

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Dear Friends of Faith,

WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH A WARM, CARING, AND GROWING CONGREGATION.

Yesterday's Lady's Luncheon was one of the best attended (40) and loveliest, tastiest, and funnest since we started this tradition 27 years ago. Special thanks to all who brought things and made the day so enjoyable. We certainly appreciate FCC's First Lady. She's tops.

The Men's Fellowship at Denny's was great too. We had 15 joining us for great conversation and grand slams.

Our Leadership Committee is working hard to replace the doors on the lower level, repair the sanctuary ceiling, and to update the office. Thank you Heather Young, Josh Bissey, Jon Hurlbut, Ron Feger, Mark LePage, and Gary Oliver for all that you do for the church.

We also want to recognize our great Sunday School teachers and bus workers. You're changing history!



Impressed by God to preach on the Holy Spirit--His essential presence, His person and work, Salvation through Sanctification of the Spirit (You can watch these messages on our Livestream Archives)--today we are turning to Romans 7 and 8 to discover the significance of Life in the Spirit.

As always, our enemy the Deceiver, works overtime to draw us away from living in the Spirit. If he can inject doubt and deception into our spirit-life he can defeat us.

Yet the difference between life in the Spirit and life lived for the flesh is plain to those who read Romans 6-8. It is in this passage that the Apostle Paul testifies to his own spiritual odyssey from the despair of carnality to the thrill of the Spirit driven life. May the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds and cleanse our hearts today!



PASTORS RICK & MARSH JONES

Please turn off the ringers on your cell phones. You are welcome to text PR questions 314-607-1424.



THE PENTECOST EFFECT

THERE ARE NO SHORTCUTS TO THE UPPER ROOM.

"Thou shalt have no other Gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy." These are truths that men would have never fully known or appreciated unless God himself wrote them to us. We need Sinai—to know God's law.

Before the Spirit of God could renew a right spirit within us, we needed to loathe the wrong spirit that is within us. So the Prophets were sent to expose sinful hearts and to exalt a day when God would, "... give them one heart...put a new spirit within them...and take the stony heart out of their flesh." We need God's perspective and we need God's promise.

Before the Spirit of God could perfect our sin ridden souls, we needed a spotless Lamb who would not only show us the face of God, but show us the heart of God. We needed a perfect Savior

who would shed His perfect blood and rise again in His perfect body. Then Jesus came! Oh the glory of His Presence, Oh the beauty of His face! We need a Savior.

And then, we need an upper room! In Acts 2 at that first Christian Pentecost, the disciples were in one accord in one place—in the Upper Room! We need a place where we resign to do God's will in God's way. We need a place where we are at one with Him—where we love Him without any reservation.

Then the day of our personal Pentecost will come. A day when "the Spirit answers to the blood and tells me I am born of God!" A place where "His Spirit bears witness with my spirit that I am the child of God." A place where we "receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon us." A place where our hearts are "purified by faith."

We need a personal Pentecost.

THIS IS OUR NEED.
THIS IS OUR PRAYER.
AND THIS IS OUR EXPECTATION.



WELCOME TO FAITH COMMUNITY!

THE FRUIT
OF THE SPIRIT
IS LOVE,
JOY, &
PEACE
GALATIANS 5:22

PENTECOST SUNDAY IS MAY 28, 2023

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

You're very welcome here!

10:15 a.m.
ADULT BIBLE CLASS

5:45 p.m.
 PRAYER MEETING

11:00 a.m.
MORNING WORSHIP

H6:00 p.m.
EVENING SERVICE



- 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

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

ROMANS 8:14-16

STCC 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! PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL OUT THE "KEEP IN TOUCH CARD" OUR GREETER GAVE YOU. We would love to keep in touch. Please text (314) 607-1424 or e-mail: PastorRick@FCCStLouis.org.

■ **ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS (ABC) TODAY AT 10:15AM.** Thank you Joe Earle for leading an interesting class.

■ **THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD!** We are very grateful for all who faithfully support FCC with tithes & offerings. YOU MAY NOW GIVE ON YOUR PHONE BY TEXTING "GIVE" TO (866) 863-0673. YOU MAY GIVE ONLINE THROUGH OUR WEB PAGE, PAYPAL FCCStLouisMO@gmail.com, OR THROUGH TTITLE.LY. or by mailing to 2969 N Lindbergh, St. Ann, MO 63074. MORTGAGE BAL, \$146,500

MAY 2023	MONTHLY NEED	YTD	2023 GOAL
\$	\$10,000	\$59,298	\$200,000

■ **JOIN US THIS EVENING AT 6:00PM.** We have a growing group from many different churches joining us for Sunday Evening Praise and Preaching.

■ **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AT DENNY'S RESTAURANT, DORSETT ROAD AT 270.** was a great blessing. Thanks to all who came.

■ **LOOKING FORWARD** The Lord Willing we are looking forward to great days ahead!



40 LADIES ATTENDED YESTERDAY'S LADY'S LUNCHEON!
The Italian Theme was delicious, the Fellowship was sweet, and the Presence of the Lord and so many dear friends was precious! Thank you!



STCC PRAYER & PRAISE
 Reports of Answered Prayers and Your Requests

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■ **WORSHIP WATCH** We are excited to hear that people are gathering in Illinois and in Tennessee and here in Missouri to watch the Worship Services of FCC. Thank you RON FEGER, KRIS CAMPBELL, KAMERON DODSON, and all who help.

■ **TEEN BANQUET THE CHRISTIAN ALTERNATIVE TO THE PROM** will be on Friday, May 19. We will be joining up with the Crusaders Youth from our sister congregations for a fancy meal. The evening will end with Communion & then breakfast.

