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From Where I Sit...

"Spiritual Vision"

Why is it that one person can see spiritual truths and understand them to be true, and another person finds it difficult to believe that there is such a thing as a spiritual walk with God? Paul

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suggests an answer in I Corinthians 2:14 – "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

A man who is not willing to accept spiritual truths will not believe the message that comes from God's Holy Spirit. He won't understand it because he rejects the existence of spiritual truths. They are foolishness to him. Spiritual vision is needed to be able to see Spiritual things. Some can't perceive of there being any spiritual realities and "walking in the spirit" is nonsense to them. Thus they are altogether "natural" or "carnal."

It's unfortunate that <u>The Living Bible</u> has rendered the text of I Corinthians 2:14 – "But the man who isn't a Christian can't understand and can't accept these thoughts from God, which the Holy Spirit teaches us, they sound foolish to him, because only those who have the Holy Spirit within them can understand what the Holy Spirit means. Others just can't take it in."

This is a perversion of the text and not a translation. It is a paraphrase written by man, suggesting that the Holy Spirit has to come in and make one a Christian before he can even read and understand how to become a Christian. The logic goes: "If the Holy Spirit doesn't operate directly on your heart, you can read the Bible until you're blue in the face, and it still won't make sense to you." However, the Bible affirms that faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17) and not by waiting on the Holy Spirit to come in and take over.

This unfortunately leads the unbeliever to scoff at Christianity as a self-serving religion that claims to be true merely because we say it is true and that only the ones God speaks to miraculously can understand what they read. It's like we're saying to the world, "Well you just wouldn't understand. We have special insight." It also makes God totally responsible for whether a person is a believer or unbeliever, and thus one could blame God for not "opening their eyes."

Indeed they could understand, if they were willing to allow themselves to fairly consider the evidences, and allow themselves to see with spiritual eyes and not merely carnal. Spiritual Vision comes from seeing enough evidences around us to convince us that there are unseen realities. That there has to be a Creator. God didn't leave man with an excuse for disbelieving, nor does He expect us to act on purely "blind" faith (see Romans 1: 20; Psalms 19:1).

Jesus taught in **Matthew 13:10-16** that there were people who simply could not accept the teachings because they refused to see, hear, understand and be healed. He pronounced a blessing (verse 16) on the eyes of the disciples *"for they see; and your ears, for they hear."* This willingness to see and hear opens our minds up to God and His wonderful Word, words of Salvation and hope!!

Faith still comes by "hearing" the word of God (Rom. 10:17).

... Terry Broome



Please pray for our sick and remember them with cards, calls and visits.

Buddy Holt will have cataract eye surgery on August 31. Please pray for him.

Chelsea Yates will be having gallbladder surgery on Thursday, September 1 in Madison. Prayers are appreciated. 280 Gurley Pike Apt 46, Gurley, AL 35748.

David Nickell, friends of several in the church, has multiple myeloma. He will be starting chemo next week. Prayers are requested.

Judy Roberts got a good report from her last PET scan. We rejoice with her on answered prayers.

Sheryl Porch will be undergoing foot surgery on Thursday, September 1st. Prayers are requested.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Nick Ledbetter Mark Price Martha Foster **Deborah Wacker Tammy McGuire Rachel Underwood Cindy Davis Jim Brown** Irene Gist Mary Lawrence **Ginger Myers** Harold Reynolds **Judy Roberts Nellie Spring** Joleah Raven. Brenda Devers aunt Michael Morgan, Christina's husband. Tommy Young, Jill Russell's brother. Nettie Murrah, mother of Tracy Brumley Mary Hodge, 88 Sumner Dr., 35769. Roger Alley, son-in-law of David and Margaret Crawford. Leroy Armstrong, Holly Cobb's father. Judy Solomon, sister of Martha Pendley. Ron Gardner, father of Joel. Hudson Coldwell, Martha Pendley's grandson. Bob Milk, brother-in-law of Robin Shelton. Rick Wadkins, father of Misti Myers, 24 Sumner Dr., 35769. Terry Shelton, cousin of Vicki Shelton & Arlene Allen, 1113 Co. Rd. 68, Scottsboro, AL 35768 Viola Manning, aunt of Vicki Shelton & Arlene Allen, 1930 Co. Rd 107, Scottsboro, AL 35768 Brenda Wininger, aunt of David Precise. Hillary Broome, Terry's brother, 2151 Alexander Blvd., Murfreesboro, Tn 37130. Lyndal Brumley, daughter-in-law of Jo Reed & Tracy. Verna Sue Wadkins, grandmother of Misti Myers, 622 Smyrna Rd., Alexander City, AL 35010. Melanie Lanier, daughter of Ron Graham. Jeanette Simpson, Misti Myers' grandmother, 2147 Morning Side Drive, Alexander City, AL 35010.

Ernie Matthews, local farmer and neighbor of Ralph Cook, 3736 Co Rd 145, Scottsboro, AL 35768.

Shep Knight, child of Jo Reed Brumley's cousin.

Barry Allen, Terry's brother-in-law,143 Cherry St., Carrollton, GA 30117.

Rhonda Harrison, 74 Sarah Betty Lane, Apt B1, Scottsboro, AL 35769.

Trent McCormack, US Navy

Jordan Holt, US Navy-Reserve

Abigail Holt, US Navy

Nathan Bridges, US Air Force-Reserve

Paige Chrisman, US Air Force

Nathaniel Doan, US Marine Corps

Anthony Worst, US Marine Corps Noah Linville, US Navy Academy

Noan Emilie, 05 Navy Academy

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & HOMEBOUND

Cloverdale	Rosewood	Southern
Manor	Manor	Estates
412 Cloverdale Rd.	1513 Co. Park Rd.	212 E. Stewart Rd.
Scottsboro, 35768	Scottsboro, 35769	Scottsboro, 35769
Helen Ott	Jaxie Hargrave	
	Doris Johnson	
	Debra Kime	
	Dot Bean	

Mark Little	107 Benson Lane, 35768
Elsie Goodman	406 S Houston St., 35768
Martha Nan Baker	· 701 Monroe St., NW, Russellville, 35653
Nell Anderson	121 Brookridge Dr., Apt. 148, Madison, 35758
Ruth Spurgeon	8922 AL 227, Crossville, AL 35962

Calendar of Upcoming Events-

- Aug 31 Summer Series Speaker: Mark Hastings
- Sept 11 His/Her Wedding Shower for Will Robinson & Emma Campbell after PM services
- Sept 18 TWIGS Painting Class 1 PM @ Woods Cove

One	Wed. Bible Study
Measure	Sunday Bible Study
Of Our	Sun. Night Worship
Love	Budget\$8326.00

Youth Calendar

- Sept 3 7th and Up Bible Study @ Brown's
- Sept 8 TNT, 5:30-8:00 PM
- Sept 11 Rosewood & Homebound Singing, ALL AGES
- Sept 17 Service Project, ALL AGES
- Sept 18 Area-wide Devo @ Chase Park
- Sept 22 TNT, 5:30-8:00 PM

- (3) Ursula Rice
- (5) Jacob Baird, Will Shelton
- (6) Diane Laney
- (7) Nelson Page
- (11) Tanner Shelton
- (12) Kelsey Porch
- (13) Johnny McCrary
- (14) Brenda Price
- (15) Kellie Hancock
- (16) Belvin Coffey
- (18) Jackie Hayes, Clay Cornelison
- (20) Joyce Hastings
- (22) Buddy Pace, Keith Devers
- (23) Deby Petty
- (24) Jean Beard
- (26) Ada Brown
- (27) Brandon Wilhelm
- (28) Ellen Brown, Joe Manning
- (29) Parks Weldon
- (30) Cynthia Nance, Garrett Hancock, Adalyn Roberts, Jo Poole

Soon there will be Two Less Fish in the Sea

> We invite the entire congregation to a His/Her Wedding Shower for

Emma Campbell and William Robinson

on September, 11th after PM services.

Hostesses will provide Fruit and desserts. Sign up for finger foods on bulletin board. There will be a money tree provided for those who wish to contribute.

PUPPET PROGRAM - September 4, 2022

Narrator - Mark Price

Teachers - Bridget, Cynthia, Pam, Wendy

Puppets - Sidney, Kaitlyn, Kaden, Jenna, Preston



We thank you so much for your generous check of \$12,000. We will be able to help many people in our area as they rebuild their lives after this terrible flood. May God bless you all.

> In Christ, Virgil McIntosh Jackson Church of Christ



Broad Street Church of Christ wishes to congratulate Lisa Porch on the retirement from her position as the church secretary. We thank her for her years of service. Wendy Baird has accepted

the new position of church secretary.

- Wedding Shower Meeting -

All ladies that are helping with Will Robinson and Emma Campbell's wedding shower, please meet in the chapel after services Wednesday, August 31st.



Birthday Lists

Birthday lists are located on the podiums in each of the foyers for members to check and update any dates that may have been missed. Please check or mark ok if your families dates are correct. If you find that one needs to be added or changed, please do so.



First Class Stamp Here Requires lf you go to worship to hear something other The Word of God (the Bible) never changes You have gone for the wrong reason. If you hear something other, are at the wrong place. than His Word, You Scottsboro, AL 35768-1709 **BROAD STREET BANNER** Published Weekly By The 613 S. Broad Street Church of Christ -ike David, lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence come my help forgiving spirit toward all who seek my hur Like Aaron and Hur, uphold the hands of the leaders of the church Like Caleb and Joshua, refuse to be discouraged, because of John 1:40-42 Like Daniel, commune with God at all times (Daniel 6:10) Like Abraham, trust ìmplicitly in mý God (James 2:23) prepare my heart to seek God Like Paul, forget those things which are behind Like Job, be patient under all circumstances _ike Enoch, walk daily in fellowship with my superior numbers (Numbers 13:30;14:6-9 and press onward (Philippians 3:13) to Christ heavenly Father (Genesis 5:22 Job 13:15,16; James 5:11) Í9:2,3) Psalms 121:1) (Exodus 17:12) mv brother Chronicles I Wil lead Like Jehoshaphat 3 ᅙ ത Like Stephen, manifest Like Andrew, strive

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