

View

July 8, 2007

This Week's Agenda

The Lord's Day

9:30 AM: Singing, Prayer, Lord's Supper, Sermon: David Posey

5 PM – Singing, **Prayer**, Lord's Supper, Sermon

Classes Offered This Week

Today at 5:30

Classes for all ages 18 months and up.

Auditorium: Studies in Authority

Room 11-12: Seed Sowers Workshop

Monday at 7 PM

John's Gospel (Posey's home)

Wednesday

7:30 PM – Summer Program - Everyone 6th grade and up will be in the auditorium. Classes for younger ages.

News & Prayer Concerns

"First of all, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men..."

Prayer Concerns

Pray for Herman Ward. He isn't doing well. He is at the Mercy Hospital of Folsom and Fern has requested no visitors for now. Their daughter has been staying with Herman. As of this issue of the View we haven't received any information as to the results of the tests he had to undergo Friday morning for a possible stroke (small).

Continue your prayers for Dylan Franklin, David Ramsey, Tom Royston, Julie Bumgarten, Kathy Wilson and Sharon Jones.

Continue to keep Myrtle Farrell, Gwen's mother, in mind.

Continue to pray for Jackson Agee, Logan and Julie's child.

Pray for those who are expecting: Sarah Cain, Nicole Grinnell and Jamie Gardner, April Franklin and for the couples that would like to have children, but have not been able.

Continue your prayers for those who serve our country. Jeremy Allen, Art and Peggy's son, is heading back to Iraq and will be serving in the Baghdad area, so pray for him.

Quarterly Singing

Our next quarterly singing will be held on September 30th, the last Sunday of the quarter.

Out of Town

CJ and Matthew Woolington will be in Nevada for the balance of the summer. Pray for their welfare while they are away and for Dawn.

Gospel Meetings

Reminder: Mark your calendar for October 8-10, 2007 for a meeting with Ed Harrell. We have also booked gospel meetings with Bob Owen in the Fall of 2008, Paul Earnhart in 2009 and Dee Bowman in 2011.



**Read your Bible
each day, and
spread the word!**

The Book of Acts

STRUCTURE, EVENTS, CHRONOLOGY

INTRODUCTION

The book of the Acts of God is the second of a two-part volume on the growth of the gospel. The first volume was the book of Luke which covered the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Christ. In this second volume, Luke presents a record of the beginning and growth of the church that Jesus built (Mt. 16:18). A knowledge of Acts is crucial to a proper understanding of the apostle's teaching about salvation and the church. Please commit to memory this material: (1) At least the six summary statements at the bottom of the table ("Structure") below; preferably, memorize the entire outline. (2) The main events in each chapter of Acts (see "Events" below). (3) An approximate chronology.

THE BOOK OF ACTS: STRUCTURE

Acts is not a biography of Peter or Paul or any other man. It is a record of the acts of God through the preaching of a few of His appointed men. It is a history of the early church, from the beginning on the Day of Pentecost, until about 60 A.D. If the book ends abruptly, it is only because Luke's purpose has been fulfilled.

We'll understand the book better if we carefully observe the structure of it. The following outline best represents the aim of Luke in writing Acts¹ (please memorize at least the six summary statements):

Structure	Passage
Introduction	1:1–2:41
Part I: The Gospel to the Jews	2:42–12:24
Panel #1 – The Church at Jerusalem <i>Introduction (2:42-47). Summary Paragraphs at 4:32-35; 5:12-16</i>	2:42–6:7
Panel #2 – Events in the lives of three pivotal figures <i>Stephen, Phillip, Saul</i>	6:8–9:31
Panel #3 – Gospel in Palestine, Syria	9:32–12:24
Part II: The Gospel to the Gentiles	12:25–28:31
Panel #4 – First journey of Paul and the Jerusalem Council	12:25-16:5
Panel #5 – Two preaching journeys of Paul	16:6–19:20
Panel #6 – Journeys of Paul to Jerusalem and Rome	19:21–28:31
Six Summary Statements: 6:7; 9:31; 12:24; 16:5; 19:20; 28:31	

EVENTS (KEY WORDS IN BOLD TYPE)

Chapter 1 --- Christ's instructions and **ascension**; the choosing of **Matthias** to replace Judas.

Chapter 2 — Beginning of the **church**, Peter's **sermon** & response.

Chapter 3 — Healing of the **lame man** by Peter and John; Peter's second **sermon**.

Chapter 4 — 1st **persecution**: Peter & John before Sanhedrin; **prayer** for boldness; **benevolence**.

Chapter 5 — **Ananias & Saphira** lie & are struck dead; **apostle's imprisoned**, beaten.

Chapter 6 — Choosing of the **seven** to serve Grecian widows; **Stephen** brought before council

Chapter 7 — **Stephen's sermon** and murder.

Chapter 8 — Conversion & Sin of **Simon the Sorcerer**; **Phillip & the Eunuch's conversion**

Chapter 9 — Conversion of **Saul**; **Dorcas** (Tabitha) raised by Peter
 Chapter 10 — Conversion of **Cornelius**; **Peter's vision**: "nothing unclean."
 Chapter 11 — **Peter reports** conversion of Cornelius at Jerusalem; "Christians" at **Antioch**
 Chapter 12 — Herod kills **James**; **Peter arrested** and delivered; **Herod dies**.
 Chapter 13 — **Paul's 1st missionary journey** begins; Saul renamed **Paul**.
 Chapter 14 — People stone Paul at **Lystra**; **elders appointed** in every church.
 Chapter 15 — **Jerusalem council**; disagreement between **Paul & Barnabas** about John; **2nd journey** begins;
 Chapter 16 — **Macedonian call**, conversions of **Lydia** and the **Philippian jailer**.
 Chapter 17 — Jews reject Paul at **Thessalonica**; **Bereans** more noble; he preaches at **Athens**.
 Chapter 18 — Paul at **Corinth** and **Ephesus**; **Priscilla & Aquila** teach **Apollos** more accurately; **3rd Journey** begins.
 Chapter 19 — Paul at **Ephesus**; Demetrius causes uproar; **magicians and idolaters** converted.
 Chapter 20 — Disciples **break bread** in Troas; Paul converses with **Ephesian elders**.
 Chapter 21 — **Paul in Jerusalem**; arrested in the temple.
 Chapter 22 — Paul's defense before **Jerusalem mob**; proclaims Roman citizenship
 Chapter 23 — Paul's defense before **Sanhedrin**; Jews plot to kill Paul
 Chapter 24 — Paul's defense before **Felix**.
 Chapter 25 — Paul's defense before **Festus**; appeals to Caesar.
 Chapter 26 — Paul's defense before **Agrippa**
 Chapter 27 — Paul's **voyage** to Rome; **shipwreck** on Malta.
 Chapter 28 — Paul survives snakebite at **Malta**; arrives and preaches in **Rome**

APPROXIMATE CHRONOLOGY

Event	Bible	Date (A.D.)
Public Ministry of Jesus	Gospels/Acts	c. 27-30
Crucifixion and ascension	Gospels/Acts	c. 30
Pentecost/Church begins	Acts 2	c. 30
Death of Stephen/persecution of church	Acts 6-8	c. 32-35
Paul's conversion	Acts 9	c. 32-35
Institution of church at Antioch	Acts 11	c. 41?
James, son of Zebedee, martyred	Acts 12	c. 45-46
Famine and relief fund	Acts 11	c. 45-46
1st missionary journey	Acts 13-14	46-48
Jerusalem council	Acts 15	48/49
2nd missionary journey	Acts 15-18	49-52
3rd missionary journey	Acts 18-21	53-57
Paul's arrest in Jerusalem	Acts 21-23	57
Paul in Caesarea before Felix, Festus & Agrippa	Acts 23-26	57-59
Voyage to Rome	Acts 25-27	59
First imprisonment in Rome	Acts 28	60
Acts written		c. 61-63
Paul's release		c. 63?
Paul goes to Spain		64-67?
Second imprisonment in Rome		67
Fire in Rome and Nero's persecution of Christians		64
Death of Peter and Paul in Rome		c. 64-68
Jewish uprising against Rome		66-70
Destruction of Jerusalem		70

Mark Your Calendar

September 30th, Quarterly Singing

October 8-10, 2007 - Meeting with Ed Harrell



Preachers We Help Support

John Scholtz - South Africa, Zimbabwe
Robert Nichols - Japan
Barney Mejia - Nicaragua
Dale Pennock - Vermont
Gary Stouffer - Vista, CA
Jim Lee - Englewood, Ohio
Jeff Carr - Mandeville, LA
Roberto Tondelli, Rome, Italy

Philippines

Armando C. Pastor - Sto. Domingo & Dumabel
Pepe G. Ando - Davao City
Amado M. Estoy - Iriga City
Ecclesiastes C. Licayan - Monkayo
Abe S. Aguete - Pagudpud
Rex M. Bayaca - Laoag City
James Amangan - Bangued
Quirino Tien - Cagayan Valley
Rosilito F. Nardo in Koronadal City.
Johnny Buguis in General Santos City.

The View contains news and articles of interest to the members of the Folsom Point church of Christ. Announcing an activity or event does not necessarily imply that we financially sponsor the event or that the elders specifically endorse every component of that event, since it may not fall under the direct oversight of the elders. The church's work and the elders' oversight is limited by Scripture. We will not announce events that are primarily social in nature. However, we do want to publicize and encourage those activities that provide an opportunity to be built up in the faith and provide an opportunity for you to be a more involved and active member of the body at Folsom Point.

ABOUT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT FOLSOM

We are a church of Christ patterned after the New Testament example of local churches. We believe in the authoritative word of God and will provide you with a Bible answer for everything we do in our doctrine and practice. We exalt Jesus Christ and seek to glorify Him, not ourselves (Ephesians 3:21). Therefore, our efforts are directed toward promoting commitment to Christ, not to any man or institution (I Corinthians 2:5).

Our assemblies are simple. We sing without use of an instrument (see Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; we will be happy to show you why we use no instrument, if you desire further study on this issue). We pray (I Timothy 2:1), partake of the Lord's Supper each first day of the week (I Corinthians 11:23-29; Acts 20:7) and teach from God's word. All preaching comes from the Bible.

The financial support of this congregations comes entirely from the free-will offerings of its members made on the first day of the week (I Corinthians 16:1-2; II Corinthians 8:1-5; 9:6-7). We never solicit funds from non-members. Contributions are used for the spiritual growth of this church and for the support of a few men in other areas, such as the Philippines, who are preaching the gospel. We do not use money collected here for social programs or the support of any human institution. We believe the church itself can do all the work God has given it to do. And we aim to do *only* the work God has given it to do — teach the gospel, build up the members, and help needy Christians. All other "good work" is the responsibility of individual Christians (Titus 2:11-14; James 1:27; Galatians 6:9-10).

We offer personal Bible studies at your convenience. We are here to help you with your spiritual needs: please favor us with a request for a Bible study or correspondence course that you can complete at your pace.