

Building/Communion Schedule

Loy	July	10
Gomez	July	17

Children's Bible Time

Peyton	Month of July
Sheldon	Month of Aug.

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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“His eyes are on the ways of men, He sees their every step.”
Job 34:21 (NKJV)

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
Gospel Broadcasting Network (GBN) Sun. 7:00 p.m. EST
Mon. 2:00 a.m./2:00 p.m. EST Thurs. 5:00 a.m./5:00 p.m. EST

Daily Program Streaming & Printable Bible Studies
Web Sites: www.thegospelofchrist.com—www.searchtv.org

Gospel Broadcast Network (GBN) Satellite Dish Broadcasts
24/7 on www.gbntv.org or by a home satellite dish (K band) and receiver.
See their web site www.gbntv.org for details.

“Good News Today,” — Sundays, 7:30 a.m. EST,
(New time and satellite TV station channels for “Good News Today”)
Dish Network, ch. 267, Direct TV, Ch. 376,
Glorystar Ch. 117, & SkyAngel ch. 136

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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

Address Label



God speaks to us, how?

From the garden of Eden until the present day God has always spoken to man. God talked directly to Adam and Eve blessing and telling them to them be fruitful, to multiply, to have dominion over the earth and subdue it (Gen. 1:28). In visions He spoke to Abraham (Gen. 15:1). In dreams He spoke to Jacob (Gen. 31:11). Out of a burning bush He spoke to Moses (Ex. 3:3-4). Out of a whirlwind He spoke Job (Job 38:1). He spoke by His prophets Samuel, David, Isaiah, Elijah, Ezekiel, and Zechariah to name just a few. **Hebrews 1:1 states God, “at various times and in different ways spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets.”**

“But in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son” (Heb. 1:2). Do you hear that? **According to the scripture, in these last days, the Christian age, God speaks to us through His Son!** The scriptures declare God gave His words to the Son and the Son taught them to the His chosen apostles. To insure accurate recall of His words, and accurate delivery of them, He promised the Holy Spirit would be their helper and guide. (Jn. 14:16-17; Jn. 16:7-13; Jn. 17:4-8) Therefore, after Christ Jesus ascended back

to heaven the apostles became the mouthpieces by which Jesus spoke to man.

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17). What about the man or woman who says, “Jesus spoke to me.” Or, “The Lord came to me in a dream last night.” Or, “When I was in the hospital the Lord came to me and told me ...” **Well, in view of what God’s word says, you tell me!** “Now these things brethren, I have figuratively related to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us **not to think beyond what is written**, that none of you may be puffed up ...” (1 Cor. 4:6). Maybe you’ve heard someone say, “but the experience of hearing God speak fills me with joy, it is indescribable, I feel so good and peaceful. Most radio and TV preachers commonly and frequently say, “God spoke to me ...as if it was some **common, joyous experience.**” **But, that isn’t what the faithful of the Bible have to say about it!** In the garden Adam said, “I heard your voice ... and I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself” (Gen. 3:10). In the boat they put down the nets at Jesus’ request

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Thought for the week: “Everyone lays up a treasure - - - where is yours? - See Matthew 6:19-20

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and caught an overwhelming, miraculous number of fish. Peter, “fell down at Jesus’ knees saying, ‘Depart from me, for I am a sinful man O Lord’” (Lk. 5:8). When the Lord appeared to Isaiah in a vision he said, “Woe, woe is me for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts” (Isa. 6:1-5). On the Mount of Transfiguration Peter, James, and John heard God’s voice say, “This is My beloved Son in who I am well pleased. Hear Him! ... they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid (Matt. 17:5-6).

Peter wrote about this in 2nd Peter 1:16-21: declaring that in spite of all that he and the others saw and heard --- there was something even more sure! It was and is the scripture! Then too, God’s written word in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 declares that He speaks to us today through His word, the Scriptures, AND it is all we need to understand and do His will! We must not and dare not reject, set aside, or refuse His word, (the Scriptures)! Jesus spoke strongly to this point in John 12:47-50. He declares if anyone hears His words He delivered, and doesn’t believe them – He won’t judge them for He came to save everyone He can. But --- the word He spoke will judge a man who rejected Him and His words. For, the words He spoke were not His own -- the Father commanded Him as to what He should say and speak!

Dear precious soul, the words He spoke and delivered to the apostles are recorded as scripture. A person who looks to such things as the experience of a voice speaking to them, a white light, or a dream is looking outside His word for guidance and assurance. This actually sets aside the word of God, setting aside Jesus and His teachings, and elevates their experience. This devalues what God and Jesus say in the scriptures, and in the process elevates their faith in their experience above the word (scriptures) of God. Such a faith becomes secured to their wonderful experiences (who today says they were frightened or quaking when they heard “the Lord’s voice”?). Either God’s inspired scriptures (the written word), is all sufficient or it isn’t. If it is, why would a person be guided from any other source of communication? Either Jesus told the truth, or He didn’t, when He said a person would be judged by the words He spoke and were delivered through His apostles (which became recorded *scriptures*). What about those who claim Christianity through experiences yet reject various portions of His word?

No matter what anyone says or claims, God’s word declares that God speaks to us today through the scriptures which His Son delivered in their fullness. Who are we to believe, God, or man with his experiences? Each soul will make their decision and answer to God.

Cecil Belk, Evangelist

FAMILY NEWS



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

PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS



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

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

We pray to our God for:

The recent tornado and flood victims.

Jack Mullins, health, prayers.

Ben Cisneros asked the church for prayers on his behalf to be committed to serving the Lord more fully.

Sharon Loy, Jane Powers, Jerry Paulson, Cecil Jones, Audrey Otto, Sherri Belk, Deloris Peyton, Catherine Stewart, Bruce & Vickie Bishopric, health, guidance, strength, and blessings.

Rebecka Baker, carrying twin girls, prayers.
Tom & Peggy Stripp, (Joyce Lee’s aunt & uncle), Bob Sheldon and Jim Sheldon & wife Marilyn, Franklin King, (Deloris’ Peyton’s father), Estelle Drisco: (June Curran’s grandmother), and Lorraine Blackstone (June’s mother), prayers. Dan Curran, Sr., & the Fanella Family, Larry Davis, health, prayers. Chevon (Leukemia), Bobby Lingly, (chemotherapy) prayers. Debbie Cisneros’ father, suffered a stroke, prayers.

July Events

Friday, July 8th Women’s Bible Study

10:00 a.m.

Women’s Bible study in Proverbs
At the church building

Saturday, July 9th

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Men’s Saturday–Work/Ministry Projects

(Women’s help also welcomed)

“Making a difference for the Lord”

Sunday, July 10th, 5:00 p.m.

Special Church Business/Planning Meeting

Friday, July 15th, Fellowship Luncheon

12:30 p.m. Seaside Café

(Corner of Eglin Pkwy and Yacht Club, FWB)

July 31st, 5th Sunday Special Collection

Begin preparing for this additional collection that has been a great blessing in furthering the congregation’s ministry work.

McDonald St. Church of Christ, Crestview Annual Homecoming - Sunday, July 10th

Bible Classes	10:00 a.m.
Worship Assembly	11:15 a.m.
Lunch Served	12:30-2:30 p.m.
Singing	2:30 p.m.
Preaching	3:00 p.m.

July Birthdays

6th Carl Griffith	11th Irving Donaldson
18th Belinda Sheldon	18th Zachery Donaldson
20th Robert Benjamin	