



# Church of Christ

Rapid City, South Dakota

April 28, 2024

### Elders

Elbert Johnson

Terry Harmon

### Deacons

Casey Allen

Mike Atchley

Aaron Christensen

Charles Taylor

### Evangelist

Terry Harmon

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*Schedule of Services:*

### Sunday:

**Bible study -**

9am

**Worship - 10 am**

**Evening - 6 pm**

### Wednesday:

**Bible study -**

7pm

**Please join us!**

## Does The Lord Perform Miracles Today?

(Author Unknown)

[FYI – I found some old bulletins from years ago that were printed at this congregation and plan to reuse some of the articles - TH]

There was a time when the miracles happened. When Jesus was upon earth he performed many signs and miracles (Matt. 8:16; Matt. 9:34; 14:14-36; John 11). Jesus even gave others the powers to perform miracles. But not one miracle is being performed today.

What was the purpose of miracles? Miracles were performed by Jesus, the apostles and those on whom they laid hands to confirm the word (Mark 16:17-20). Miracles confirmed that the message preached was divine. *“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:30-31).* Jesus performed miracles to prove His claim of being the Son of God and

to confirm that what He taught was God’s message.

Are miracles needed today? Everything originated by miracle but it continues by Divine law. Adam is the only man God created by miracle (Gen. 1:27-28). We were not created by miracle like Adam. God originated things by miracle but continues them through natural law.

Both Old and New Testament were ushered in by miracles (Ex. 18-20; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21). When the New Testament was completed the need for miracles ended. Paul described the purpose and duration of miracles in these words, *“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of*

## Those To Serve (04/28)

**AM service -**

**Announcements -**

Aaron

**Song Leader -**

Casey

**Scripture/Prayer -**

Mike A.

1 Samuel 24:4-13

**[Sun. evening] -**

Isaiah 6:1-13

**Lord’s Table:**

**Bread - Mike M.**

**Vine - Kyle**

**Contribution -**

Travis

**4th Person -**

Parker

**Closing Prayer -**

Andrew S.

**Usher -**

Chris M.

## Bible Study Topics

Sunday Morning  
**John**

Wed. Evening  
**The Faithful Church**

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### Welcome Visitors!!

Thank you for being with us today. Please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the collection basket when it is passed. We invite you to comment on Google reviews so that others might find a sound congregation while traveling. Thank you!

### Prayer Requests / News

- ◇ Please continue to pray for **Mike McDowell**, who lost his wife, Carolyn. A visitation is planned for May 2nd @ 5pm and funeral @ 10am on May 3rd at Kirk Funeral Home.
- ◇ Continual prayers for; **Dean Bullock; Therin Wendt; Tim Wood's mom and grandmother; Loretta Lewis; Jim Smith; Tera Ottenbacher; Carolyn McDowell, Neil Sperle; Timmy Walker; Jon & Deb Vick; Allen Rustad; Tim Tutor; Alyssa & Danielle Prochaska; Justin Barnhart; Enola Atchley; Chuck & Mary Taylor; Marcus Taylor and family; Linda McBrayer; Barbara Olson; Twyla Neimi; and Jessica Bannister.**
- ◇ Please be praying for **Chuck & Mary Taylor**, as they are planning on moving to Florida. There is a lot to do before the closing date of May 24th.
- ◇ Please be praying for the Lord's guidance and wisdom for the upcoming **trip to Ukraine (Terry, Timothy, and Chuck D.)**. The dates of travel are scheduled for May 13th-28th.
- ◇ Happy Birthday to **Noah Christensen (04/29)**!

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Are miracles being performed today? No person living on earth today has been baptized with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:5). There are no people living today who have had the hands of apostles laid on them to impart miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-18). These were the only two ways miraculous powers were received. Therefore, the Lord does not perform miracles through any human today!

Miracles ceased when the perfect came. Miracles were both "in part" and temporary. Miracles ceased when the perfect or complete will of God – the New Testament – was completely revealed (1 Cor. 13:8-10). Do Christians speak in unknown tongues today? There is no doubt that the gift of speaking in tongues (languages) was a reality in the early church (Mark 16:17; Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6). These tongues were languages (Acts 2:4-6) and could be interpreted (1 Cor. 14:26). Tongue-speaking was the ability to speak intelligently a language that you had not studied. The purpose of this miraculous gift was a sign to unbelievers (1 Cor. 14:22). The gift of tongue-speaking ceased near the close of the first century (1 Cor. 13:8-10).

No one living today can walk on water, raise the dead or perform any other real miracle. This cannot be done because the Bible teaches miracles have ceased. Have you ever wondered why the so-called modern day miracle worker: (1) Only selects healing and tongues from 1 Corinthians 12, (2) Cannot raise the dead or stop a tornado, (3) Refuses to drink deadly poison, (4) Believes the Bible is incomplete and still needs confirmation, (5) Does not possess the signs of an apostle.

Let us be content with being New Christians today. To become a Christian a believer must repent and be baptized for remission of sin (Acts 2:38). True miracles caused faith (John 20:30-31). The so-called miracles of today cause doubt and confusion.