

... our mission ...

**To know, love, and serve God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

... our values ...

**To know God...***Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior. Psalm 25:5*

**To love God...***to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, to obey his commands, to hold fast to him... Joshua 22:5*

**To serve God...***You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8*

*...and make disciples of all nations... Matthew 28:19*

**With all our heart, soul, mind and strength...** *Let us not love with just words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18*

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# welcome from Pastor Stan

Today is Pentecost Sunday and this morning we commemorate the day that Jesus' disciples were "... *baptized in the Holy Spirit* (Acts 1:5)." John Wesley experienced his baptism in the Holy Spirit in a small chapel in Aldersgate. Such a profound moment is remembered by a plaque on the wall that reads, "On this spot on May 24, 1738, John Wesley's heart was strangely warmed." The great Methodist preacher, Leslie Weatherhead recalls seeing an elderly man stopping to read that plaque. With tears the old man dropped to his knees and exclaimed, "Do it again, Lord! Do it again for me!" As we gather for worship this morning we pray expectantly that the Lord will do it again for us, so that our hearts too may be "strangely warmed."

## Pastor's study: Acts 2:1-12

The coming of the Holy Spirit was a fulfillment of an ancient prophesy, and He did not come quietly. The Spirit came with dynamic miracles of wind, fire and languages.

1.) Prior to Pentecost the disciples obediently waited to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. As they waited, they "... *joined together constantly in prayer* (Acts 1:14)." What role does waiting and prayer have in experiencing a baptism in the Holy Spirit?

2.) "*Suddenly a sound like the blowing of violent wind came from Heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire . . .* (vv. 2-3)." Why do you think the Holy Spirit came in such a dramatic way? What might wind and fire symbolize?

3.) We learn in v. 4 that they "... *began to speak in other tongues* (languages) *as the Spirit enabled them.*" What significance do you find in this particular miracle of the Holy Spirit? How might this miracle apply to Jesus' command in Acts 1:8?

4.) Many cultures and languages were represented at this Spirit-filled Pentecost, "*Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia . . .* (vv. 9-10)." With regard to salvation, what significance do you find in this being such a diverse group?

## today:

Nic and Kendra Gibson are serving in the nursery, for children newborn through age 3.

Marie Zupancic and Becky Scrougham will teach a lesson on missions in Children's Church this morning.

VBS Prep Party right after church! Lunch provided!

## this week:

Monday: Alpha Brown County in the fellowship hall, 5:50-8pm.

Wednesday: 6:00-6:30pm: Supper. Spaghetti, garlic bread,, and salad.

6:30-7:30: Children's program, teen group, and adult prayer/discussion group.

Thursday: Ladies prayer group, 10am.

## upcoming:

Sunday, June 3: Graduation open house for Halle Miller, 4-7pm in the fellowship hall. All are welcome.

**AHOY! Join us as we learn about being anchored in God's truth!**  
**SHIPWRECKED VBS**  
**Parkview Church of the Nazarene**  
**June 11-15 6:30-8:30PM**  
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## prayer needs:

Alpha guests and team • Violet Miller • Melissa Clark • Carol Farlee • Our schools • Ruby Pruitt • Mark Sisson • Josiah Green • Naomi Pruitt • Teresa Harden • Our church's ministry