

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

2 MAY 2021

Dear Friends of Faith,

WE HAVE PRAYED YOU WILL FEEL WELCOME AND THAT YOU WILL SENSE GOD'S VOICE AND POWER as we worship today. We are here on purpose, for a purpose, and that purpose is to glorify God, magnify Christ Jesus, and to invite the blessed Holy Spirit to hallow this service with His presence. Someone has said that most churches would not even notice if the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from their services. Everyone and everything would go right on like clockwork—except that the Holy Spirit would be absent. Oh we do not want services that are so mundane and so driven by form and ritual that God can not have His way.

NEXT SUNDAY IS MOTHER'S DAY! We have special gifts for all the mothers. We will announce a Ladies' Luncheon later when our First Lady is fully recovered.

BE SURE TO LOOK AT THE MAY CALENDAR and thank you for praying that God's special blessing would rest upon the days ahead. We love you all! Please pray for us as we pray for you!

QUENCH NOT THE SPIRIT

TEXT: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:17-24

16 Rejoice evermore.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

19 Quench not the Spirit.

20 Despise not prophesyings.

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

REFLECTION: Listen to the Baptist, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy



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to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." (Matthew 3:11).

That John compared the baptism of the Holy Spirit with fire should not be thought coincidental. The Holy Spirit himself inspired the comparison.

God appeared to Moses in a fiery burning bush (Exodus 3:2,3). When the Law of God was delivered to Moses there was fire at the summit of Sinai (Exodus 19:16-20). And then at the first Christian Pentecost, when the Law of God was written on the hearts of the disciples, there were tongues of fire that sat over the heads of the Spirit-filled.

Fire brings light—The Spirit enlightens.

Fire produces heat—The Spirit warms and invigorates the cold-hearted.

Fire consumes—The Spirit completely purifies

Fire attracts—The Spirit attracts and then demands attention

Fire spreads—The Spirit's influence spread from Jerusalem to the uttermost parts of the earth

Without the Holy Ghost and fire, our hearts are cold, our religion is formal, and our influence is for naught. It's no wonder that the Apostle Paul was moved by the Spirit to warn the first Christians, "Quench not the Spirit." Do not "extinguish" the Spirit.

And what is it that quenches the flaming Spirit of Holiness?

+ Disobedience to the will of God

+ Negligence of the Word of God

+ Inattention to the Voice of God

+ Disinterest in the Worship of God

+ Yielding to unkind or unholy tempers and permitting anger, malice, and revenge to rise

+ Loving the world—craving the lusts of the flesh, the desires of the eye and the pride of life.

+ Compromising to please ourselves or others

Every Christian is made a partaker of the Holy Ghost (Hebrews 6:4) and they who do not have the Spirit of Christ are none of His (Romans 8:9). Do not quench the Spirit, rather stir up the gift that is you.

Let the fire of the Spirit burn brightly on the altar of your heart, fueled by the oil of the Spirit, and fanned by the breath of God!

William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army expressed the heart-cry of the Spirit-filled in the words of this great Salvationist Hymn:

*Thou Christ of burning, cleansing flame,
Send the fire, send the fire, send the fire!
Thy blood bought gift today we claim,
Send the fire, send the fire, send the fire!*

*Look down and see this waiting host,
Give us the promised Holy Ghost;
We want another Pentecost,
Send the fire, send the fire, send the fire!*

*God of Elijah, hear our cry:
Send the fire, send the fire, send the fire!
To make us fit to live or die,
Send the fire, send the fire, send the fire!*

*To burn up every trace of sin,
To bring the light and glory in,
The revolution now begin,
Send the fire, send the fire, send the fire!*

WELCOME TO FAITH COMMUNITY

WORD
POWER
HOLY
GHOST

1 THESSALONIANS 1:5

Spiritual. Biblical. Loving.



FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

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.

11:00 a.m.
MORNING WORSHIP

6:00 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE
SERVICE

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

...Our gospel came not unto you in word only,
but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost,
and in much assurance

1 THESSALONIANS 1:5

FCC NEWSLINE

Important Announcements and Updates

- **LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!** 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@FCCSt-Louis.org, or fill out a contact card on our welcome table.
- **THANK YOU FOR PROMOTING FCC LIVE STREAMING ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE! WE HAVE EXPANDED OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AROUND THE NATION AND WORLD. SHARE THE SERVICE ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA.**
- **CHORALE REHEARSAL WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK.**
- **THANK YOU FOR TRUSTING GOD TO SUPPLY YOUR NEEDS AS YOU HONOR HIM.** YOU CAN NOT OUTGIVE GOD! He is faithful to supply the needs of His people as they "seek first the kingdom of God!"

May Offerings	Monthly Need	Annual Total	2021 Goal
\$	\$10,000	\$38,71.00	\$150,000*

*Plus we are asking God to help us burn our mortgage by our 25th Anniversary, September 19, 2021

- **BECAUSE OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS are QUARANTINED AND SOME ARE ABSENT** We must have FAMILY CHURCH SERVICES TODAY. Sunday School will return next week.
- **MOTHER'S DAY is MAY 9!**
- **VBS GREAT COMMISSION STL is JULY 6-9**
- **FCC'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY is SEPT 19, 2025**
- **THANKS TEAM FCC** for all you are doing! The best is yet to be!



FCC PRAYER & PRAISE

Reports of Answered Prayers and Your Requests

- SAM DAVIS, Jane's Brother has been diagnosed with cancer.
- DARLENE BULLAR
- BETHANY CATLETT and her BABY DAUGHTER AVA. Ava will have open heart surgery in Boston.
- NEIL GOODRICH
- NEIL GOODRICH'S GRAND DAUGHTER had a stroke and is disabled.
- SHARON NICK- ELSON
- DAVID HURLBUT, Jon's Bro.
- NORMA GILLHAM
- BRO. TOM REDMAN
- RICK FEGER & his wife especially appreciate our prayers.
- AL LOCKHART
- TAMMY LEWIS
- SIS. BEVERLY NELSON
- KAYLA FEGER and her baby
- DUSTIN DODSON family
- MARK (Gary Oliver's Friend)
- KAREN CRABTREE
- THE NEWLY BEREAVED NEED OUR CONTINUED LOVE AND PRAYERS--The families of BERLIN JENKERSON, RUTH GEORGE, JEFF AKERS, RAQUEL MASON, DIANE NOLTKAMPER, JOE & BECKY GOBER, JOHN BI-ONDO and THE LEWIS FAMILY at the loss of Sheri's cousin, and THE OLIVER FAMILY at the loss of Brothers Sid and Earl.
- PRAY FOR THE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

THE WAY TO HEAVEN
1. We must confess to God any known sin we have and make right any wrong done to one another.
2. We must put away any doubtful habits.
3. We must obey the Spirit promptly.

■ **WITH 21 DAYS TO PENTECOST SUNDAY LET'S DEDICATE OURSELVES TO FERVENT AND FAITHFUL PRAYER.** In addition you will find helpful posts on the Pastor's Blog at www.reachingforth.blogspot.com. It is essential that we have THE WORD, THE POWER, AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD IF WE ARE TO BE THE CHURCH THAT CHRIST WANTS US TO BE!

OUR GOSPEL CAME IN WORD, IN POWER, IN THE HOLY GHOST

May 2021

SUNDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
11A WORSHIP 6P PRAISE 2	MOBERLY SERVICE 4	7PM PRAYER MTG. 5	FCC MEDIA Three times a week FCC services are LIVESTREAMED on Facebook & YouTube & soon www.FCCStLouis.org	6	7PM TEEN MEET 7	10A WITNESSING 8
MOTHER'S DAY 11A WORSHIP 6P PRAISE 9	CHICAGO SERVICE 11	7PM PRAYER MTG. 12		13	7PM TEEN MEET 14	10A WITNESSING 15
11A WORSHIP 6P PRAISE 16	MOBERLY SERVICE 18	7PM PRAYER MTG. 19	6PM DEACONS MTG. 20	7PM TEEN MEET 21	10A WITNESSING 22	
PENTECOST SUNDAY 11A WORSHIP 6P PRAISE 23	CHICAGO SERVICE 25	7PM PRAYER MTG. 26	SEARCH & RESCUE Great Commission	27	7PM TEEN MEET 28	10A WITNESSING 29
MEMORIAL DAY WKND 11A WORSHIP 6P PRAISE 30	BLOOMINGTON GCC 1	DECATUR GREAT COMMISSION - TENT MEETING SERVICES NIGHTLY 7PM PRAYER MTG. 2	SAVE	3	4	10A WITNESSING 5

MEET TONWEYA & JUDY SHERMAN - DETROIT MI - NEW LIFE MISSION
On Memorial Day Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 11am Service