

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the presence and power of God. The significance of the Holy Spirit is apparent at the beginning of Mark's gospel. John the Baptist preached a baptism "of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." A few verses later, he said that Jesus would "baptize with the Holy Spirit" (Mark 1.8). If John is the water baptizer, then Jesus is the Spirit baptizer.

The Holy Spirit is essential to the church's mission. Just as the Holy Spirit led Jesus and the early church, so the Spirit leads the church today. Just as the Holy Spirit empowered Jesus' ministry, so the Spirit empowers our ministry. The Spirit gives gifts so that the church can be edified and bless others with the life-saving message of our risen Lord (1 Corinthians 12.4-7).

The Holy Spirit is essential for our spiritual transformation. As Christians, we are being transformed into the Lord's image. This work of transformation "comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3.18). Similarly, the fruit of the Spirit is the result of the Spirit's sanctifying work in our lives (Galatians 5.22-23).

The Holy Spirit is essential to our future hope. The indwelling presence of the Spirit is a deposit or guarantee of what is to come (Ephesians 1.13-14; 2 Corinthians 1.21-22). The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead will also raise our mortal bodies one day (Romans 8.11).

Invite your friends and family to worship with us on Sunday as we seek to learn more about the power of the Holy Spirit!

-credit to Mark Powell

Sunday morning sermon

The Power of the Holy Spirit
1 Corinthians 2.1-5

Sunday evening sermon

One Person Can Make a Difference
2 Kings 11-12

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Biblical | Challenging | Relevant

Sunday AM Class—9:00am

Class	Teacher	Topic
College	Don Foy	1 John
Young Adult	Carter Ashby Evan Burns	Romans
30's & 40's	Chris Holloway	Journey Through Israel
Library	Charlie Moore William Birdwell	Survey of Acts
Fellowship Hall	John Rhodes	Romans
Small Auditorium	David Whiteaker	Defending the Truth
Rm 114	Houston Bynum	Word Study
Rm 115 Ladies	Sandra Shepherd Kristy Cunningham	Minor Prophets

Wednesday (Early Bird) Class—1:30pm

Bill Flatt—1 Corinthians

Wednesday Night Class—6:30pm

College	David Fox	Count it all Joy
Library	Jimmy Patterson	Prayer Warriors
Fellowship Hall	Buddy Johnson	Last Week of Jesus
Rm 114	Tony Kelly	Applying God's Word
Rm 115	Evan Burns	Biblical Romance



Collins' Corner

MATTHEW 22:36-40

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

THE WAY I TREAT OTHERS REPRESENTS HOW I FEEL ABOUT FOLLOWING CHRIST.

There is a direct correlation between how I treat people and if I really care about following Jesus or not. Treating people poorly is a reflection of my character — so if I continue to treat others poorly then you can bet that my character is made up of pride, arrogance, anger, hatred, selfishness, etc. Does any of that sound like characteristics of someone that follows Jesus? Does any of that sound like characteristics of someone who takes Jesus seriously? Not at all!

Treating other people well means losing arguments and not seeking revenge. Treating other people well means displaying kindness when none is given or returned. Treating other people well means giving someone attention who wants it from you. Treating other people well means listening and not talking. Treating other people well means showing respect even when you feel it's not been earned. Treating other people well means including others who feel left out.

When Jesus says that loving others is the second greatest commandment — he doesn't mean that it's just important to be sweet. The way that I fulfill God's greatest commandment — to love him with everything that I have — is by loving other people. By loving other people and treating them well, I am developing eternal connections that will hopefully result in opportunities to share Jesus with people. By loving other people and treating them well, I am sacrificing my own wants and desires in order to meet the needs of others first. By loving other people and treating them well, I become a physical representation of the God that I serve, and in that way, I make it possible for someone else to see Jesus in a practical way.

Treating others well, loving people is not just good life advice that Jesus gives out. It's a lifestyle to be lived out, and one that helps to me follow God closer, take discipleship seriously and impact not only my own spiritual life but the spiritual lives of those around me. **Matt**



Earful from Evan

One of Aesop's fables tells of a lion that tried to attack a newborn calf. To ward off the lion, the oxen circled around the vulnerable calf, horns locked together. So the hungry predator tried a different tack—he whispered a rumor about one of the oxen. As it was quickly repeated and spread around the circle, the oxen began to argue with each other, and then to fight one another. In the chaos, they lost sight of the defenseless calf. And it became easy prey for the lion. *Satan likewise “prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8).* Satan is always working to divide the people of God and our marriages. He knows together we stand stronger than apart.

In our Biblical Romance class last week we focused on this: If our marriage is not intentionally moving towards oneness, we will drift towards isolation. God desires for marriage to be the perfect picture of unity. He even desires the same picture for the church using the relationship of husband and wife as the metaphor for what it should look like.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself...“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. Eph 5.25-32

Jesus prayed His followers would be “*perfectly one*” so that the world would know the Father sent the Son ([John 17:23](#)). Our unity as a church and our marriages are just as important right now. They provide evidence and point to God and His love.

Our culture celebrates individuality and emphasizes self-focus. As it encourages us to be the center of the universe, we must remember we are each called to be part of the body of Christ ([1 Corinthians 12:12,27](#)). Unity is needed in the Church, and it is definitely needed in our marriages. God provides companions in life to serve Him together and this companionship leads to the perfect context for having children. Satan in his opposition to unity prowls about breathing out threats against marriage. Over next couple weeks we will discuss several threats to our relationships. If you have not yet plugged into a class on Wednesday nights we hope you do so. Biblical Romance class takes place in Room 115. **Evan**

News & Announcements

Remember in Daily Prayer!



Congratulations to Hunter & Linzi Vetter on the birth of their daughter, **Avery Grace**, born Saturday, May 4th. She weighed 5lbs & 7oz. Proud grandparents are **Clay & Sharon Vetter**; and **Colton Vetter** is the proud uncle.

Michelle Mainord had an appendectomy Monday night and hopes to go home soon. She is in room #517 at Cookeville Regional.

Ken Matheny will have knee surgery at Cookeville Regional on Wednesday, May 22.

Carol Hart will have minor surgery at Cookeville Regional on Thursday, May 23.

Terry Edgington remains at NHC #204 for therapy. Share cheer with cards of encouragement.

Walter Fitzpatrick will resume his trial treatments on Thursday. The radiation treatments were successful in relieving his pain.

Kaye Bowman continues with her treatments every other week and three days at the Sarah Cannon Center. She will have more scans on June 26. She appreciates all prayers on her behalf.

Delores Wheatley is in need of prayer for some health issues she is dealing with.

Sympathy to **Carolyn Leslie** in the passing of her nephew **Richard Fields**, *from a long battle with cancer*. His funeral was held Wednesday in Memphis.

Those who are dealing with cancer: Linda Alcorn, Dean Boles, Kaye Bowman, Barbara Brown, Walter Fitzpatrick, Von Fortner, Jan Immel, Rhett Massey, Chuck Morgan, Paula Palk, Jan Shepherd, Lester Sparks, Tana Taylor

Remember Our Shut-ins: Hugh Adams, Sue Clack, Peggy Cooper, Matlinda Craighead, Margaret Cunningham, Mary Dyer, Terry Edgington, Wilma Judd, Peggy Mackie, Pat McCanless, Ralph Medley, Gaylon Presley, Robert & Jean Reeves, Jan Shuster, Claudine Smith, Ed & Rosella Smith, Frances Smith, Marty Smith, Jimmy Stafford, Lyda Taylor and Jordan Terry

Thank you so much for all the cards, kind words, visits and especially the prayers when my Grandma passed. We are so blessed to be a part of the family at Jefferson Avenue.
Leah Milton & Family

To Our Brothers & Sisters at JA, thank you so much for your outpouring of love during the passing of my brother, Myron. Your visits, cards and most of all your prayers have meant so much to my family. You mean so much to Laura and me. **David Fox**



They Smell Like Sheep
Fellowship Hall, 6-8 PM
May 17—Last Session

Bake Sale: Mended Hearts is asking for baked goods to be donated for their bake sale on **Friday, May 17**. You can take your baked goods at 6AM on Friday to the hospital in the Algood Baxter room (by the cafeteria). The bake sale will be from 7AM to 2PM. If you would like to donate but cannot take yours to the sale, contact **Sheila Thomison** (931-581-6089) for arrangements. The money goes toward supplying free AED's to non-profit organizations, which JA has received two from them.

Young-at-Heart Motor Coach Trip: New dates to Savannah/Charleston are **Monday, October 7 through Friday, October 11**. We are hopeful this change will allow you to sign up for the trip, on the YAH Board.

Fitness Class: Each Tuesday night we are having a Drumming Fitness class at 6:30pm in the gym, and if it's nice weather we will do it outside! This class is so much fun! If your interested and want more info please contact Lindsey Norton at 397-6239 or Leah Milton at 265-9606.



VBS "Stranded" is open online to register at jacoc.org. Sign up sheets are located on the VBS bulletin board. If you have any questions, please see **Courtney Norton** or **Matt Collins**.

