



FAITH NOTES

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Church Family and Friends,

As you know, the Easter season runs for 50 days—from Resurrection Sunday to Pentecost. It was on Resurrection morning that Jesus rose from the grave defeating death and sin, and it was on Pentecost that the Holy Spirit was sent to all who believe. The Spirit is given to empower us in our daily walk in Christ, reminding us that we are His and His great love for us.

I heard a great story recently about staying connected to the Holy Spirit, and its importance in our lives. John Ed Mathison wrote in His book, *When God Redefines Possible*, a story of his struggle with the dishwasher.

As his wife asked him to put away the last of the dishes from supper one night, the only remaining task was to start the dishwasher. She had already loaded the detergent, she had it on the proper setting, just push the start button and walk away. John Ed, as any good husband would do, complied with her request. However, as he loaded his plate, closed the door and mashed the start button...nothing happened. He hit it again, touching the top and then the bottom of the button in case it was sensitive to that sort of thing. Nothing. He thought maybe using a different finger would work. Nada. He saw that among the many buttons on the dishwasher was one labeled “reset”. It didn’t reset or restart anything.

He finally admitted defeat and told his wife of his troubles. She said maybe by hitting extra buttons, he got it out of the proper starting place. He needed to hit the “normal” button, then “start” and it should go.

He proudly went back in, confident he would defeat this machine, but alas, the machine still did not work. Again, sheepishly, he went back to his wife. She headed off to the kitchen to solve the problem, he did not follow! But in a few minutes, he heard the undeniable sound of the dishwasher running. Swallowing his pride, he asked, what on earth did she do to get the thing running?

She explained (as she laughed at his humiliation) that there was an electrical switch on the wall that engages the power that enables the dishwasher to run. The power had to be on before the dishwasher would work!

A wonderful lesson to learn. No matter how fancy of a dishwasher one had, no matter how many bells and whistles it had on it, the dishwasher simply will not work if it is not connected to the power.

We are the same way. It doesn’t matter how much talent, resources, education, training, etc. we have, without power we can accomplish nothing. Praise be to God he gave us power, he gave us His own Spirit. Acts 1:8 says “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...”

We have the ability to overcome addiction, to be strong in the middle of stressful situations, to speak up for someone, to speak on behalf of Christ- the list goes on- not because of anything special about ourselves, but because we are blessed with power from on High. We are connected to God by the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we continue through the Easter season all the way to Pentecost Sunday, (which is actually the first Sunday of June this year) I want to encourage you to remember where your strength, your power comes from. When you are down, when you are discouraged, when you need strength for the moment, remember what Christ has done for you, remember the power of the Holy Spirit lives in you.

In Christ, Rev. Daniel





PRAYER REQUEST

RECENT PRAYER REQUESTS

(This list will be purged every two to three weeks, unless indicated otherwise in your prayer request.)

- *Gilda Knighton
- *family of Nancy Sindledecker
- *Lauri Chapman
- *Teresa Williams
- *Mickey Kessler
- *Harold Graham
- *Dell Bates
- *Marie Swaim
- *Barry Tolbert
- *David Boyle
- *Michael Colvard
- *Bryan Free
- *Tony & Kim Hendricks

- *Bonita Casey
- *Lindsay Allen
- *John Mays
- *Teddy & Sara Cox
- *Sandy Zook
- *Sharon Peavy
- *Cheryl Doyle
- *Jean Bonner
- *Cindy Pope
- *Joe Adcock
- *Steve Griffin
- *Kevin Beacraft
- *Greg & Jennifer Dobbins

LONG-TERM PRAYER NEEDS

- *Jerry & Carol Stombaugh
- *Linda Sue Warren
- *Walter Westbrook
- *Charlotte Davis
- *Elaine Ray
- *Dale Mayo
- *Sherry Tanner
- *Jimmy St. John
- *Tim Warren
- *Ava Gallahair
- *Our military personnel, police, fire, and rescue
- *The children & families of The Children's Home
- *Ginny Acton
- *George Girling
- *Marie Hendricks
- *Marion McCowan
- *Nell Hall
- *Carson McGraw
- *Michael Moyer
- *James Miller
- *Larry Gramling

OUR ASSISTED LIVING, NURSING HOME And HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

- *Milton Roe— *Piedmont Health Care Center in Piedmont, AL*
- *Willodean Gilbert— *Woodland Place in Southside, AL*
- *Peggy Chastain— *Meadowod Retirement Village*
- *Ann Corley— *Cherokee Village in Centre, AL*

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