

# PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Dear Friends of Faith,

IT IS A GREAT JOY to welcome you to FCC on this PENTECOST SUNDAY. 50 days ago was EASTER--RESURRECTION SUNDAY! On that day we remembered our Lord's death, burial and resurrection. On this day, we will experience the power of His resurrection to raise us up to walk in the power and purity of His presence.

It was a blessing to have 8 souls gather last night to pray for these services today. Some have gathered at 8am this morning to pray again. We have prayed for you! We have prayed that God's Holy Spirit will fill His people. We are praying that many will be "Born of the Spirit" today.

NEXT WEEKEND IS FATHER'S DAY! The Men's Steakout will be at 6pm at the Parsonage. Men and men in the making are urged to attend.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL and GREAT COMMISSION will be JULY 9-12. We are anticipating a great children's crusade this year.

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN PRAY FOR AND WITH YOU! God has a wonderful plan He wants to work in each of us. With His Spirit within, there are no limits to what He can do for and through us!

## NO CONDEMNATION

The deceived, unawakened sinners protest, "I feel no condemnation." They are selfists who are self-justifying.

They lie, steal, and cheat--and say they feel justified.

They swear, curse, and cuss--and say God doesn't care.

They gossip, spread rumors and innuendo--and rationalize "no one is perfect."

They hate and get irrate with anyone who gets in their way--and then point to the wrongs of others to excuse themselves.

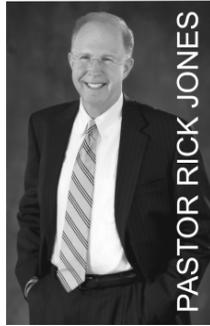
Insanely driven by their desire for sexual pleasure they rationalize "God made me this way," and then violate every God-given law regarding sexual morality and purity. They say, "I did not feel bad, in fact I felt good" trashing the traditions of morality.

Vice not only trumps virtue, they say, vice is virtue!

So long have they ignored the voice of God they have grown deaf to His pleas, to the voice of conscience.

Indeed there are millions of "natural men" who today feel no condemnation of sin.

Though fewer in number than the "Natural Men," there is a multitude who realize that they are under the condemnation of God. They know what they ought to do, but they do not do it. They know what they ought



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not to do, but they keep doing it.

They are painfully aware that there is a wide distance between themselves and the will of God.

They distract themselves--hoping that the gnawing sense of condemnation will be silenced. But it is not.

They compare themselves--hoping that seeing others who are worse will assuage their guilt. But it does not.

They rationalize themselves--it doesn't seem that group is so worried about this sense of condemnation. Even church groups have learned how to quash the call of God to holiness of heart, and life by accenting one or another message to the neglect of the great message--Be Ye Holy!

Some soldier-on, bearing this sense of condemnation, hoping for grace in the end.

BUT THE SPIRIT OF PENTECOST NOT ONLY CONDEMNS THE SIN WITHIN US, HE DELIVERS US FROM THAT SIN--AND THE CONDEMNATION THAT AWAKENED SOULS KNOW. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit! For the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has made us free from the law of sin and death!" Romans 8:1,2

Indeed the message of the Gospel is not only that God's grace is sufficient to save sinners. The message of the Gospel is the God's Spirit is able to sanctify sinners.

John the Baptist introduced Jesus, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire!" Indeed He does.

When seekers come to Christ, they not only know the joy of justification, they know the satisfaction of sanctification. He not only forgives us, He cleanses and changes us.

He removes our stony hearts, and warms our hearts. Like Wesley we testify, "I felt my heart strangely warmed...I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sin, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death...I felt God loved me!" (John Wesley's Journal, May 24, 1738).

There are no shortcuts to this wonderful witness of the Spirit that we are the children of God. We must acknowledge our sin. We must recognize our spiritual need. We must repent with sincerity.

But having taken that way, we can testify there are no substitutes for the marvelous witness of the Spirit that we are born of God. There is no better way to live--than to live in the Spirit--and there is no better way to die--than to be carried by the Spirit into the presence of God.

When Pentecost came to the hearts of the multitude in Jerusalem, they Bible says "they continued daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

PENTECOST CAN BE REPEATED! MAY IT BE SO TODAY!



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SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

Welcome to FCC!

We trust you sense God's presence and that you feel very welcome here.  
Please let us know how we may help you.

8:00 a.m. PRAYER MEETING

AVAILABLE OFF THE ENTRYWAY

5:30 p.m. PRAYER MEETING

11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m

MORNING WORSHIP

EVENING PRAISE & PREACHING

& SUNDAY SCHOOL for  
PRE-SCHOOL thru HIGH SCHOOL  
FREE NURSERY

Think **HIGHER**  
**LOVE** Deeper  
Live **GREATER**

#### - THE APOSTLES CREED -

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; descended into the grave, the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

#### Scriptures of the Month

Each month we are encouraging God's people to memorize a passage of Scripture

*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

JOHN 16:13

## FCC NEWSLINE

Important Announcements and Updates

■ **THANK YOU FOR COMING!** We are very honored that you have come and hope that you will feel at home here at FCC! We would love to keep in touch. Please text (314) 607-1424 or e-mail: PastorRick@FCCStLouis.org, or fill out a contact card on our welcome table.

■ **IT IS A JOY TO WELCOME EVANGELIST ANDREW DURST** Brother Durst is no stranger to FCC and St. Louis. You will not want to miss hearing him.

■ **THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD** Prayerfully consider giving this week. ! DEBT FREE CAMPAIGN: We have \$3,025 on our way to \$50,000 this year. Your gifts make this ministry possible.

Mon. of June	Monthly Need	2019 Total	2019 Goal
\$	\$9,000.00	\$40,642.00	\$150,000

■ **FATHER SON STEAKOUT - SAT. JUNE 15.**

■ **GREAT COMMISSION IS HEADED TO DETROIT** June 24-27, **CHICAGO** June 28, **ST LOUIS** July 9-12, and **URBANA** July 22-28.

■ **FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 16.** We will have a nice gift for every father that attends next weekend. God is looking for men who will honor Him and lead their homes into virtue and victory.

■ **WE APPRECIATE MAINTENANCE TEAM** Josh Bissey, Dustin Dodson, Joe Gober, and many other great volunteers.

■ **THANK YOU RON FEGER THE SOUND TEAM!**

## FCC PRAYER & PRAISE

Reports of Answered Prayers and Your Requests

- JOIN IN PRAYING THAT THE SERVICES TODAY WILL BE BLESSED BY GOD and that hearts will be changed by the power of Christ within!
- NORMA & JD GILLHAM
- JIM WILSON is home but is still battling cancer and the effects of a stroke.
- RON FEGER
- BILLY BARNES' MOTHER DEE & FATHER BILL
- JANE FEGER'S FAMILY
- HEATHER EVAN'S FATHER
- ANN MATLOCK
- MILHOLLAND family.
- CHRISTY DODSON
- JOE & BECKY GOBER
- RUTH GEORGE
- NEIL GOODRICH
- YVONNE MASON
- JULIAN MASON
- AL LOCKHART
- GRANNY FARMER
- SIS. BEVERLY NELSON
- PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH. And remember the Christians in Pakistan.
- SHARON NICKELSON
- PRAY FOR THE USA!
- PRAY FOR REVIVAL!
- KAYLA FEGER
- SHAUNE BATYE
- KATHERINE LOCKHART broke her leg.
- Your Pastor's Mother
- KAREN MYER
- BE SURE TO PRAY FOR THE PRESENCE OF PENTECOST--THE HOLY SPIRIT--to meet with us!

*“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord.”*  
- Zechariah 4:6

# THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER

*Pentecost Weekend - June 8 & 9, 2019*

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 - 7P PRAYER    SUNDAY, JUNE 9 - 8A PRAYER, 11A WORSHIP, 6P PRAISE

No Girls Allowed! Friends Welcome!

Men's & Men in the Making!

# STEAK OUT!

JUNE 15, 2019 - 6p

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