TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome by: Don Taylor /Opening Prayer by: Robert Ward

Morning Assembly Song Leader: Bobby Rader

#382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?
#162 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Scripture Reading by: Matthew Girard
#313 The Old Rugged Cross
Lord's Supper and Contribution

#508 A Wonderful Savior
Sermon: "Peter's First Sermon"
Acts 2:14-41

#909 There's a Fountain Free
#300 Praise Him! Praise Him!

Closing Prayer by: Andre Jones

Welcome by: Don Taylor

Evening Assembly Song Leader: Danny Balch

#895 I'll Live in Glory
#797 Lord We Come Before Thee Now

Opening Prayer: Daniel Balch
#886 On Jordan's Story Banks
#852 When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

***Sermon:* "Paul's Prayer"**
Ephesians 3:14-18

#648 Stand UP, Stand Up for Jesus
#864 Where the Gates Swing Outward

Closing Prayer: David Warren

Other Opportunities For Spiritual Growth

Sunday: 9:00am — Bible Study Classes, 10:00am — Worship, 5:00pm — Worship
Wednesday: 6:30pm — Bible Study Classes

February 6, 2022

"Stand Firm in…Liberty"

Galatians 5:1

Survival of the Faithful

We are in the process of preaching our way through the book of **Acts** this year. Last week, we looked at the first part of chapter 2; this morning, we will finish that up, studying Peter's sermon. But as most of us know, this is where we find recorded the great events that transpired on the Day of Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit descended and filled the disciples who were gathered together, empowering them to speak in languages they had never learned. This caused a great crowd to gather in amazement, wondering what was going on. Peter took advantage of the opportunity to proclaim to them the good news about Jesus: he was the long-awaited Messiah foretold by the prophets, whom his audience had rejected; but God raised him up, and now offered forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Spirit to those who would repent and be baptized in his name. In response, about 3,000 were immersed and added to the church.

This is often spoken of as the "birthday of the church." But there never would have been a church—there never would have been a Pentecost, never would have been an outpouring of the Holy Spirit—if the disciples had not gathered together in prayer and faith for God to do his work. That was what Jesus told them to do: remain in Jerusalem and *wait for the promise of the Father… you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth* **(Acts 1:4, 8).** And so they all got together stuck to praying, united in their purpose and utterly depending on God.

Once God acted through the Spirit, they acted in response. Jesus gave the apostles a mission, and they immediately set about doing it. In the aftermath of Pentecost, those new converts *devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers…and day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people* **(Acts 2:42, 47a)**. All of these believers, apostles and novices alike, had the life and work of the church as their top priority:

Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Sick

Joe Edd Stifflemire has been diagnosed with 3B lung cancer.

Lydia Leal, Joe Leal's niece, is on a ventilator and in a coma. She is on a waiting list for Methodist Hospital.

Don Lynn has covid.

Glenda Wiggins tested positive for covid.

Continued Prayers
(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Gwen Pettit, Harold & Geri Cryer, Steve Ward, Frank & Tina Garcia, Caitlin Smith, Ka'Leisha Jones, Oscar Cantu, Gary Nielsen, Virginia Cole

Shut Ins
(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Jim Smith, Winona Angelle, Myrtle Sheffield, Catherine Parker, Peggy McIntosh

Our Missionaries

Aaron & Marisa Bailey in Montepuez, Mozambique , Rod Kyle in the South Pacific

Upcoming Activities

Elders, Minister, Deacons meeting Monday, Feb. 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Primetimers will be having a Valentine party on Tuesday, Feb. 8th at 6:00 p.m. The meat will be provided. Please bring sides and desserts. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

We will have a mid week evening meal on Wednesday, Feb. 16th at 5:30 p.m.

We will have a Houston Food Bank truck on Thursday, Feb. 17th at 8:00 a.m.

New Movers Program

We are starting a new movers program. We will have a list of people that have moved into the area. If you are interested in helping with this, see Bryant Perkins.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for supporting us during this time. We appreciate all the calls, messages, delicious desserts, and kindness. We love each of you!
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Elders	Deacons	Minister
Ken Coleman	Daniel Balch	Bryant Perkins
Bobby Rader	Danny Balch	
Don Taylor		
Robert Ward		

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they were dedicated to prayer and study, they shared with those who were needy among them, they ate together and opened their homes to each other. As a result, the church continued to grow on a daily basis **(v. 47b)**

There is, I think, an important reminder for us here. Perhaps there is even a rebuke. What if the habits of all those in that upper room had been like so many in our day and time? I did not write the following imaginative retelling, but I came across it again this week for the first time in several years. It provided the impetus for our article:

The meeting was called for the first day of the week; but so many things interfered, that of the company of 120, only 40 were able to be in attendance. Peter and his wife had bought a cottage on Lake Galilee and were away from the hot city over the weekend. Bartholomew had guests and, of course, could not come. Philip and his family had been up late the night before and overslept. Andrew had a business conference about a new fishing boat. And James had to stay home and cut the grass.

If the church would never have been born under those circumstances, then how can it possibly thrive under them?

How can it even survive?

Bryant Perkins

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