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March 13, 2005

This Week's Agenda

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The Lord's Day

8:30AM & 10:15AM

Sermon: Dennis Wade/Jeff Herrin

5pm Sermon: Tyler Wade

5:30pm: Classes for all ages from 18 months and up

Adult Classes

- Auditorium: Sunday - David Carrozza, Various Topics.
- Bible Essentials (see Dennis Wade)
- Room 11-12: Young Adults, Topics – David Posey

Wednesday

10 AM Wednesday: OT History, at building.

7:30 PM - Classes for all ages 18 months and up.

Adult Classes

- Auditorium: Dan Hamilton, Discipleship
- Bible Essentials (see Dennis Wade)
- Room 11-12: Young Adults, Topics – David Posey



Bible Reading This Week

Sunday – Numbers 25-27; Psalm 35

Monday – Reflection

Tuesday – Numbers 28-30; Psalm 36

Wednesday – Numbers 31-33; Psalm 37:1-22

Thursday – Numbers 34-37; Psalm 37:23-40

Friday – Galatians 1-3; Psalm 38

Saturday – Galatians 4-6; Psalm 39

News and Prayers...

Oliver Sasse

Oliver (his wife is Terri), a faithful Christian who attended many years at Carmichael and is known to many of us, is suffering from cancer. Here is a statement from Terri about it: While establishing ourselves with new medical coverage, doctors discovered a tumor in Oliver's right lung. After a frustrating series of tests, it has been determined that he has metastatic renal cancer. (His cancerous kidney was removed nine years ago.) We don't yet know the progression of the disease and course of treatment, but we would greatly appreciate prayers on his behalf. We believe deeply in the power of prayer and know God's purposes will be accomplished."

Other Prayer Concerns

Aimee Cain's grandmother passed away recently. Let's remember Aimee in our prayers.

Continue to pray for Kathy Wilson (Parkinson's disease) and Hank; the Bill Brown and Jim Everett families, mourning the death of those men; Jamie Cole, Kristen Sanderson's sister; cancer victims: Dave Fulton's

mother, Monica (Monroe, WA); Tom Royston; Ken McClelland; Margaret Everett; Cheryl Wilson; Laurie Ann Reagan; Chris Hamilton (friend of Justin Ivie); Phil Roberts. Others to keep in your prayers: Karen Gorden; Sharon Jones; Becky Woolpert. And continue to keep Steven Daniels and Vivi Mowrer in your prayers.

Christians Serving in Iraq

Jeremy Allen, Philip Cain, Steve Reis (who is here on leave for a couple of weeks), Titus Cain, Travis Dusenberry.

Expectant Mothers

Sally Deschler, Kristen Sanderson, Melissa Fields and Michelle Caisse.

Out of Town

The Dickey's and others will be traveling for Matt and Candee's wedding on Friday. David and Christie are in Seattle for gospel meeting and to attend the wedding.

Update on Steven Daniels leg condition...

I just wanted to give you an update on Steven's leg condition now that we've had a couple of 6 month follow-up appointments. Thank you so much for all your prayers, concern, and encouragement. We definitely know the prayers are helping. When asked how's he doing we always say great because, other than this weird condition in his leg, he's healthy, happy and growing up around a loving Christian family.

We've had 6 month follow-up appointments with the pediatric orthopedic specialist and the pediatric neurologist. So far we're experiencing one of the better prognosis's. The doctors have now recommended coming back in one year for follow-up visits. Their stance is basically do nothing for now, let him be a normal climbing, jumping kid and monitor yearly. They will just be monitoring for increased bowing and thinning of his tibia and monitoring for signs of a related neurological condition.

His leg hasn't changed since the last visits; the tibia (big bone in lower leg) is still bowed and the fibula (small bone in lower leg) hasn't healed. Neither will get better, but we just don't want them to worsen, so this is actually good news. The doctors say right now his leg with the condition is just as strong as the good leg. Although, he will most likely at some point need surgery to set his fibula thus allowing it to heal and to help stabilize his ankle. Also the doctors say he doesn't currently have the characteristics of a possible associated neurological condition, and we're continuing to pray it never develops.

Thanks,
John and Peggy Daniels

Background in Your Daily Bible Readings The Ark of the Covenant

The ark was the portable sacred chest which held the holiest relics of Israel's history and served as a place for the manifestation of the presence of God. It was also known as the "the ark of the testimony" (Num. 4:5), "the ark of God" (1 Sam. 3:3) and "the ark of Your might" (Psa. 132:8). God gave Moses detailed instructions for its construction in Ex. 25:1-22. It measured 3 3/4 by 2 1/4 by 2 1/4 feet and was made of acacia wood, overlaid with gold inside and out. Two cherubim made of hammered gold sat at each end, wings arched up, their faces toward the cover.

The ark had three main functions:

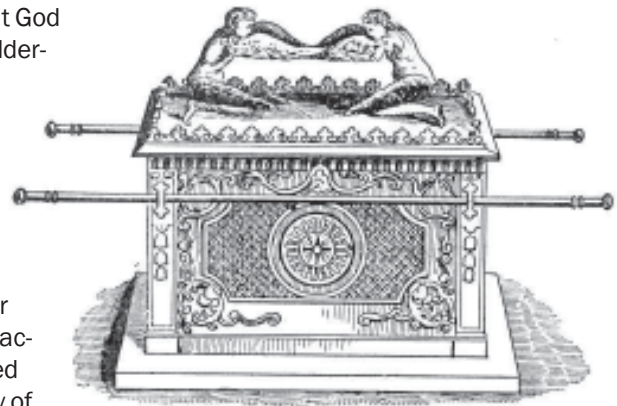
1) It served as a container for the two stone tablets which Moses received from God on Mt. Sinai (Dt. 10:2, 5), a jar of manna that God provided during the wilderness wanderings (Ex. 16:33-34) and the rod which budded to confirm Aaron's exclusive call to Israel's priesthood (Num. 17:10).

(2) The ark's cover was the place where sacrificial blood was spilled once a year on the Day of Atonement. It was also known as the "mercy seat" or "place of propitiation" (cf. Hb. 9:5).

(3) The ark was viewed as the locus of God's presence with the people. It was where God met Moses and gave His continuing guidance (Ex. 25:22; cf. 2 Sam 6:2; 2 Ki. 19:15).

The ark was the most holy of Israel's objects of worship. When it was carried, it was to be covered so no one could see it (Ex. 40:5; Num. 4:5). Remember that Uzzah was struck dead by God for touching the ark, a serious violation of the law, brought about by another violation, carrying the ark on a "new cart" (see 2 Sam. 6:1-8; Ex. 25:14-15; Num. 4:5-8; Num. 4:15).

The history of the ark can be traced for nearly 1,000 years, from its construction to the time around the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC. The ark was carried ahead of the Israelites as they travelled through the wilderness toward Canaan (Josh. 3:6). After the conquest, the ark was placed in the tabernacle, first at Shiloh, then at Bethel (Josh. 18:1, 8-10; 19:51; Jdg. 20:26, 27; 21:2). Later, it was moved back to Shiloh (1 Sam. 1:3). David brought the ark to Jerusalem when he made that city capital of Israel (2 Sam. 6). When Solomon built the Temple, he installed the ark in its innermost chamber (1 Kings 8). The last mention of the ark is made in 2 Chron. 35:3, where it is reinstalled in the temple during Josiah's reforms. Apparently, the faithful Levites had removed it and hidden it during the reigns of Manasseh and Amon. Jeremiah prophesies that the ark would be lost (3:16). Apparently, it was destroyed or captured (probably the former) during Nebuchadnezzar's attack on Jerusalem in 586 BC, since nothing was ever heard about it again after that time.



Ark of the Covenant with the Mercy Seat.

Put Away Your Bibles!

by Mark Roberts

The following letter is from a woman who objected to a Bible teacher' view that miraculous gifts had ceased. Read on and prepared to be amazed:

“You resort to Greek translations and fancy words to explain away what the Holy Spirit is doing in the church today. Let me give you a piece of advice that just might save you from the wrath of Almighty God: put away your Bible and your books and stop studying. Ask the Holy Ghost to come upon you and give you the gift of tongues. You have no right to question something you have never experienced.”

This little quotation well illustrates the mammoth gulf between those of charismatic belief and the rest of us. When we discuss the Spirit with these people, we come armed to the teeth with scripture, scripture, and more scripture. Then we are shocked to find that our careful exegesis of John 14 and 1 Corinthians 13 do not cause a change in their beliefs. Yet, considering the statement above, do you really imagine that a person who recommends putting away the Bible is going to be moved by arguments from scripture?

We might as well admit that people who accept feelings as their guide are never going to be changed or converted by discussing what the Bible says about the Spirit, or anything else. It is simply not going to happen if they continue to let subjective emotions rule their lives. Does this mean the Bible is powerless when dealing with charismatic folks? Hardly. It simply means that our starting point for teaching these kind of people needs to be moved. The battle is not to be pitched on the cessation of tongue speaking, or the purpose of spiritual gifts.

The place to make a stand is on the danger of using feelings as our guide, the subjective nature of emotions, and the value of objective truth from God's written word. In that regard I would suggest you use 2 Corinthians 11:13-14 and Matthew 7:21-23. These passages show that Satan actively works to deceive people and that he will trick some. Only when we can convince someone to depend upon God's word alone and admit that their feelings may be deceptive are we going to make any real progress. May the Lord bless you as you try to establish His word as our only infallible guide in all that we do.

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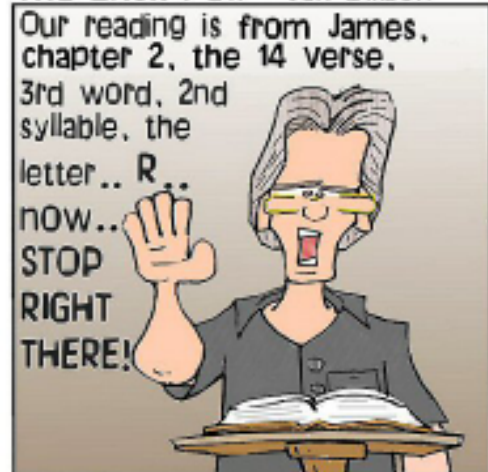
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Sunday Morning Assembly
8:30AM & 10:15AM
Sunday Evening: 5:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study
7:30 PM
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Breaking down the scriptures..
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How We Got the Bible

Ten Key Points

1. The Bible is inspired by God (2 Timothy 3: 16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).
2. The Bible is made up of 66 different books that were written over 1600 years (from approximately 1500 BC to AD 100) by more than 40 kings, prophets, leaders, and followers of Jesus. The Old Testament has 39 books (written approximately 1500-400 BC). The New



Testament has 27 books (written approximately AD 45-100). The Hebrew Bible has the same text as the English Bible's Old Testament, but divides and arranges it differently.

3. The Old Testament was written mainly in Hebrew, with some Aramaic. The New Testament was written in Greek.

4. The books of the Bible were collected and arranged and recognized as inspired sacred authority by councils of rabbis and councils of church leaders based on careful guidelines beginning in the 2nd century.

A common claim is that the Bible was put together by "the Catholic Church" but the Roman Catholic Church did not officially exist until the 7th century. Yet, all 27 books of the NT were confirmed by AD 397. dp

5. Before the printing press was invented, the Bible was copied by hand. The Bible was copied very accurately, in many cases by special scribes who developed intricate methods of counting words and

letters to insure that no errors had been made.

6. The Bible was the first book ever printed on the printing press with moveable type (Gutenberg Press, 1455, Latin Bible).
7. There is much evidence that the Bible we have today is remarkably true to the original writings. Of the thousands of copies made by hand before AD 1500, more than 5,300 Greek manuscripts from the New Testament alone still exist today. The text of the Bible is better preserved than the writings of Caesar, Plato, or Aristotle.
8. The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls confirmed the astonishing reliability of some of the copies of the Old Testament made over the years. Some variations exist, most of which involve spelling. No variation affects basic Bible doctrines.