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January 29, 2017

# **Today:**

"The Holy Spirit: The Spirit's Power To Witness"

ALL Food Groups meet down front immediately following morning worship.

Contribution to the Building
Maintenance Fund

# **Tonight:**

Youth Led Worship Service

Elders / Deacons Meeting after PM Worship

Order of Worship

Call To Worship Song : Create In Me

Prayer - Britt Parker

Song Leader: Jacob Leonard

**Song #71:** As The Deer (1,2) **Song #77:** Glorify Thy Name (1,2,3) **Song #176:** Lamb Of God (1,2,3)

Communion & Offering

Song #18: Faithful Love (1,2)
Song #: Holy Spirit

Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour

Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley
Acts 1:6-9

Message: John Ross

Song #837: I Need Thee Every Hour (1,4)

**Announcements** 

Song #870: Beyond This Land Of Parting (1)

Prayer - Bubba Bullington

Contact Elder for January — Fred Denney 256-831-4964

Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God, And Renew A
Right Spirit Within Me

## The "Forgotten" God

Earlier this week, I posted a prayer request on our church Facebook page. I repeated the request Wednesday night when we gathered to together and praised God through song. The request was that you pray for me as I begin this new sermon series and that you pray for those who may be listening who lack understanding of the topic. I am very grateful for those of you who offered prayers.

There are few topics in scripture that are as misunderstood as Holy Spirit. Honestly, I do not know why. Kind of like baptism, the teaching on Holy Spirit seems very clear to me. I cannot make the claim to have a complete understanding of Him, but for that matter, I don't fully understand God the Father or God the Son either. But this I know – the Spirit was promised by Jesus after His departure. He was promised by Peter on the day of Pentecost. He is our mark of ownership. And because He lives in us (we are living tabernacles), He produces in us things that are of Godly qualities (Galatians 5:22-25). And His purpose/work is to make sure Christians succeed.

So over the next few weeks, my prayer is that we will come to a greater understanding of this "forgotten" member of the Godhead. I hope He becomes as familiar to us as God the Father and God the Son. I pray His work is recognized among us, and we realize that without Him we will go nowhere.

He is God.

### **Super Bowl Sunday**

Mark your calendars and plan to be here for our Annual Super Bowl Sunday — February 5th beginning at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite Tailgate Dishes. Prizes will be awarded to the best recipes. Members will also need to bring desserts and drinks. We will begin with a devotional followed by food, fun, fellowship, and football!

# **Upcoming Events**



February 5: Super Bowl Sunday —

Fellowship Hall — 5pm.

February 17-19: Winterfest in Gatlinburg!

February 21: GEMS Meeting—10am

February 22: Singing Night

**February 25:** Discipleship Workshop—8:30am to 2:00pm. Members please sign up to bring food. **March 5:** Pot Luck Lunch—Church will provide meat. Members bring sides, desserts and drinks. No 5pm service. Food Group 1 will be in charge of set-up and clean up.

## BVH Annual Discipleship Workshop

Our 3rd Annual Discipleship Workshop will be Saturday, February 25th and Sunday, February 26th. Steve Cloer will be here again this year presenting a series of lessons on Ezekiel's Revelation of a Missionary God. Saturday's schedule begins at 8:30am and goes to 2:30pm. BVH members will be providing Continental breakfast and lunch (please sign up to help bring food on sheet in foyer). Sunday's time will be normal bible study and worship hours. We hope to see all of our BVH family here!

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

1/29—Annette Camp

1/31—Asyndace Turner, Mackensey Carter

2/1-Kristi Ishee

2/2—Regan Cobb, Michele Williams

2/3—Sara Brown, M/M Russell Johnston

2/4—Brent Stratton

2/5—Keith Carter, Russell Johnston

# Remember in Prayer..



#### Our Sick...

Charline Smith suffered a heart attack last Sunday and had two stents placed due to blockages. She is doing much better and is recovering well. (PO Box 255, Munford 36268)

**Debra Champion** continues to have health issues and is not feeling well. (9043 Weaver Avenue, Leeds 35094)

**Hazel Waites** is having issues with her heart. She has been put on different medication and will return to the doctor this week to see if it is helping. If not, she may be hospitalized to shock her heart back into rhythm. (139 Hickory Drive, Oxford 36203)

## Friends & Family...

Amber Gallahair (daughter-in-law of Joe & Debbie Stewart) has been in the hospital. (195 2nd Avenue South, Munford 36268)

Wilemenia Johnson (sister of Junior Tillson) has been in the hospital.

**Shay Brewer** (daughter-in-law of **Bill & Virginia Brewer**) has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will be undergoing surgery. (340 Chickering Lake Ct., Roswell, Georgia 30075)

## Sympathy...

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of **Juanita Wallace** who passed away last Friday. Please continue to remember Alvin, Angela, Breanna, and the entire family in your prayers during this difficult time.

(Alvin – 67 Del Rey Place, Oxford 36203) (Angela & family – 900 Cecile Drive, Oxford 36203)

## Angels Are Rejoicing...

Madison Lackey (daughter of Ben Lackey) was baptized on Wednesday night, January 18th, at the Heritage Place church of Christ is Irondale. Please encourage Madison and keep her in your prayers as she begins her walk with Christ. (902 Clarion Cove, Pell City 35128)

## Discipleship Workshop—Help With Meals

Our annual Discipleship Workshop will be February 25-26. We will need help with food for the weekend. There are sign-up sheets in the foyer for breakfast foods for Saturday morning and lunch for Saturday afternoon. If you can help with any of these, please sign up as soon as possible.

# Those Privileged to Serve: January 2017 Song Leaders:

29th - Jacob Leonard

AM: Opening Prayer

**Closing Prayer** 

29th: Britt Parker

Bubba Bullington

PM: Opening Prayer

**Closing Prayer** 

29th: Youth Led Worship Service

#### Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: John David Austin

Assisting: Jerry Wilson, Patrick Houston, Calvin Phillips,
Ted Haynes, Eddie Jennings, Norman Morrison,
Harold Collie, David Austin

#### **Ushers**:

Chad Watts, James Galbreath, Spencer Austin, Tyler Johnston, Landon Watts, Geoff Williams

#### **Little Lambs:**

29th: Beth Watts & Savannah Watts

#### **Greeters:**

West Entrance: Frank & Gloria Thomas
East Entrance: Donna & Phil Waits
Main Foyer: Willodean Carter, Eleanor Eaton, Maggie
Freeman, Robin Houston, Helen Lee, Piper Smith

## **Security Duty:**

29th: Jay Painter & Russell Johnston
Prepare Communion: Angie Lindsey
Secure Building: Brian Forbus
Youth Activity Host:
Contact Elder: Fred Denney

If you are unable to serve please contact **Brian Forbus** @ 256-831-2471.

## This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-Oatmeal Variety Packs

-Cereal





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Kevin Briley Elton Carter

Fred Denney Brian Forbus

James Lindsey Bob Templin

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Activities Coordinator:

Eric Ishee

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**Service Times:** 

Sunday

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m. Worship: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Morning Study: 10:00am-

11:00am

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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Acts 2:38 tells us that something exceptional happens when a person accepts Jesus Christ.

- 1. When we're baptized we receive the "gift of the HOLY SPIRIT."
- 2. Ephesus 1:13, "the Holy Spirit is the MARK of God's OWNERSHIP of us."

Most Christians really don't know what to believe about Holy Spirit.

- 1. To ignore Him is OFFENSIVE to God.
- 2. John 16:7-8
  - A. Only by Jesus' LEAVING would the Holy Spirit come.

Holy Spirit's work:

- 1. He helps us in our PRAYER (Romans 8:26)
- 2. He helps us understand the DEEPER meaning of God's word (1 Cor 2:10)
- 3. He GUIDES us (John 16:13)
- 4. He TEACHES us (John 14:26)
- 5. And He EMPOWERS us (Romans 8:13-16)
- I. Acts 1:8, "they received the Spirit THEN they became witnesses."
- II. He will GUIDE us to people who need HELP.
- III. He will also give us CONFIDENCE.

We need to:

- 1. PRAY that the Spirit prepares hearts to receive the message.
- 2. TRUST that the Spirit will do what He says He
- 3. Keep our EYES OPENED for the opportunities.
- 4. Then SPEAK about our experiences as Christians.

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