

Our Prayer List

- ◆ Sarah Adams
- ◆ Dawn Copes
- ◆ Bill Cyrus
- ◆ Dottie Daniels
- ◆ Tom & LaVonne Haines
- ◆ Keith Hodges
- ◆ Beulah Keppler
- ◆ Bob Meiers
- ◆ Gaylin Miller
- ◆ Liz Miller
- ◆ Mike Miller
- ◆ Janice Ortman
- ◆ Hallie & Don Phillips
- ◆ Cora Shrake
- ◆ Rene Whitaker
- ◆ Mark Young
- ◆ Shirley Young
- ◆ Geco "Hannah's Aunt"

Health

Encouragement

- ◆ Bill Copes
- ◆ Don Craig
- ◆ Matt Wood

Order of Service

Morning

Song Leader	David Craig
Prayer	Charlie Bryson
Table	Don Craig
Assist	Arnold Miller
Assist	Eric Whitaker
Assist	Jerry Witt
Lesson	Shawn Daniels
Prayer	Jerry Witt

Evening

Song Leader	Eric Whitaker
Prayer	David Craig
Lesson	Bob Calvert
Prayer	Arnold Miller

When you talk, you repeat what you already know; when you listen, you often learn something.



This Morning Sermon "By What Authority Doest Thou These Things?"

(Matt 21:23) "And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? And who gave thee this authority?"

(John 1:1-3) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

Weekly
Memory
Verse



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means to put it through a test, examine it. Our faith must have evidence!

Those that believe the Bible to be the word of God and follow it "walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Cor 5:7) This doesn't mean that we have a blind faith or that we do not require proof for our beliefs. As a matter of fact, Paul says that faith is our sight in which we walk by. Faith is sight, not blindness; therefore, what we have faith in is not given to us through ignorance but enlightenment. We do not believe in the Bible because we make a 'leap of faith' or because our parents believed it, but we believe in the Bible by proof and evidence. This is God's design for faith.

God told the Israelites, "And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him." (Deut 18:21-22) This is our proof!

The Bible's claim of inspiration stands on the many prophecies that came true in the Scriptures. These prophecies are not shaded word plays that anyone could point to any numerous events in history, such as you can with Nostradamus. The prophecies of the Scriptures are precise.

For example, look at the prophecy of Cyrus, king of Persia. Isaiah prophesied Cyrus' conquest of the Babylonia Empire, which had not even risen to power yet, a century before Cyrus was even born! (Isa 44:28; 45:1)

Paul also tells us, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by

the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?" (Heb 2:3-4)

Notice the phrase "God also bearing them witness". This is also God's way of providing us proof of the Scriptures,

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through the use of miracles, signs, and wonders. These miracles were so lucid that even Jesus' worst critics could not explain them away as just tricks or imaginary. Instead, they accepted them as real, but attributed them to Satan. (Matt 12:24) This is why that Nicodemus said, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou

doest, except God be with him." (John 3:2) Nicodemus knew that the miracles were for real, and he knew that in order to do those miracles Jesus must have been a teacher from God.

This is also our proof today. That's why that John wrote, "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." (John 20:30-31)

By studying the proofs and evidences of the Bible, we can be assured that our faith is not a blind faith. Our faith can be a faith that can be tried and stand the test. Our faith can be made stronger, by examining the proofs. Let us resolve to do so!

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has recently made upon this Christ-dethroning doctrine.

In a private letter, Brother R. L. Whiteside has struck a keynote in analyzing the effects of these speculations. He says in part:

“Any system of false teaching, if continually preached, will become a rallying ground for a party. Church history is full of proof of this.

Perhaps we all have some wrong ideas, yet few of us frame these into a system, a philosophy of God’s plans When a lot of errors have been reduced to a system, then you have the seed of a new party, and the fruit will come if that seed is cultivated. I think here is the ground for serious reflection There is a vast difference between holding a few errors and formulating a doctrinal system. A religious party is not built on a few isolated errors; it must have a system, a scheme of things, different from others; and just as certainly as people rally around a new scheme, a new system, just that certainly will a new party eventually be formed.

It is possible for a man to create a personal following and by his power hold them together for a time as a party; but that party will pass away with him unless he or they formulate a system of doctrines. If he formulates that system and

has enough opposition for his sympathizers to feel that he is a martyr, they will hold to it all the more tenaciously.

No matter what Brother Boll thinks and feels about a party, everything is favorable for the development of one. He is a

man of considerable strength, his sympathizers regard him as very pious, and he has published a system of doctrines. Because of the criticisms he has met, his sympathizers have put him in the roll of martyrs. The setting is complete; and if he holds to his present course, a party is certain to result, no matter what he wills or thinks about it. However, I do not think it will be a large party.”

Already in some places Brother Whiteside’s prognostications have been fulfilled. At Winchester, Ky., the church is divided over the very things referred to in the foregoing letter. The new party has already been

formed there. Charles M. Neal is the leader of it. He is evidently “itching for a debate.” We think he should be accommodated, so his challenge has been accepted. The writer and Brother Srygley, his “official moderator,” will go to Winchester and give Brother Neal the chance to show how “clearly” the Bible teaches his future reign and kingdom theories. The time and arrangements for the discussion will be duly announced.

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READ AND STUDY YOUR BIBLE DAILY!
“A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels” (Prov 1:5)



“Does the Bible Clearly Teach It?”

By: Foy E. Wallace Jr.

The Fairfax Church in Winchester, Ky., has been treated to a challenge for debate by Charles M. Neal, chief advocate and agitator of speculative teaching at that place. Here is the challenge:

“Winchester, Ky., September 7, 1932.--Mr. Max Ogden, Winchester, Ky.--Dear Brother: In times past you have talked much about wanting to debate on prophetic subjects. I have decided to give those who oppose the teaching of the thousand years age or dispensation an opportunity to debate the matter.

I am enclosing a number of cards with a proposition which is of the first importance and must come first in any profitable discussion along prophetic lines. I think you will be surprised, on trying your friends of the ministry with this proposition, to see how many excuses will be offered as to why they cannot discuss this proposition.

If in your efforts to secure a man to debate this subject you should need more than the five cards I am sending, please ask for more, for I have plenty.

Trusting you may be able to secure a man for this discussion, I am, Sincerely, Charles M. Neal.” Here is his challenge in bold type on his “card”:

“This proposition is affirmed. Who will deny? Who will sign on the dotted line? ‘The Bible clearly teaches that, after the second coming of Christ and before the final resurrection and judgment, there will be an age, or dispensation, of one thousand years in duration’, Charles M. Neal Affirms.”

.....Denies.

Brother Neal missed his guess. He was not considered as formidable as he estimated himself to be. The brethren can give him four of his cards back; they used



only one in their “efforts to secure a man to debate this subject.” And he made no excuses at all. The following amended proposition was, however, submitted and accepted: “The Bible clearly teaches that, after the second coming of Christ and before the final resurrection and judgment, there will be an age, or dispensation, of one thousand years, during which Christ will reign on the earth.” We have already “signed on the dotted line.” Nobody seemed frightened at all, and perhaps he is the one who has been surprised.

The church in Winchester, Ky., was planted in the days of McGarvey and the Hardings, “watered” by other faithful men of God, and later divided by the preachers who are advocating these future-kingdom theories which they piously tell us “furnish no just ground of division” and should not be made “a test of fellowship”; still they divide churches with it. Like the “digressives,” they do not make it a “test” of fellowship; they just force brethren to put up with their teaching or divide the church if they do not. Yet brethren will apologize for them and would have us adopt a nonresistance policy of compromise while these brethren press their divisive teaching wherever they can. Their persistent efforts to fasten these prophetic vagaries and speculative theories on the churches call for determined opposition. The Fundamentalist Baptists have espoused the future-kingdom reign of Christ on David’s throne in Jerusalem with all of its anti-gospel consequences. And among us are these men who are steadily striving to commit the churches of Christ to these revamped but none the less false and destructive theories. These facts justify the editorial advances the Gospel Advocate

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Donate Platelets: Help Those in Need

By: Shawn Daniels.

Paul instructs us, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." (Gal 6:10) It is your duty as a child of God to do good unto all men when opportunity comes, especially to your brothers and sisters in Christ. We sometimes think that the only way to help someone in need is with money. If, then, we are short on funds, we sometimes feel that we are the one in need and not the one that can help.

However, need is not always relieved with the giving of money. Money is not always the answer! The giving of money is only one way of many ways in doing good to all men.

Giving platelets is a good example of this. It doesn't cost anything, apart from the travel and time, to give platelets. And this is something that most healthy adults could do every two weeks if desired. It is a renewable resource that is desperately needed by those afflicted with leukemia and other types of cancers.

Not only are platelets needed by those with cancer, but are used by those that have received bone marrow transplants, have had cardiac surgery, have had an organ transplant, have aplastic anemia, burn victims, and seriously ill and who cannot produce their own platelets.

Brother Bill Cyrus is one of those in need. As most in the congregation know, he is at the Barnes-Jewish Hospital. This is a great need. What can we do to help?

I have done some research and have found some guidelines. Obviously not all people can qualify to give platelets. Those that do qualify are as follows:

- Be at least 17 years old
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- Have a photo ID with you
- Eat a meal within four hours of donation

There are some reasons for someone to be temporarily unqualified to give platelets. These reasons are as follows:

- Are experiencing symptoms of a cold or sore throat
- Are taking antibiotics for an infection
- Have taken aspirin or aspirin-containing medications within the previous 48 hours
- Have donated whole blood within the previous eight weeks or platelets within the previous two weeks
- Have interior or exterior mouth sores
- Have had any dental work (including cleaning) in the previous 24 hours

You can never give platelets by these following reasons:

- Have had hepatitis
- Are an insulin-dependent diabetic
- Have ever been diagnosed with a myeloma, lymphoma or leukemia
- Have ever used illegal IV drugs
- Are HIV positive

The process is fairly simple. After calling (314) 362-1253 to make your appointment, you go to the Pheresis Center with your ID and sign in. The RN will do a medical screening, draw some blood, and ask some questions to make sure you are qualified to donate. Once everything is approved, then you basically sit in a cushy chair for 90 minutes while the procedure happens. You can read a book, watch TV, or even talk on the phone while waiting.

Let me encourage you, if you qualify, to do this good work, not only for brother Bill, but for all that can benefit from it.

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CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Announcements

Birthdays this month:

Rene Whitaker	5
Joshua Cyrus	7
Shari Baker	10
Ike Wilson	15

Anniversaries this month:

Don & Hallie Phillips	17
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Church Family News

- Brother Bill Cyrus is in need of blood platelets. Giving platelets is a good work, but especially if it can help a brother in Christ. If you would like to give, you can call (314) 362-1253. You can make an appointment seven days a week between 7:30 am and 5:30 pm. It will only take 1-2 hours plus travel to St. Louis.
- Sister Janetta has made arrangements for us to have pot luck at the Pana Area Senior Center on April 19, 2009!
- The Daniels family will be traveling to Ohio and West Virginia, starting Monday afternoon, April 6th, and will return Tuesday morning, April 14th. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel.

Hickory Estates Singing Night will be held on April 30, 2009 at 6:30 pm.

Presented by the church of Christ in Pana, Illinois
Women's Online Bible Study

The Women's Online Bible Study was designed to give women, that perhaps cannot come to a traditional class, a chance to study the Bible with others. If you are interested in signing up or know others in the community or abroad that may be interested, please pass the word of this work.

