.

The Signs of An Apostle

This brings us to the second important function of an apostle, one in addition to their serving as witnesses of Jesus Christ - a function only an apostle could perform - that of passing on the Holy Spirit by the laying on of their hands. Paul says,

Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, by signs and wonders and mighty works (2 Cor. 12:12).

In Acts 8 when Philip baptized many of the Samaritans, he did not (because he could not) impart the Holy Spirit unto them. Instead the Jerusalem church sent them two apostles, Peter and John,

Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit: for as yet it was fallen upon none of them: only they had been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:15-17).

Why did they send apostles to Samaria? Because only apostles could impart the Holy Spirit. The next verse makes it even clearer.

Now when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money (Acts 8:18).

It was done through the laying on of the **apostles’** hands. What Simon was trying to buy was not the power to do miracles, but he said, “Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay my hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit” (Acts 8:19). He didn’t want just to retail this power; he wanted to wholesale it. Peter told him, “Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter” (Acts 8:21). When Paul is writing to the church in Rome, he says, “For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established” (Rom. 1:11). This was part of the work of an apostle, and that which only an apostle could do.

The Authority Of The Apostles

The Apostles Had Authority

We have already looked at Matthew 16:18-19 and 18:18 where the Lord gives the apostles authority to bind and loose (or to bind what has been bound in heaven, and loose what has been loosed in heaven). We have noticed that keys are used for binding and loosing. Peter was not given such authority alone. All the apostles are given this authority in Matthew 18:18.

Consider carefully the context of this verse:

Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father who is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them (Matt. 18:19-20).

Is it not obvious, that Christ is here speaking to and of His apostles? Is it not the case that these promises were made to them? It seems that many have misapplied these passages to us in the present day, when they applied to the apostles and their authority.

(continued next week)

(The Hub Of The Bible: Remaining True To Acts 2, Nineteenth Annual Southwest Lectures)

PRESIDE: C.J. Stafford
ASSIST: Lewis Elliott
 Bob Gitter
 Edison Ray

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 Randy Elliott
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 Billy Rodgers

A.M. OPENING: Kirk Teachout
A.M. CLOSING: Robert Jeter
P.M. OPENING: Jason White
P.M. CLOSING: Steve Allmond

If you are unable to lead prayer or serve at the Lord's table, please contact Cedric Huff or Paul Connell.

RECORD, WEEK of September 23, 2018

BIBLE STUDY: 195
 A.M. WORSHIP: 255
 P.M. WORSHIP: 200
 CONTRIBUTION: \$15,928.00

HOMEBOUND

Virginia Ditto
 Hazel Eskew
 Doris Jean Cole
 Anita Hopper

Albert & Ruth House
 Betty Jones
 Jerry & Betty Robbins
 Velton & Dorothy Trimm

OUR SICK

Ill at home: Patsy DeShields, Martha McKelvey, Rebekah Nichols, and Cecil Sowell.

Hazel Eskew, Methodist Hospice, Quince Road.

Betty Jones, Ave Maria Home Care, Bartlett.

HEARTS AND HANDS

TEAM "A" (C.J. STAFFORD) will receive assignment cards September 30.

TEAM "B" (IRWIN THOMAS) will receive assignment cards October 7.

EVENTS

LADIES AND MEN'S CLASSES meet each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

YOUTH RETREAT October 12-14. Details forthcoming.

TN CHILDREN'S HOME FALL FOOD DRIVE will continue through October 14. Please see the list of items on the bulletin board.

2ND ANNUAL JC'S CAMP OUT Friday, October 19 at the home of Kalon and Melissa Brown. Details forthcoming.

KIRBY PINES Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45 a.m., conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, October 28.

REQUESTED PRAYERS: Barry Grider

CONGRATULATIONS to MSOP instructor Billy Bland and wife Terry, on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Delaney Lynn Jaco.

Tom Wacaster, Jr. and Janice Schluter would like to invite the Forest Hill congregation to join us in the celebration of 50 years of marriage of our parents, Tom and Johnnie Ann Wacaster on Sunday October 14 at 3:00 p.m. following the afternoon service. Come and go; no gifts necessary.

Thank you to my Forest Hill church family for the prayers, good wishes, get well cards and notes. They meant so much to me. Also a big THANK YOU to the JC's for their visit. What a great group of kids and leaders!

Leta Fay Anderson

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOX!

Last week's solution:

Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Romans 12:17-19

CORNERSTONE

Scryptogram: Each letter in the passage is replaced with another.

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 HBE ERS INJK ONQKSJSER ERS RSYJEF. EN KN LBFEGDS
 YQK LBKPWSQE GF WNJS YDDSOEYHIS EN ERS INJK
 ERYQ FYDJGCGDS.**

O=P Solution next week. L=J

Wear a Pretty Dress and Some Fancy Pearls

It's a
Tea Party
 For the Girls*

Saturday October 6 11:00 AM
 Forest Hill Fellowship Hall

Kindly RSVP to
 Mallory Manning, Leah Connell
 or Christine Hart
by September 30, 2018

*Ages 3 to 4th Grade / Please Bring a Guest

October 2018
Coordinating Elder-Warren Davenport
Birthday Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Vada Grider Jessica Manning Isaac McLaurin	2 Jerry Manning Pati Wright	3 Steve Ulrich	4	5	6
7 Harry Green, Jr.	8 Towanna Hoard Peggy House	9 Hatton Allen Aspen White	10 Derric Franklin	11 Jason House	12 Julia Ferguson Emily Holmes Fritzi Rickles	13
14 Andrew Berch	15 Celicia Grider David Richardson	16 Halle Phillips	17 Kendall Barnes Josiah Kennedy	18 Walter Beard	19	20 Sam Rickles
21	22 Leta Fay Anderson Audrey Jones	23 Marylon Green	24 Pat Allmond Helen Sharp	25 Charles Cordon Mike Reed Noelle Weight	26 Karen Fairley	27 Daniel Hayes Marlene Latimore
28	29 Harold Mangrum	30	31 Mary Elliott Makenzie Jones			

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