

**Building/Communion Schedule**

Peyton Apr. 3  
Gomez Apr. 10

**Children's Bible Time**

Sheldon Month of April  
Peyton Month of May

**Preacher**  
Cecil Belk

**Ministers (Servants)**  
Every Member

**Times Of Assembly**

**Sunday**  
Bible Class & Nursery... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Assembly..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Assembly..... 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday** Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

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**“ By Him  
(Jesus Christ)  
all things were  
created; things  
in heaven and  
on earth, visible  
and invisible..”**

Colossians 1:16

**National TV & Radio Programs**

**In Search Of the Lord's Way**  
DirTV channel 364 — Sundays at 7:30 a.m. EST  
INSP Network: Galaxy 1R — Transponder 17 — Orbit Position 133 West  
Sundays-7:30 a.m. EST — Dish Channel 259, Sunday 7:30 a.m., EST  
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Mon. 2:00 a.m./2:00 p.m. EST Thurs. 5:00 a.m./5:00 p.m. EST

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Web Sites: [www.thegospelofchrist.com](http://www.thegospelofchrist.com)—[www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)

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**“And having been perfected,  
He (Jesus Christ) became the  
Author of eternal salvation  
to all who obey Him!”**  
Hebrews 5:9

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Christian Life Foundations

**The Work of Faith**

The **“work of faith,”** is the **only way our faith is taken out of the abstract realm and made concrete.** The work of faith is the response of the soul of man to the Word of God — when a man responds to and obeys the Word of God --- then he walks by faith! “For we walk by faith, not by sight.” (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Jesus said the same thing in John 6:28-29: “Then they said to Him, what shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said to them, **This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.**” He said a person must come to God **by their belief (their faith) in Jesus! That genuine belief (faith) --- will reveal itself in the life that is lived.** This is illustrated by Peter's response to Jesus' command in Luke 5:4-5: Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch. But Simon answered and said to Him, Master we have toiled all night and

caught nothing. Nevertheless, at your word I will let down the net. (Peter declared the futility of doing so, they'd fished all night and caught nothing. They knew the sea and fishing, (no use going back out.) Nevertheless, he says he'll go back and fish again, even though it makes no earthly sense to him; and **he'll do it simply because Jesus told him to! That is the work of faith!!**

**In the New Testament there is no mention of “kinds of faith,” just degrees of faith; little or great faith. Even dead faith is not a different kind, but only the deceased state of the one faith.** “You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons (devils) believe – and tremble! (James. 2:19) In Mark 5:7 the demon at Gadarenes cried out: “What have I to do with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore you by God that you do not torment me.” A close look shows:

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**Thought for the week: Jesus is God's spiritual life insurance for you.**

## The Work of Faith (continued)

1. The demons believed Jesus to be the Son of God and that Jesus had the power to torment them.
2. The demons believed in God's existence.
3. They knew there was already a time appointed when God would visit judgment upon wickedness. (Ref. Matthew 8:29)
4. That the time of judgment was yet in the future.

### How is this different from what Christians believe?

**We Christians need to realize the work of faith is acting upon, obeying the Word of God.** When a Christian obeys the word of God their faith will be evident to all! This is illustrated by Cain and Abel: "By faith Abel offer to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous; God testifying of his gifts ..." (Hebrews 5:9) How was Abel's faith manifest? By pious talk of, "Oh how I believe in God." No! In believing God, Abel manifest his faith by bringing the proper sacrifice to God. That is what conversion is, **believing and obeying** God.

It is fairly common today for people to indicate they are a **dedicated** Christian — a **faithful** Christian. **That claim should be**

**made by the "work of faith" not by words.** " Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ... For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." (James 2:17 & 26)

Christ Jesus is seeking the willing, those who believe and obey Him. To them He gives eternal salvation. (Hebrews 5:9)

There are religious people today who say sins are forgiven before baptism, that the Lord's Supper is optional, that support of the church can be through business methods rather than only freewill offerings, that people can be saved through various avenues rather than only through Jesus, and other such heresies and perversions of God's word. **Don't be fooled.** Any departure from obedience to God's word is not a work of faith, is not a labor of love, and is not upholding nor defending the things of God. The demons believe in God but they do not uphold, defend, or obey. **Dear Christian, you and I have to be different from the demons. We must obey, and it is through our love for God that we work the works of faith.**

Cecil Belk, Preacher



A WARM WELCOME  
TO OUR VISITORS.  
YOU ARE  
HONORED GUESTS!

## FAMILY NEWS

### PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS



**Pray earnestly for more souls to be saved, and more Christians to be involved in the work!**

**Our Military:** Prayers for **Doug Wilson** and **Zac Donaldson** and their families as they serve in the mid-east for several months.

**Praise God,** for **Gabe Lee's** quick recovery from appendicitis infection and surgery.

### **We pray to our God for:**

**Audrey Otto,** recently required a blood transfusion. Prayers

**Sherri Belk,** diagnosed with a rare auto-immune disease. Prayers.

**Jack Mullins,** undergoing treatment, prayers.

**Jane Powers,** the first biopsy came back negative for cancer; additional tests will be run.

**Billy and Betty Clepper,** health, prayers.

**Ashley Hall,** that she can carry their baby full-term .

**Irene Sumter, Nichole,** (Irene Sumter's daughter),

**Odette Smith, Catherine Stewart, Tom & Peggy Stripp,** (Joyce Lee's aunt & uncle), **Walter Hulett,**

**Sr., Pat Mullins, Kelly Olson, Millie Sanders, Bob Sheldon** (Skip Sheldon's brother) and **Jim Sheldon**

(Skip Sheldon's brother), who is caring for his wife

**Marilyn,** and **Bobby Lingly,** (chemotherapy).

**Franklin King,** (Deloris' Peyton's father).

**Estelle and Clifford Drisco:** (June Curran's grandparents), & **Lorraine** (June's mother).

**Cathy Laird, & family, Sarah Gomez, Bruce Bishopric, Vickie Bishopric, Deloris Peyton,** guidance, strength, and blessings.

**We pray for those in Japan and the Pacific region who have just gone through earthquake and Tsunami tragedy, and for those in Libya and other regions in conflict.**

### April Events Calendar

#### Date Change

Our April Potluck Fellowship  
has been changed to  
Sunday, April 8th, 12 Noon

Don't miss the fellowship; it's God's "soul food."

#### Date Change

Our women's Bible study in the Proverbs  
has been changed to  
Friday, April 8th, 10:00 A.M.

#### Guest Preacher

**Walter Hulett, Sr.** will be our guest preacher on Sunday, April 3rd., during our morning assembly. We appreciate his filling our pulpit on this Lord's Day.

#### Thank You Card

A thank you card from **Sharon Loy** is posted on the board. It reads in part: "Your kindness meant so much. Thank you. Love in Christ."

#### Special Thanks

We appreciate Cecil Belk, Zach Cisneros, Billy Lee, Craig McIntosh, Ralph Peyton for all the work accomplished the past two weeks on the building and yard projects.

#### April Birthdays

17th Gaye Peyton

18th Cathy Stewart