

NORTH HAMILTON CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Minister's Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Bible Classes

9:30 A.M.

Worship

10:30 A.M.

Sunday Evening

6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

7:00 P.M.

“What We Wish People Knew: Miracles”

David B. Smith

“It was a miracle.” Have you heard people use that expression before? Have you ever tried talking to someone about miracles? There is a widespread belief that miracles are just as prevalent today as they were in the first century. This is also a sensitive subject for many of the same people, and this is why we wish people knew about miracles. Here are a few:

Attendance Last Week

Bible Class: 112

Sunday AM: 171

Sunday PM: 125

Wednesday: 184 (Church Raiders)

Sunday's Sermons

AM: Truly This Was the Son of God (Part 2)

PM: Questions & Answers

Men to Serve

AM: Opening Prayer – Bob Newsom

Announcements – Willard Elsea

PM: Opening Prayer – Steve Pell, Sr

Closing Prayer – Chris Randolph

Wednesday: Opening – Jim Groves

Closing – Joel Laney

All week: Lock Building – Art Greer

Hall Monitor – Tom Greer

(Men, please check the duty roster on bulletin board and let Curt Stewart or George Farmer know if you are unable to serve)

If you have information or updates for the bulletin, please email them to our secretary at nhcocsec@gmail.com

Prayer List

Additional information is available on the bulletin board.

James Anderson

Bill Greer

Tina Margroff

Nancy Birch

Susie Hargis

Tony Miller

Gladys Blanks

Carole Hubbard

Carlos Shannon

Marjorie Cagle

Grayson Ledbetter

Janice Smith

Riley Dennis

Judy Lusk

Bessie Smithson

Sarah Grasham

Diane Stacy

- **Gladys Blanks** is now at home but continues to battle physical pain and a very weak immune system. Keep her in your prayers.
- **Nelda Eustice** remains at LifeCare of Hixson for rehabilitation following last week's surgery.

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Copies of the complete April calendar are available on the table in the foyer.

Birthdays

14 – Grady Cash
17 – Melba Phillips
18 – Jack Smith
Aiden Pell

Anniversaries

None this Week

Announcements

- **Quarterly Fellowship Meal:** Please plan to stay with us after our services this morning as we share a meal and spend time together. To our visitors, we would like to extend a special invitation to you to join us for this meal.
- **Lads to Leaders:** Following last Sunday night's presentation, the elders would like to know your thoughts on the Lads to Leaders program.
- **Church Raiders:** Thank you to everyone who provided food for and helped with Church Raiders on Wednesday night. We hosted 54 visitors!
- **Egg Hunt:** The Egg Hunt that had been planned for yesterday afternoon had to be postponed due to the threat of inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 27th at 3PM. Please see Jenna Bellomy or Erica Anderson if you would like to assist.
- **Tennessee Children's Home Visit:** The visit to Tennessee Children's Home in Spring Hill, Tennessee, on Friday was very profitable and informative. Ten from North Hamilton were able to attend.
- **Children's Home Food and Supply Drive:** The Food Truck from Tennessee Children's Home will be here on May 15th. Please bring in items or give cash to Rick Essex before then.
- **Hygiene Bags:** With the end of the 2019 school year approaching its time again for our last delivery of the year for our hygiene bags in less than two weeks. Please bring them as soon as possible or give money to Paulette Oxford to purchase them. Thanks to everyone for helping the kids in our community that is less fortunate than us.
- **Vacation Bible School:** There will be a VBS meeting this afternoon at 5:20 to discuss teaching volunteers and announce the lessons. If you are able to help with VBS in any way, please plan to attend.

But we are firmly convinced that what is recorded in the Bible is true. We believe the Red Sea was parted, and the Israelites walked through on dry land (Exo. 14). We believe Jesus miraculously fed the thousands (John 6). We believe He walked on water (Matt. 14) and raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11). We believe them all. And we can do this while at the same time denying the existence of so-called modern miracles. Miracles in the Bible were actions that suspended the laws of nature and produced a result not possible without the immediate and direct action of God (e.g., Acts 3:1-11). There are undoubtedly many amazing things that happen today, but by definition are not miraculous.

2. Miracles had a purpose. There were not arbitrary actions of God. They were not designed to entertain people, like a magic trick. Instead, these events were designed as a way of confirming the message God was revealing. Jesus promised miracles to His disciples, including speaking in foreign languages they had never learned and healing the sick. Then they “went...everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs” (Mk. 16:17-20).

3. Miracles have ceased. The Bible could not be any clearer, that miraculous activity had a time limit. Paul wrote about the duration of miracles, saying that miracles “will cease” (1 Cor. 13:8). He then explained the terminal point, “but when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away” (1 Cor. 13:9-10). The coming perfect thing was the completion of the Bible. And when this was completed (Jude 3), then miracles ceased because their purpose was served.

4. People cannot work miracles today. Some may claim to work miracles, but they cannot. Only the apostles had the ability to pass along miraculous gifts to others (Acts 8:17). Those who received power from the apostles could perform any number of miraculous feats (1 Cor. 12:9-11), but could not give power to another. The apostles alone had this gift. And since the apostles are no longer on this earth, no one today has miraculous power.

These are a few things we wish people knew, because it would help point people back to the Bible as the all-sufficient guide to salvation. Everything recorded in it helps us establish saving faith in Jesus (John 20:30-31).