

# Refreshing Times

A Quarterly Newsletter



Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?--



Gal 3:5

Hi Everyone,

It is true! miracles are not based on our ability or goodness but our faith. When Peter healed the lame man in the book of Acts, he asked the crowd “why look at us as though our goodness healed this man”?. He said that the man was healed through faith in the name of Jesus. I wonder how many miracles are hindered because of lack of faith in His name.? Jesus said if you believe in me the works that I do you will do also and greater works. To often legalists in the church suffocate faith. They demand that in order to get God to move in our midst we must obey a set of man-made rules. There is one rule; the rule of faith motivated and energized by love. When we believe miracles happen. I find it interesting to note that the gift of The working of miracles is indeed just that, “A Gift” I know when I give a gift I give without expecting anything in return. Perhaps a thank you but even that is not needed. A gift is pure selflessness. It is unearned. It is a gift. We should expect God to work miracles among us because of our faith not our good works. Good works are essential in expressing God’s love in the earth but will not release miracles. One day the disciples asked Jesus “what must we do to work the works of God”?. Jesus responded with... the works of God are done by faith in Him who God has sent. In other words in Jesus’ name. In a day when an oil spill threatens our coasts, unemployment is still unabated and uncertainty seems to be growing in Europe and Asia, we need to tap into the working miracles and other *gifts* of the Spirit. In 2 Kings 4, a widows oil did not run out in the days of Elisha the prophet till all her debts were paid and needs were met. Jesus multiplied the loaves and the fish to demonstrate that He is more than enough and when He does a miracle He more than meets the need. When he turned the water into wine he demonstrated His vast abundance by actually making the best and plenty of it. The giving of Christ’s life demonstrates to us that God is a gift giver. Our goodness did not earn that most precious gift. Our faith in His goodness not our own, will release the working of miracles. The answer to our initial question on the top of this article is rhetorical in nature. Of course it is the hearing of faith that releases miracles!!!! Let’s believe for the miraculous!!!  
God Bless You      You are Released For Increase!!!

Love Pastor’s John and Laurie Curcio

## 1. Announcements

Wednesdays 7 p.m. *Lines of Authority Lines of Priority*

August 29th Evening service at the beach..... Location TBA

October 3rd Church\_Picnic After service Location TBA

