

Hello Church Family,

May  $22^{nd}$  – May  $31^{st}$  we are setting aside as a time of prayer and fasting. I hope you will take time in these ten days leading up to Pentecost Sunday to spend some extended time alone seeking God.

With all that we have had to navigate the last several months, it is time to give God thanks for HIS faithfulness and a time to seek HIM with expectation. What does HE want to do in you and us after this crisis is over?

For the next 10 days you will receive devotionals from the Staff. One day will be a devotional on expectation. The next day will be a testimony of how we received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Remember Paul tells us in Ephesians 5:18 to be filled with the Spirit. The tense of the verb there means to be continually filled. We all need an initial filling. Just like all need to have a moment of salvation we all need to have a time where we know that we were filled with the Holy Spirit. After that, the rest of our lives are to be full of days of being filled over and over.

Have you had an initial Holy Spirit Baptism? If yes, then when is the last time you allowed HIM to fill you again?

Have you allowed the Holy Spirit to speak through you and give you a language to pray with? One that builds you up... 1 Cor 14:2-4 "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. 3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. 4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church." [KJV]

In this crises we need to build ourselves up. Jude 18 "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost," [KJV] How awesome is that; God would give us a tool to build us up!

So, let these devotionals encourage you and challenge you. Celebrate with the testimonies of your staff.

But more than anything, have an expectation for encounters with the Holy Spirit. Remember, Jesus said HE sent HIM to guide us!

Blessings, Pastor Boyd Byerly