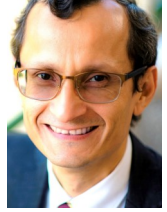




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Where God's Character is Proclaimed

The Gift of Tongues in the New Testament

They heard Gentiles talk in various languages (tongues), just as it had occurred to them (**Acts 10:44–48**). The Greek grammar of Acts 10:44–46 highlights that what was experienced there in Cornelius' house was also in language that other people present could understand, as the text compares with what was witnessed in Acts 2 (see also **Acts 11:15**).

The next appearance of tongues in Scripture comes in Acts 19. The chapter recounts Paul's ministry at Ephesus. He encountered around 12 disciples who had not heard of the Holy Spirit. Paul laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit descended on them, and "they spoke with tongues and prophesied" (**Acts 19:6**). Again, the phrase "spoke with tongues" refers to recognized, understandable languages.

The third and last depiction of the manifestation of tongues in the Bible happens at Corinth, where Paul recounts it and passes judgment in 1 Corinthians 14. To address what he regards as an issue, Paul contrasts the glossolalia he observes in chapter 14 with the biblical gifts of prophecy and languages. Prior to that conversation, he sets the tone at the end of Chapter 12 by encouraging everyone to realize their full potential. As chapter 13 begins, Paul especially discusses the gift of prophecy and speaking in tongues. However, he does it with a highly distinctive construction: "tongues of men and of angels" (**1 Cor 13:1**), indicating a strong difference between a clear reference to a human language and a language unknown to men.

When he starts chapter 14, he affirms that we all should pursue love and spiritual gifts, but especially the gift of prophecy, because that can edify the church (v. 1).

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David Bolduc

There have been many opportunities (in our short history) to purchase or build radio stations, beginning with the first one in Cadillac, 91.9 WGCP. Other opportunities came with 97.9 WIHC in Newberry and then 90.7 WBHL in Harrison. The opportunity often came to fruition; other times, the door of opportunity closed. We frequently receive requests for new stations, so we are open to hearing of another opportunity. That is why we applied for ten stations in 2021. It's not as if we didn't have enough work to do maintaining 15 stations, but as the Lord has been faithful and our needs have increased, our funding has increased.

There is an old saying, "Strike while the iron is hot," meaning take advantage of a situation while a person can. We aired the entire King James Bible for 78 hours to top off our Reformation Programming, ending at 11:59 pm on October 31. Our purpose was to follow the principle of the Reformation, putting the Scriptures into the "hands" of the common person and allowing them to make decisions based on the dictates of their conscience, not the government or church. We received many positive responses to that airing. With Easter soon upon us, we will again air 78 hours of the Bible starting at 6 pm on Thursday, March 28. Throughout March, we will focus on the life of Christ, especially the last eight days of His life. Stay tuned to our weekly updates in the News and Views email feed. If you don't get that email, contact us, and we'll be glad to add you to the list.

Regarding our new stations. We are waiting on word back from the FCC for our Tower Hill move to a different tower. We will be working with an engineering firm to build 88.9 WGNP (hopefully by April.) We are awaiting shipments of components to begin building Greenville and Owosso. We have had some good news from Bridgman, and we are cautiously optimistic we will also be building that station this spring. There are literally so many irons to strike; it's amazing! God is Good, He will provide!



Changed Lives: Yvonne Cole



Kam Ferguson

I met Yvonne Cole a few months ago while on a speaking circuit in Michigan's Upper Peninsula (UP).

As we conversed during fellowship lunch at the home of a lovely Marquette church family, Yvonne shared part of her story with me.

Raised in a Christian home, she drifted from Jesus after leaving home and marrying. Years passed, life's challenges piled up, and as memories welled up in Yvonne's mind, she'd think, "I need to get back to God." However, she didn't take action on that impression for many years. Along this journey, she gained employment with the state of Michigan's prison system, and life took a turn for the better.

Even with the great job, Yvonne still felt that emptiness still hadn't found what she needed. That changed one day when she was assigned to work in the observation room. This room's walls are mainly windows that provide visibility into the various prison corridors. Employees work in this monitoring room on a rotating 8-hour shift basis.



As observation is critical for working in this capacity, only radio is permissible for media input. As Yvonne began her shift, for some reason, the local station that employees favored lost clear reception. Yvonne searched the dial and honed in on 90.9 FM, Strong Tower Radio. She didn't recognize the station, but partway through her shift, she realized, "This sounds like a Seventh-day Adventist broadcast! It was, and she continued listening in her car on the way home after work.

Yvonne kept listening to STR and soon found 3ABN TV and began viewing. Her daughter, who was attending the Marquette SDA church, often invited her mom to church, and Yvonne felt increasingly convicted to attend.

She worked two Sabbaths per month, however, and recognized that she faced a decision regarding her employment.

She prayed earnestly for God's guidance and provision, and the answer soon came in an unexpected way. For the first time, her employer offered senior officers set days off, and Yvonne chose a schedule that excluded Sabbath work. Praise God, what a loving Heavenly Father we have!

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When he mentions tongues, he describes something resembling the modern phenomenon of glossolalia (a language that nobody understands), and he says we should not pursue that because this “gift” does not edify the church nor is useful to teaching others (v. 1-4).

Although he downplays that ecstatic, unintelligible manifestation of tongues, he does approve of the true gift of tongues that is manifested when there is a need (i.e., somebody in the audience that will negatively understand the language of the speaker), thus being useful for teaching and the edification of the church (v. 5).

In the following passage, Paul maintains the biblical gift of tongues—speaking in a way that others can understand—while emphasizing his opposition to speaking in a language that no one understands (v. 6–12). After denouncing the nonsensical and wasteful nature of glossolalia (v. 13–17), he promotes the true gift of tongues by mentioning that he speaks more languages than anyone else present, though he only does so when there are people who would benefit from him speaking in another language (v. 18–19).

In verse 21, Paul defines the gift of tongues by quoting Isaiah 28:11, which states, “God will speak to the people in a foreign language” (lit. translation of Isa 28:11). As the context of Isaiah 28 clearly delineates God speaking through human agents in a foreign language known to the hearers (in the case of Isaiah 28, in Assyrian languages), it is clear that Paul's true gift of tongues was related to speaking in foreign human languages that others could natively understand. The apostle closes the argument by declaring that speaking in tongues is a spiritual gift intended to aid the church's evangelistic efforts by overcoming linguistic gaps between missionaries and the people they are attempting to reach (v. 22). He also adds that for regular church meetings, when it is not necessary to reach out to people who speak different languages, the gift of prophecy (which Biblically includes explaining and expounding Scripture and God's revelation to men) is preferred over the unknown languages he is witnessing in Corinth.

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Paul concludes his reproof of glossolalia by reaffirming that when we gather at church, we must do everything orderly and in such a way that we can edify and educate others while maintaining the order of the worship service and without the manifestation of languages that other people cannot understand (v. 26-32). And he finishes with unambiguous remarks: "For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints" (v. 33).

Conclusion

The gift of tongues in Scripture is clearly to help the church to reach others by allowing the missionary/evangelist to speak in and being understood in languages that are not natural to him but understood by others.

Although we still see manifestations of the real, biblical gift of tongues in our society today (I've heard several stories about missionaries and witnessed it a few times myself), we also see widespread occurrences akin to the glossolalia that Paul witnessed in Corinth. So, how do we judge that? As previously stated, the sole purpose of the spiritual gifts is to edify the church, instruct new members, and give glory to God; thus, it would be strange for the Holy Spirit to bestow a gift that does not edify or contribute to the well-being of other members of the church; a nonsensical utterance benefits no one. Glossolalia manifestations also do not bring honor to the Lord, which is our primary goal. Jesus designed His church to be one of love, order, and unity, with Christians glorifying the Lord and edifying one another through the exercise of their spiritual gifts.

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Yvonne immediately began to attend church with her daughter. A few months later, in September 2021, Yvonne was baptized in Lake Superior with her granddaughter and daughter, rededicating her life to Jesus Christ. The emptiness was filled with the only One Who could fill it!

Yvonne still enjoys listening to STR, especially the sermons. Whether on the work commute or traveling for other purposes, Yvonne keeps her car audio dial tuned to Strong Tower Radio!

Thank you for being there for Yvonne and presenting her a true, clear picture of God! Your continued support assures that STR will be there for others like Yvonne as they search for the missing Someone in their life, Jesus Christ.



CURRENT EVENTS



Tom Mejeur

Easter falls in March this year. Former Michigan Conference publishing director, Kamil Metz, is fond of saying Christmas & Easter are the super bowl for much of the Christian world. We seize this opportunity by producing, airing, and promoting truth-filled programs to gain listeners and to hold them. During the last eight days of March, we will broadcast almost 70 hours of resurrection programs; including our classic Strong Tower Radio **Variety Hours**, **Fresh Manna** Sermons, the **Your Story Hour's** Resurrection story, music programs and "**Eight Days that Changed the World**" detailing the events of the passion week from Palm Sunday through the resurrection.

Here's a look at the interview program topics coming soon. The **Garden Guy**, **Wellness Works** with Dr. Kim Azelton & Pastor Bob Benson, Jim Slater's Faith & Finance, Pastor Michael & Melanie Getz's Marriage Retreat, Oral Health with Dr. Wendel Lawrence & Vicki Griffin, Depression with Nathan Hyde, Pastor Dennis Page's testimony and book review, Dr. John Kelly's Grand Rapids Health Immersion testimonies, the Detroit AMEN Free Health Clinic, and interviews for community calendar events.

Additional programs include the Port Ludington Marine Museum, the Hart Historic District Museum, the Great Lakes marine invasive species review, animal navigation with the Nature Guy, UP Adventist school visits, the Escanaba Food Pantry, the Right Arm Revival and Dr. Arthur Weaver's life story.

We also plan to record interviews with Religious Liberty leaders at the Public Relations and Religious Liberty conference and to go on location to visit fish hatcheries to watch Michigan DNR teams harvest fish eggs.

We will be at the Michigan Adventist Community Service's Camp Au Sable retreat on March 31, the Lake Union Public Relations & Religious Liberty conference at the Historic Battle Creek Adventist Village on April 5 & 6, and at Camp Au Sable for the Personal Ministries Rest & Renewal Retreat on February 29-March 3. Stay tuned!

God is Transparent!



Kam Ferguson

Jesus modeled relational transparency throughout His earthly life and often stated that He did and said only what He heard and saw in His Heavenly Father. He told Phillip, "If you've seen Me, you've seen the Father." (**Jn 14:9**). We see this in the Bible, which records historical events in honest, even raw terms.

Such transparent recording of God's work throughout human history points to the Bible's divine inspiration.

Without God's guidance, fallen human beings can't be transparent, even in writing history.

While God is true, Satan is the father of lies and has many imitators. Recently, videos and phone messages generated by artificial intelligence (AI) have been circulated worldwide by those seeking to deceive people. The messages look and sound authentic, as if from an authoritative figure, but aren't. The content is also false. Technology has reached the point that what you see is only sometimes real!

As the world believes more of Satan's lies, all are being prepared for the final deception when Satan impersonates Jesus' return. (**2 Thes 2:9**) In Matthew 24, Jesus tells us to avoid deception when anyone says that He has returned to a certain place on Earth. Every eye will see Him return like lightning in the sky! God is transparent!

He loves us and tells us the truth so we can be ready for His soon return. Strong Tower Radio (STR) proclaims the transparent character of God, and listeners are hearing the truth, many for the first time! Daily, they're making decisions, comparing what they hear on STR with what they hear elsewhere, and learning to test all things to the Bible.

Lives are changing; people are being transformed by God's Word through the Holy Spirit! Thank you for being part of this ministry where God's love is transparently proclaimed!