

## Upcoming Gospel Meetings and Area Wide Sings

**\*\* Winter Training Series: January  
5th-26th on Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm**

\*More info and details on the upcoming events posted on the back bulletin.

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## Sermon Notes



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## **What happened to Paul after the book of Acts?**

*By Dale Parsley*

The final chapter of the book of Acts ends as if 1/4 of the book is missing. It just ends with Paul as a prisoner in Rome. The reason is because when Acts was written, Paul was still in prison and the rest of his story was still to be lived. So what happened to him after Acts? The books 1-2 Timothy and Titus shed some light on what likely occurred:

Paul was eventually declared innocent by the Roman Emperor and released. He may have lived another 4-8 years. At some point Paul probably travelled to Ephesus because that's where he left Timothy (1 Timothy 1:3). He also spent some time on the island of Crete (Titus 1:3-5). He planned to spend a winter in Nicopolis with Titus (Titus 3:12). It's possible at some point he travelled to Spain since he made plans to go there (Romans 15:24, 28).

Eventually Paul was taken back to Rome as a prisoner again. The events that likely sparked this was in July of AD 64, "a fire broke out in the capital city [Rome]...Of the fourteen sections into which the city was divided, ten were scorched and virtually destroyed. Everywhere palaces, temples and altars were in ashes...Most present day historians do not blame [Emperor] Nero for burning the city; the fire probably started accidentally. However, angry citizens of Rome, knowing of Nero's ambitious plans to rebuild the capital and his recent irrational actions, began to accuse the emperor. To shift attention from himself, Nero made Christians the scapegoat." (Roper 517) It was after this that a great persecution arose on the church.

2 Timothy is the last letter that Paul wrote. He wrote it as a Roman prisoner (2 Timothy 2:9). In this letter he revealed that he had been to Miletus (4:20); and was possibly captured in Troas since he left his cloak and parchments there (4:13). Paul knew that death was soon to come (4:6-8). Even though some of his close friends had forsaken him (4:10), he desired for Timothy to come to Rome quickly, joining him and his beloved physician Luke (4:9, 11). Even though 2 Timothy does not reveal where, when and how Paul died, Church historian Eusebius recorded that the common belief is Paul was beheaded during the persecution under Emperor Nero in the late to mid 60's.

Like Paul, no matter what happens to us, may we say with the same confidence, "And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!" (2 Timothy 4:18)

References: David Roper, Acts, Vol. II, Truth for Today Commentary, 2001

NEWS & NOTES

**Prayer Meeting: Sunday 6pm.**

**January 5th- 26th:** Winter Training Series on Thursday nights 7:00-8:00pm.

**Cookies and finger foods will be needed for the series. . In need of someone to teach Children's Class as well for Jan 19th. Please see one of the Elders.**



**SIGN UPS:** Are posted in the back for 2017

Birthday/Anniversary Dinners.

**Please sign up for hosting the monthly Pot lucks.**



**\*\*\* Any Youth wanting to go to CYC please let Dale know!**

**\*\*\*\* PLEASE ADD CINDY WILSON'S BIRTHDAY TO THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR: JANRUARY 18.**

**THANK YOU**

We would like to thank those who sent cards, food, visits, and support, and especially for your prayers for us during this difficult time in our lives. We would like to ask for continued prayers as we deal with the loss of our son, Chris. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

In Christian Love,  
Rhanda & Don Archer

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**MEMORY VERSE**

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ~ Colossians 3:23-24

UPDATES



\*Tina Keith is at home and continues to improve.

\* Tom Becker will have surgery on his knee on Jan. 17.

\*Paul O'Dell had a successful surgery. Kathy Lancaster had her surgery on Thursday. Colleen Kiester had her 2nd surgery on Monday. Please keep them in prayer as they recover.

\*Marie Newland did not receive good test results please keep Marie in prayer.

\*Dan & DJ Kessinger made it back from Kenya, along with their found luggage.

\*Cold & Flu season is among us. Please keep those that are battling sickness in prayer.

**Remember those on our prayer list:** Faye Williams, Buzz Williams, Rodney Ramsey, Scott Judge, Ellie Judge, Brad & Pam Butcher, Evelyn Hall, Marie Newland, Kathy Lancaster, Colleen Kiester, Zach Lamp, Cindy Wilson, Geraldine Stewart, Barbara Eddy, Jessie Williamson, Carrie McCullough, Gail Mote, Terry Hubner, & Madeline McFadden. Remember those who are shut-in, receiving cancer treatments, traveling, government leaders and military.

**Schedule of Services:**

**Sunday:**

*Morning:*

Bible Class: 9:30

Worship: 10:30

*Evening:*

Prayer Meeting: 6:00

Worship: 6:30

**Wednesday:**

Bible Study: 7:00

**THOSE SERVING January 15th:**

*Morning Worship:*

**Announcements:** Dave Parks

**Song Leader:** Eric Croasmun

**Ushers:** Richard Davis, Bill Dutton

**Communion:** Dave Lancaster, Hunter Williams, Bill Dutton, Richard Lee Davis, Ethan Davis, Cole Butcher

**Reading and Prayer:** Melvin Truax

**Closing Prayer:** Camaron Lancaster

**Door Greeters:** Hal & Carmen Powell, Rodney & Debbie Ramsey

*Evening Worship:*

**Communion:** Lew Wilson

**Prayer:** Larry Butcher

**Closing Prayer:** Tom Becker

*Wednesday:*

**Song leader:** Eric Croasmun

**Prayer:** Wirt Cook

**Closing Prayer:** Darren Parks

**THOSE SERVING January 22nd:**

*Morning Worship:*

**Announcements:** Gerald Burns

**Song Leader:** Buzz Williams

**Ushers:** Richard Lee Davis, Ethan Davis

**Communion:** Brian Mercer, Wirt Cook, Jason Cuzzen, Rodney Ramsey, Stephen Hays, Jesse Barnhart

**Reading and Prayer:** Dave Lancaster

**Closing Prayer:** Thomas Kessinger

**Door Greeters:** Melvin & Sue Truax, Richard Lee Davis Family

*Evening Worship:*

**Communion:** Melvin Truax

**Prayer:** Hall Powell

**Closing Prayer:** Larry Butcher

*Wednesday:*

**Song leader:** Buzz Williams

**Prayer:** Connor Lancaster

**Closing Prayer:** Tom Becker

**Radio and TV Programs**

**Good News of Peace:** Sundays: 8:00 AM on WRRR 93.9 FM



**Gospel Broadcasting Network:** Dish Network Channel: 9407 (noon); Direct TV Channel: 376 (7:30 AM)

**In Search of the Lord's Way:** 7:30—Channel 4, Parkersburg; 7:30—Channel 15, Parkersburg; 8:00— Channel 7, Wheeling; 11:30—Channel 5, Clarksburg