



ENCOUNTERING HOLY SPIRIT

We are committed to allowing Holy Spirit to be actively involved in our community life through spiritual gifts, the word of God and congregational participation.

• OPERATING IN GRACE

We seek to be a grace filled church that welcomes all whatever the stage of their journey in faith.

TRANSFORMING TEACHING

We believe in biblical, anointed teaching as a catalyst for transformation in individuals' lives.

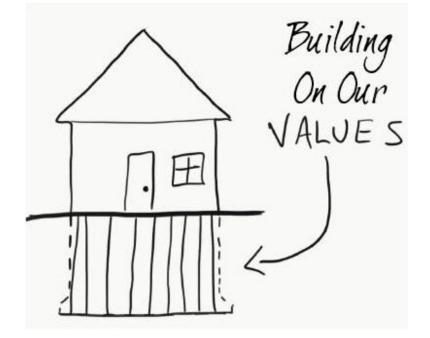


MOTIVATING MISSION

We acknowledge the importance of mission that reaches and supports the local community and into other nations.

ENGAGING WORSHIP

We will provide regular opportunities for people to encounter God in a variety of styles through the power of the Spirit.



Why is it important to *pursue* the work of the Spirit and an encounter with Him?

- The Spirit brings us life
- The Spirit brings us Jesus
- The Spirit brings us help



The Spirit brings us life

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God." Ezekiel 36:26-28



John 3:5

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you are born of water and the Spirit you cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.



2 Corinthians 3:6

"He has enabled us to be ministers of his new covenant. This is a covenant not of written laws, but of the Spirit. The old written covenant ends in death; but under the new covenant, the Spirit gives life."



Galatians 3:3

"How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort?"



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John 14:16

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever..."

"another of the same kind" as Jesus



John 15:26

"But when the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counsellor, Strengthener, Standby) comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of Truth who comes from the Father, He will testify and bear witness about Me."



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John 14:16-17 - Amplified Version

"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor–Counsellour, Strengthener, Standby), to be with you forever—he Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive [and take to its heart] because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He (the Holy Spirit) remains with you continually and will be in you."

Romans 8:26 NIV

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans."



SO HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

Assemblies of God Pentecostal Church:

"We believe in the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of Christ in the Church today."



1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

"Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil."



2 Timothy 1:6-7

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."



CONCLUSION:

""Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches."

Revelation 2:11 NLT

