

His Place focus



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The Holy Spirit: unseen, dynamic, potent- and eternal

Who has seen the wind?

Neither you nor I:

But when the trees bow down their heads,

The wind is passing by.

Excerpt from “Who Has Seen the Wind,” by Christina Rossetti

“The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” - John 3:8

March is known as “the windy month.” Gusts of air stir up the grass, rustle our hair, and lift our kites high above the earth. We can’t see the wind, only observe its effects.

In the same way, as Jesus points out, we cannot perceive the Holy Spirit except through its manifestations. These manifestations abound throughout human history. Before time began “the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters” (Genesis 1:2). When God formed human beings from “the dust of the ground,” He personally breathed His Spirit – “the breath of life” - into us (Gen 2:7).

Throughout history, as portrayed in the Bible, the Spirit moved in judges, kings, and prophets. Then, with Jesus’s victory over death and sin, salvation – and the Holy Spirit – became available to all persons. “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:13).

With Jesus’s death and resurrection, the fulfillment of Joel 2:28-29 has begun: “And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. ”

The Spirit enabled the New Testament John, exiled because of his faith, to be “in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day.” He heard “a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last...’” (Revelation 1:10-11). John’s vision culminates in the final defeat of Satan, and God’s recreation of “a new heaven and a new earth” (Revelation 21:1).

In Revelation 22:17, John gives an invitation for readers to participate in God’s kingdom and His plan

for his creation: “And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”

Are we listening?



CHURCH EVENTS

- The Holy Spirit is scheduled to appear each Sunday during our worship services. Worship begins at 10:30 am.
- “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path” (Psalm 119:105). We study the Bible together each Sunday at 9:30 am, and have classes for children and adults.
- “Saturday Night Alive” will be resurrected on March 25. Come from 6:30-9:30 for food, fellowship, worship, prayer—and the work of the Spirit.



He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen, and of the weaver—those who do every work and those who design artistic works.

Exodus 35:35



Children's Ministry

Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. Psalm 127:3-5

"Dynamic Duo" Leads our Dynamic Kids

"Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God." - Proverbs 2:5

Each Sunday, His Place now provides its children with two opportunities to grow in the knowledge of God.

The duo of Marian and Marion are teaming up to lead the children to encounter God in Christ, to give their lives to Him, and to grow in Him.

During Sunday School at 9:30, Marian Boyd begins leading the children through the Bible and along the path to Christ. Then the children, after singing, moving, and praying with the church during the

Worship session, continue their Biblical journey during Children's Worship. There, Marion Stephan reinforces the morning's lessons through crafts and learning activities.

Children's Sunday School and Children's Worship, at 9:30 am and 10:30 am, respectively, are open to children of all ages. For adult children of God, an adult Sunday School and then a worship service are available at the same times.

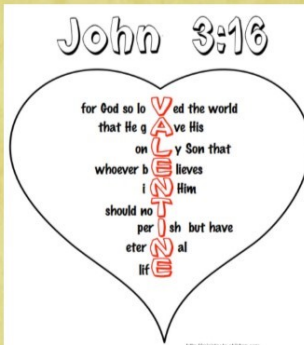
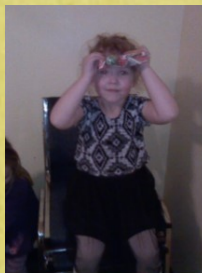
During February, the children learned that, as in Matthew 8:23-27, Jesus is with us in our storms. The kids made origami boats with the emblem "Jesus calms our storms," and competed in blowing inflated balloons across a table with the "storm wind" of their breath.

In other lessons, the children learned that God is good and that God is forgiving. They filled out "tickets for goodness," but learned that we can't get to heaven by being good. We get a "ticket to heaven" only by following and obeying Jesus.

The children decorated scriptural valentines the Sunday before Valentine's day. These were used to remind the

children that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16). This scripture was also the memory verse for the month.

Nickels placed on tissue paper topping a glass were used to teach how Christ's love removed the sin that separates us from God. When the tissue paper was sprinkled with water – the blood of Christ – the sin was dissolved and the nickels (we) could pass through the wall that divides us from God.



From The Pastor's Desk

Thoughts from Jim Jackson, Pastoral Overseer

Aglow International, an interdenominational organization of Christian women and men, has called for an Esther fast on March 16-17. (See aglow.org/ministries/444-prayer-for-information.) Following are excerpts from Jim Jackson's comments, distributed by email, on the fast and the situation in Israel.

I am sure you probably received information from Aglow already and are fasting along with the International Aglow women (and men). We pray and will believe that God will hear from Heaven, heal our land and give our President, Cabinet, Staff, Congress and other key officials an ear to hear what the Spirit has to say prophetically and then ACT on it. I can already tell from the resistance of our enemy even in the early stages of this fast that he knows God hears and will answer. He is fighting but Praise God he is already defeated!!!! We have the victory!!

I am concerned that we are headed for a showdown with North Korea...The main country in the North Korean Leader's sights is Japan, which is already in striking

distance for nuclear attacks. Mama Jo and I are especially concerned and praying for that situation, considering we have two grand-daughters there. We will be there from April 1-15th for a wedding of our first granddaughter. May the angels protect everyone in harm's way and return any aggression (rockets, etc.) back to the senders.... COD! They order it.... They pay!!

I have been in Israel many times during the Purim season and every time I am reminded of God's faithfulness as we celebrated often with our Jewish friends the victory over Haman's lies....These lies and attack if carried out would have destroyed the Jewish people. The enemy Haman's plans were exposed and the King spared the Jewish people. Haman was hanged on the very gallows that he built to hang Mordecai and the Jewish people. Now once again may our King of Kings and the God of Israel hear as we call out to him regarding what we perceive as the enemy's evil plans which are to destroy our country through lies, weapons and all demonic-planned



attacks. May they all backfire and fall back upon the one from whence they came!

...Esther had the King's ear... I believe as His children we do too!

It is time for His Church to arise and declare...."It's Bethel Alter Time!!!" (Gen:35:3) God will be faithful to us as He was to Abraham....And He will again answer from Heaven..... He also promised in II Chron. 7:14 that He will heal our land! As is often said about those in desperate situations.... "They need a healing!" Well, it is no longer "They" but "Us!"

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From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you.
Psalm 71:6