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From the PASTOR'S DESK

“God commands us to be filled with the Spirit; and if we aren't filled, it's because we're living beneath our privileges.”

— D. L. Moody

Hello My Spirit-Filled Friends,

The first Sunday of this June, we will gather together, ideally of “one accord,” to celebrate the Pentecost, the coming of the “Comforter” Jesus promised and the birth of the New Testament Church, those spirit-filled Christians circumcised of heart.

What a joyous and triumphant celebration this is. In our quest for Godliness and because of our heart-felt desire to please our Heavenly Father, we search for truth, for we know its value. The Spirit guides us into all truth.

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31-32, NKJV

used throughout.)

The problem is that the search for truth is a quest akin to the fabled search for the Holy Grail and no one has yet discovered all truth. No one has perfect truth and there is certainly different opinions on what even is truth. Thankfully for all of us, our salvation does not hinge on the acquisition of all truth and God's measuring stick is something other than a truth barometer. Jesus pointed out His spiritual principle of judgment at Pentecost, *“Therefore by their fruits you will know them.”* (Matt 7:20)

The power of Pentecost is not what we know, or think we know, but rather, how we live our daily lives. This is the light and the salt of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Paul explained this poignantly to

Special points of interest:

- *The Power of Pentecost*
- *Celebrate the birth of the Church*

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I hear by the Grape

Dear Brethren,
Please pray for members of the Carbajal family of Hagerstown, Maryland, who are members of the Lanham, MD, church. A couple of weeks ago they were involved in a terrible head-on car accident, caused I believe by an oncoming car that crossed into their lane. The father, Rayli Carbajal was killed instantly. Two 11-year old twin boys, Rey and Roy, and the mother, Noemi, were very seriously injured and taken to the hospital. The boys were both in a coma. The latest information I have is that Noemi is now out of the hospital and one of the boys has come out of his coma but is still hospitalized. The other boy is still in a coma. Please pray for Noemi, Rey, and Roy, and for an older teenage sister who was not with them at the time of the accident. And please pray for the Lanham church as they minister to this family. Richard Wiedenheft, Superintendent Northeast District Gen'l Conf. of the Church of God (Seventh Day)

Hymns for Him Hymns for Him

Sing songs from your heart to Christ. Sing praises over everything, any excuse for a song to God the Father in the name of our Master, Jesus Christ. ~ Ephesians 5:19-20, Msg.

In Psalm 23 the phrase “He leadeth me” is used twice. And two times in the New Testament Paul writes of the Spirit-led Christian: Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:18. Dr. Joseph H. Gilmore wrote the hymn “He Leadeth Me” in 1862, but didn’t know it had been set to music by William B. Bradbury until 1865. He tells how as a young man he was a guest in the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia occasionally, and at a mid-week service was giving an exposition of Psalm 23 when the words “He leadeth me” became especially significant. It was the darkest hour of the Civil War, and that seemed to impress upon him how important God’s leadership is so vital in human experience. At the close of the church meeting a deacon kept talking about this main point of the study. He said, “On a blank page I penciled the hymn, talking and writing at the same time, then handed it to my wife and thought no more about it. She sent it to *The Watchman and Reflector*, where it was first printed. I did not know until 1865 that my hymn had been set to music until I went to Rochester to preach as a candidate. I picked up a hymnal to see what they were singing, and opened it at my own hymn, “He Leadeth Me.” 🎵



There is a vigilance required in the keeping of a lighthouse. Be alert! Be awake! That is the word of the Master Keeper of the Light who said, “I am the Light of the world.”

Repeatedly, He said to “Watch”—in relation to world conditions, temptation, prayer, etc. “Be on guard! Be alert!” (Mark 13:33)

Paul charged Christians to be vigilant. (1 Tim. 3:2) So did Peter. (1 Pet. 5:8) “Keep your heart with all vigilance,” Solomon said. (Prov. 4:23, Amp.)

PRAYER REQUESTS: "... The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up; ... Pray for one another that you may be healed." — James 5:15-16.



- Sheri Bartlett:** Julia McKinney's daughter, having serious health problems.
- Eric Booth:** Jeff's brother, diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- Sandy Booth:** Sister-in-law of Jeff. The ovarian cancer has recurred.
- Amber & Dylan Clark:** Grandchildren of Betty Clark, cerebral palsy.
- Vickie Crevoi:** Sister of Linda Booth, Chronic Progressive MS.
- DeAnne DeLuna:** Larry Lyles' stepdaughter, breast cancer.
- Velvet Green:** Gary's wife, schizophrenia.
- Randy Gnessett:** Friend of Candace Sellers has received a lung transplant. He is still in critical condition.
- Jeffrey Hertz:** Brother of Ruth Wertz, bladder cancer.
- Anna Law:** Lupus & kidney failure.
- Dollie Meil:** Cerebral palsy. She is growing weak.
- Glenda Rankin:** Niece of Rudolph, Hodgkins Lymphoma, undergoing more chemo so she might be strong enough for stem cell transplant.
- Ted Rankin:** Undergoing physical therapy, following back surgery. Still in pain and having eye sight problems.
- Brenda Roberts:** Josh Sursa's mother-in-law, has colon cancer.
- Kathryn Scott:** Friend of the Baileys; severe MS, losing use of arms and swallowing ability.
- Beverly Wertz:** Juvenile arthritis (and hip replacement) in remission for years, now reoccurring in knees, hips, wrist and shoulders. Sometimes happens after giving birth.

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

James Bailey	6-2
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Zack Lujan	6-24
Bill Dufur	6-30

Anniversaries:

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Ken & JoAn Westby	6-1

If you are not

Guided by God you will be guided by someone or something else.

~ Eric Liddell

Men give advice; God gives guidance.

~ Leonard Ravenhill

Christian Church of God

PRAISE THE
LORD. PRAISE
GOD IN HIS SANCTUARY;



PRAISE HIM IN HIS
MIGHTY HEAVENS.
PSALM 150:1

"The church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for the education of imperfect ones." —Henry Ward Beecher

"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." —

Jesus, Matthew 18:20

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." —Hebrews 10:25

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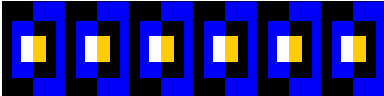
CHART YOUR
COURSE



WITH VIGILANCE



A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION IS
GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH;
GLOOM AND DOOM LEAVE
YOU BONE-TIRED.
—PROVERBS 17:22, *THE MESSAGE*



“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”

(Paul /Philippians 2:3-4)

“... There is a pocket of people who take pride in being ultra whatever. Conservative to the core and opinionated to the point of distraction, these folks are not open to discuss crucial issues nor even to *hear* the ideas from the other side. To them, that kind of tolerance is tantamount to contamination—an outright and dangerous acceptance of evil. In order to maintain purity and to guard against any subtle inroad of heresy, they simply refuse to think outside the boundaries of certain self-imposed rules and regulations. . . . Jaroslav Pelikan put it well:

‘Tradition is the living faith of those now dead.

Traditionalism is the dead faith of those still living.’”

~ Swindoll, in *Quest for Character*.



IF YOU WERE

If you were busy being kind,
Before you knew it, you would find
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true
That someone was unkind to you.

If you were busy being glad,
And cheering people who are sad,
Although your heart might ache a bit,
You'd soon forget to notice it.

If you were busy being good,
And doing just the best you could,
You'd not have time to blame some man
Who's doing just the best he can.

If you were busy being right,
You'd find yourself too busy quite
To criticize your neighbor long
Because he's busy being wrong.

~ Author Unknown / From
Sermon, “Crash Judgment”
by Jerry McClenagan

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the Church in Galatia: *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."* (Gal 5: 22-23)

Jesus, in His last precious moments with His disciples before His betrayal and crucifixion summed up God's measure of spirituality: *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."* (John 13: 34-35)

The Holy Spirit came to Jesus quietly and softly as a dove when He arose from the baptismal waters of the Jordan. By contrast we read of the powerful and dramatic entrance of the Holy Spirit on that momentous Pentecost, fifty days after Jesus' resurrection. It came with tongues of fire, the sound of a mighty rushing wind, the gift of tongues (languages) so that all people from all nations gathered together to claim the Comforter, the Counselor, the Advocate, the "Paraclete," could know that Jesus' promise had come. Our calling is not to bear the fruit of wrangling and striving over doctrines, no matter how justified it seems. No, it is LOVE and the precious FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT by which we are identified as God's chosen. Spirit-empowered Christians can stand side by side, hand in hand in agreement and disagreement as well. Paul, learned and scholarly though he was, understood that while doctrinal purity is not within our grasp, thanks to the promise of the Holy Spirit, spirituality most certainly is.

"If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself." (1 Tim 6: 3-5)

Pentecost power is not the kind of power that divides and destroys; rather it is the

kind of power that heals, comforts, revives, restores, renews, replenishes and recreates! The crucial truth is that the Spirit leads us into is the truth of love and fruit. Happy Pentecost, may the Spirit of the Lord be with you always and may you grow in grace and knowledge!

Let us be as one,

Pentecost

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CIAL HOLY DAY SERVICE
JUNE FOURTH
REGULAR CLASS AND
SERVICE TIMES

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