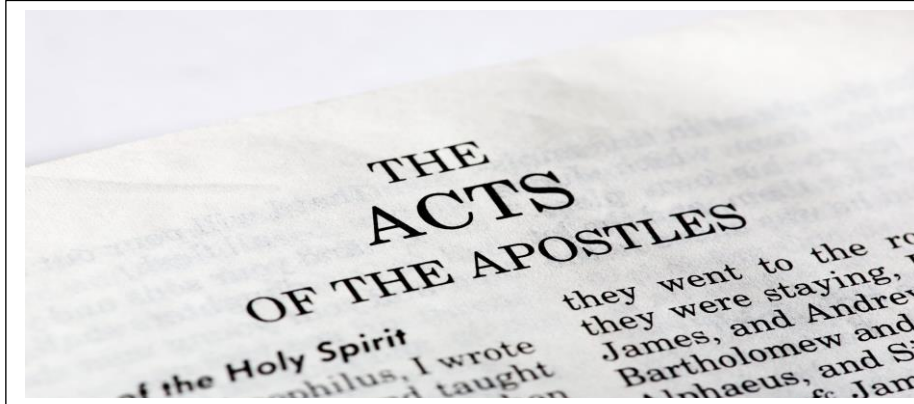


ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 87		GIVING REPORT Week Ending August 3, 2025	
		\$2,511	
Are you interested in Church Membership?		Sunday General Giving	2,169
		Online General Giving	241
We receive new members the last Sunday of each month. If you are interested in joining our Church family, please see Pastor Kler today.		Interest Income (6/30)	6
		Total General	2,416
		Less 3% to Building Maintenance	-72
		Less 10% to Missions	-242
		Net Revenue	2,102
		Designated Giving	
		Building Maintenance	97
		Flowers	70
		Missions	242
		Total Designated Giving	409
		Net Revenue	2,102
		Designated Giving	409
		Total Receipts	\$2,511



The story of Simon the Sorcerer, also known as Simon Magus, in Acts 8:9-24 is a fascinating and instructive narrative that provides several profound lessons for Christians. Simon was a man who practiced sorcery in Samaria and had amazed the people with his magic. When Philip, one of the early Christian evangelists, came to Samaria preaching the good news of the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, many people believed and were baptized, including Simon himself. However, Simon's subsequent actions reveal much about the nature of true faith, the dangers of spiritual pride, and the proper understanding of the Holy Spirit.

The Superficiality of Simon's Faith

One of the first lessons we learn from Simon the Sorcerer is the difference between superficial belief and genuine faith. Acts 8:13 tells us that Simon himself believed and was baptized. However, his later behavior suggests that his belief was not rooted in a true understanding of the gospel. When he saw that the Holy Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit" (Acts 8:18-19, ESV).

Simon's request reveals that his faith was more about the external, miraculous signs rather than a deep, transformative relationship with Jesus Christ. He was enamored with the power and prestige that came with the miracles, not with the message of salvation and repentance. This serves as a warning to us today: it is possible to be attracted to the outward manifestations of Christianity, without ever truly submitting one's heart to Christ.



The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by:
Catherine Davis in loving memory
of her husband Dick
On their 73rd Anniversary



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-----SEPTEMBER 2025-----

- G.A.L.S.....September 8th at noon.
- Men's Breakfast..... September 4th at 11:00 a.m.
- Men's Prayer Group.....September 4th at 10:30 a.m.
- Board Meeting.....September 9th at 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Bible Study..... Weekly at 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday School.....Weekly at 9:00 a.m.
- Lord's Day Worship.....Weekly at 10:00 a.m.
- Women's Prayer Group.....First and Third Thursday at 4:30 p.m.



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John Vosteen
Elder

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Marshall Whitcomb
President

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Donna Zenisek-Huber
Flutist

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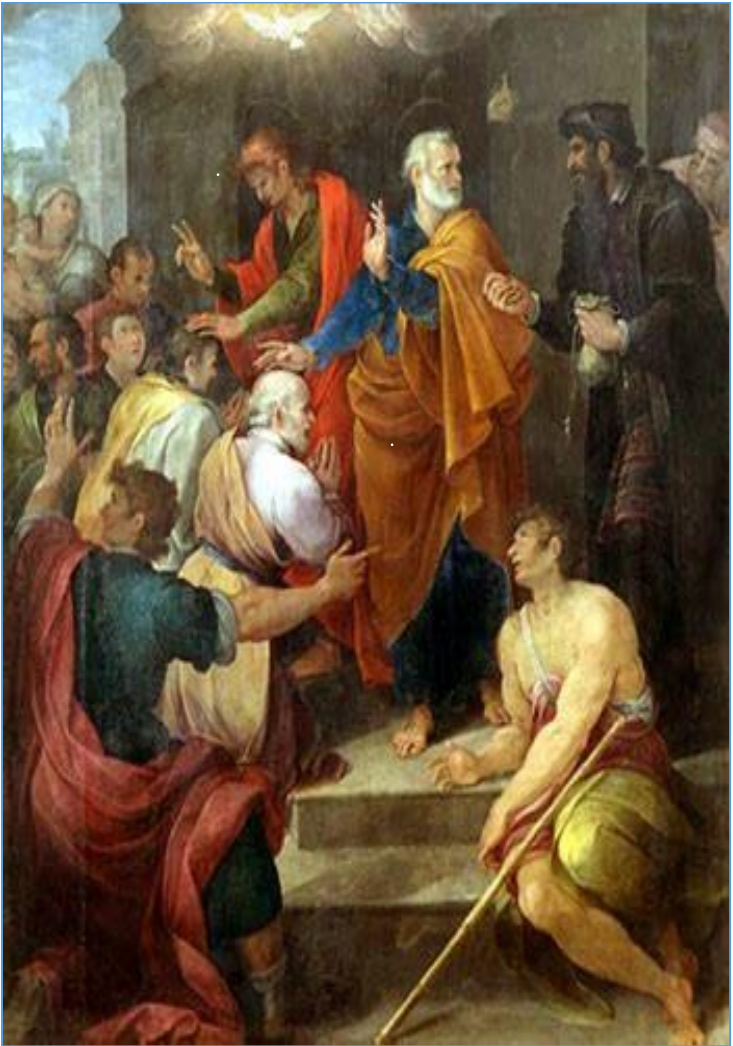


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Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, but
Encourage one another as the *Day of the Lord* draws near. -Hebrews 10:25



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