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UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Apr. 8 Victory (1 Cor. 15;57)
Apr. 15 Harrison Morgan to speak
Apr. 22 Prepared to meet God
Apr. 29 Tyler Atkins to speak

SUNDAY PM

Apr. 8 Homosexuality (#363)
Apr. 15 Guest speaker
Apr. 22 My preacher said it was O.K. (#364)
Apr. 29 What about the Catholic Church? (#365)

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

April 8, 2012

To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Jean Reeder, Cheryl Akers, Kathy Briggs, Betty Jo's aunt, Erin's father, Robert Vanalstine, Jo Matheny, Jimmy Mortimore, John Mortimore, Jim Loper, Jewel Warfield, Bill Arnold

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: 1 Cor. 15:55-58

PM: Rom. 1:26-28

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

April 15 – Potluck

April 15 – Military packages (4 soldiers)

April 22 – Singing (5 p.m.); Business meeting

April 29 – Tyler Atkins to speak

April 27-29 – Marriage seminar at Benton Harbor. Notice on bulletin board.

April 26-29 – Gospel meeting at Chelsea. Notice on bulletin board.

SIGN UP SHEET: Men, please sign up to speak while Charles is away this next Sunday. The sign up sheet is on the board.

TONGUES

Charles Coats

Just about any time someone mentions the words tongues, people begin to think about those who claim to speak in tongues. They tell us that the Spirit comes upon them and they are overwhelmed. The product of this overwhelming is the ability to “speak in tongues”, which is nothing more than a bunch of illogical sounds that make

no sense to anyone in the room, including the “speaker”. In some way, the “speaker” and those around him think this is a good thing as it is a witness to them that this person is saved and has been blessed by God. There are those who teach that you must be able to “speak in tongues” or you are not saved.

When one studies the tongues in the New Testament, is this the kind of thing one sees? Do we find an individual or a group just making sounds or do we find a message being proclaimed that will help those of another language to be able to obey the gospel?

When we understand that tongues were to teach the unbeliever (1 Cor. 14:22), we can see that tongues in the Bible were understandable and would then assist the non-Christian to come to an understanding of God's will. The need to go into all the world with the gospel made it necessary for man to be able to proclaim the gospel in various languages, thus the need of tongues.

Tongues in the New Testament are not some mystery to us. They were merely the various languages of men. We know this from a careful study of Acts 2. Note the following:

1. The apostles spoke in tongues (vs. 4).
2. The people heard the apostles “speak in his own language” (vs. 6).
3. The people understood that they also heard “in our own tongue” (vs. 8).
4. Thus, to hear or speak in a tongue was to hear or speak in a language known to men.

Those, today, who think they are “speaking in tongues” because they can throw their arms up in the air and make indistinguishable sounds are only deceiving themselves and those around them. Besides all of this, speaking in tongues was a miracle and miracles have ceased (1 Cor. 13:8-10).