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TION.

The Messenger

GAL 6:9
SO LET'S NOT GET TIRED OF DOING WHAT IS GOOD.
(OCTOBER 2019)

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

A Christian asked his Pastor, "What do we do with the Holy Spirit?" Paul says in Romans that the Spirit is our gift from God given by Christ. The Spirit is a gift that no one can ever take away from us. Pain can't take it away. Worry can't take it away. Not even death itself, which is surely the worst of all troubles, can take it away. Well that's great, but what do we do with it? And what is it anyway? Well, thankfully the Spirit happens to be a pretty big topic in the Bible, since it's part of the Trinity and all. But where do we look for it? How do we find it?



Paul asked the Ephesians, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They said, "No, we didn't even know there was a Holy Spirit." On two occasions, Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would come. In preparing the disciples for his crucifixion, and separation from them, Jesus promised the Father would send a counselor to guide them. After his resurrection and before his ascension, Jesus said the Holy Spirit would empower them to do his work.

In crisis times, God sends the Holy Spirit with a word of hope, renewed strength and guidance for Christian living. The Holy Spirit gives us peace and strength when we're stressed and weak. In times of greatest need, the Holy Spirit inspires, sustains, guides, comforts and empowers us.

Baptism by the Holy Spirit brings both blessings and responsibilities. Sometimes, however, we're not ready for all of the blessings and responsibilities God has for us. We're not even sure we want all the holiness God has for us. We think to ourselves "I want religion, but not too much."

Jesus knew we must be right with God to grow spiritually; and that we're also to be instruments of God's grace and goodness in this world. God's Holy Spirit helps us to exhibit this disciplined living and to become all God wants us

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Calendar of Events

Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 am

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 am

Men's Prayer Breakfast Tues. 8 am

Choir Practice Wednesdays 5:30 pm

Chair Yoga Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Oct. 13 - Session Meeting after Worship
- Oct. 27 - Congregational Meeting During Worship
- Oct. 27 - Social after Worship "Everything Pumpkins" Potluck

OCTOBER 2019						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Yoga 1 PM	2 Choir 5:30	3 Yoga 10:30	4	5
6 World Communion Sunday	7	8 Yoga 1 PM	9 Choir 5:30	10 Yoga 10:30	11	12
13	14	15 Yoga 1 PM	16 Choir 5:30	17 Yoga 10:30	18	19
20	21	22 Yoga 1 PM	23 Choir 5:30	24 Yoga 10:30	25	26 Nat'l Pumpkin Day
27 Meeting & Social	28	29 Yoga 1 PM	30 Choir 5:30	31 Yoga and Halloween		

Carl continued

to be. We are called to submit all we have, and are, to the full reign of God's Spirit - we are not to hold back on anything.



Pete came across this amazing gift, the Holy Spirit, once again, as he was studying Luke, Acts and Ephesians with the Tuesday Men's Prayer Breakfast recently. This powerful resource has been given to us but he wondered, "Do we fully accept and embrace this gift?". His thoughts are included in this Messenger on page three. I encourage you to read the article and learn more about the Holy Spirit and how to empower the Spirit in your life.

God bless you, *Carl*

Adult Study on the Covenant

We invite you to join us in a Bible study based on the concept of God's Covenant relationship with his people. The idea of Covenant is emphasized as a unifying pattern through all the books of the Bible and illustrates the unique relationship God chooses with us as His people.



Please join us as we continue our study of God's holy word and our relationship.

We meet at 9:00 am Sundays with coffee and cookies. Please feel free to join us.

Shirley Pinkston



Common Lectionary Readings (Carl will change topics at times due to requests or other circumstances)

	17th Sunday after Pentecost - Oct. 6	18th Sunday after Pentecost - Oct. 13	19th Sunday after Pentecost - Oct. 20	20th Sunday after Pentecost - Oct. 27
1st Reading	Lamentations 1:1-6	Jeremiah 29:1,4-7	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Joel 2:23-32
Psalm	Psalm 137	Psalm 66:1-12	Psalm 119:97-104	Psalm 65
2nd Reading	2 Timothy 1:1-14	2 Timothy 2:8-15	2 Timothy 3:14- 4:5	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel	Luke 17:5-10	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 18:1-8	Luke 18:9-14

Oct. Birthdays

Ann	Faber	4
Trish	Stebbins	5
Barbara	Tindell	9
Joyce	Goza	15
Joan	Ray	16
Linda	Lloyd	20
Barbara	Harper	26
Jerry	Schleicher	30
Jeanie	Miller	31

About our Members

Joyce Goza is doing enough better to be released from the S&W Continuing Care Hospital but still needs lots of prayers for healing. She is receiving wound care for her leg and dialysis 3 times a week. Pray for complete healing plus peace. We also need volunteers to help get Joyce to dialysis and other medical appointments. Talk to Carl about this need.

Monte Shuck's scans showed no additional cancer in his body, so a surgical procedure for the prostate cancer is next. Please pray for complete success, no complications, and rapid healing for our beloved choir director.

Bev Jones, our much loved but relocated to NC, Clerk of the Session, needs our prayers. Her only son, Ash, has a rare kidney disease. Pray for the Lord's peace to be with Ash, his family, and Bev.

John and Carol Booher's son-in-law, Bill, has lung cancer and has been going through chemo and radiation. He has come to a point where the doctors will allow his body to recover (no meds for a month). Please pray for good October test results, plus weight and energy gains.

Linda Lloyd's mother, Lucille Frank, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 29. Services are scheduled for Thursday. Linda and Ralph Castor have been in Pennsylvania with Lucille and the family. Besides this loss, Ralph had a friend/mentor, a cousin, and the 4 year old grandchild of another friend pass away this week. Pray for peace and comfort.

Some September Anniversaries include: Brad and Pat Rehm (57) and Sharon and Rip VanWinkle (56 years).

An Idea - How to Invite the Holy Spirit to be More Active in My Life

Our Men's Prayer Group has finished our study of Luke and Acts and is now in Ephesians. In Ephesians Chapter 1 we learned we have been given the Holy Spirit. *And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago.* Ephesians 1:13

Then in Ephesians Chapter 3 we hear about the unlimited resources and inner strength available through the Holy Spirit. *I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.* Ephesians 3:16-17

As we study the Holy Spirit, we begin to realize what an amazing gift is ours when we believe in Christ. *The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.* Romans 8:11

He offers gifts that can turn us into model Christians and turn us away from what our sinful nature craves. *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.* Gal 5:22-23

Other investigation into the Holy Spirit:

In the Bible, the word "spirit" is translated as **God's active force**, or **holy spirit**. (Genesis 1:2) However, the Bible also uses those words in other senses:

Breath.—Habakkuk 2:19; Revelation 13:15.

Wind.—Genesis 8:1; John 3:8.

The vital **animating force** in living creatures.

A person's disposition or **attitude**.

These meanings all share the sense of something invisible to humans that produces visible effects. Similarly, W.E. Vine describes the spirit of God, "like the wind, is invisible, immaterial and powerful."

BUT - How do I invite the Spirit to be more active in my life.

First, we must believe in Christ as our Savior and God's Son.

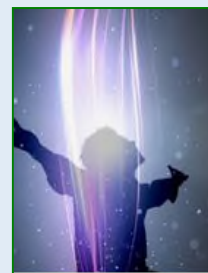
I feel that I've done this, but there are too many times when I don't act like a person with the Holy Spirit living in me. So, how can I change this?

I want all the Fruit of the Spirit, a more complete understanding of the Word, help with praying, and sensitivity to His direction. I want to yield control to the Spirit.

Something that helps me...

A thought came to me in the middle of the night last week (maybe from the Spirit?).

Why not just take a deep breath - while simultaneously inviting the Holy Spirit to help with whatever is currently going on in my life.



The Spirit has been defined as wind/air, this breathing process gives me a physical experience in addition to a Godly experience. During this momentary breathing break, I yield control to the Spirit and accept His Gifts.

I pray that this discussion might help you also. I know that I need all the **Gifts** of the Holy Spirit. - **Pete Stebbins**

A Note from Science - Deep breaths can settle your nerves and scientists have discovered the neural pathway in the brain that controls this process. They have known for years that taking long, slow, deep breaths has a calming effect and reduces stress.

Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Other Aspects of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit as part of Your Salvation

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit." John 3:5

Our Assurance with Holy Spirit

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Romans 8:16

Fruit of the Holy Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

Understand the Bible with the Holy Spirit

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14-15

Prayer with the Holy Spirit

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not

know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. Rom.8:26

Witness with the Holy Spirit

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1: 8

The role of the Holy Spirit in the resurrection of believers

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as he raised Christ from the dead, he will give life to your mortal body by this same Spirit living within you.

The role of the Holy Spirit in the resurrection of believers is a neglected theme. A mortal body is a body capable of dying. A body made alive by the Holy Spirit becomes immortal. The transition from mortality to immortality is the work of the Spirit.

As Paul reminded us, the Holy Spirit who has the power over life, death, and resurrection lives in us right now! If we allow Him to control our lives, He will empower us to follow His leadership.

WHO IS GOD - TO YOU?

In Exodus 6:2 we read: And God said to Moses, I am Yahweh - 'the Lord.' I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as El-Shaddai - 'God Almighty' - but I did not reveal my name, Yahweh, to them. Quite frequently in scripture, the prophets referred to God as 'The Lord of Heaven's Armies.'



In Judaism, one of the names of God is Elohim - 'Strong One' - 'Lord Almighty.' Other names for Him are Jehovah Jireh - 'The Lord Will Provide,' Adonai - 'Lord, Master,' Allah - 'God' in Islam, and Abba - 'Father.' A very devout relative of ours always refers to Him as 'Father God' when he prays.

So who is God to you? What do you call Him in your heart of hearts? Or when you fall down before him in prayer and supplication? It's really a rhetorical question. The answer is not important to anybody but you and the Almighty.

Whatever you call Him, it makes no difference. He is still the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. He always was, and always will be.

The Gospel of John: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

May He continue to bless your lives.

From a Merry Heart

Linda Lloyd

Benevolence Committee Report



On September 15th, the Benevolence Committee disbursed the 3rd quarter mission funds of \$7,000. The recipients included Austin Theological Seminary and eight helping agencies, both local and global:

AWARE, Doctors Without Borders, Families in Crisis, Fisher House at Fort Hood, Heart and Hands Ministries (bread purchases), Presbyterian Children's Homes, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Salado Fire Department, and the Salvation Army in Temple.



A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"



One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."



Pat and Doug Rehm (57 years)



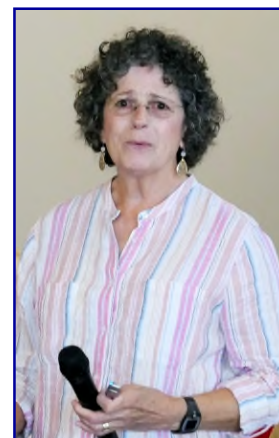
Sharon and Rip VanWinkle (56)

Back-to-School Social - September 29

Soup Line



Celebrating Teachers



Aline Wilson and Dow Ferguson provide our Fifth Sunday "Musical Sermon"



Many Stories

SISD School Snacks

