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As we enter summer, we have come to the end of the study of Acts. What a rich study! The early church teaches us so much about how the body of Christ operates. I imagine you have been as impacted as I have been. The things that especially stand out about those early believers are their commitment to prayer, worship, giving, and the urgent, joyful mission to go out and share the good news. And, they did all this together! Just like us, they loved being together.

As I consider their lifestyle, and then look at all of you, I see marvelous similarities. You, too, pray consistently, worship regularly, give generously, and together we are learning the joys of inviting others to hear about the Lord Jesus Christ. And, when we invite others to experience God with us, God will “add to our number those who are being saved” (see Acts 2:47).

As we leave the story of Acts, we are going to talk about three basics that have to do with Christianity. They are, “believe, belong, and behave.” Who belongs to God? Is it hard to be a Christian? What do we have to do? Jesus said, “Come unto me who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest,” and “My yoke is easy and my burden is light” and “You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free.” That all sounds really good!

But sometimes Christians get a little wobbly about the basic truths of believing, belonging, and behaving and what makes us uniquely Christian. In fact, with the change in PC(USA) ordination standards that will happen this summer, it is very important to be clear on these truths so that when we communicate the gospel with others, we are being faithful.

If you have questions about any of these topics, be sure to let me know and I will address your questions throughout this sermon series. You can do so by sending an e-mail or calling the office. As we study, we will learn more and more how to share this wonderful lifestyle with our neighbors. Be prayerful about that, and ask God to help you see who you might talk with. I know God just can't wait to bless someone through you!

Peacefully,

Ginger

Words from Worship

Pentecost

June 12, 2011

The Christian Festival of Pentecost is based on the incident recounted in Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit came upon the Christian disciples gathered in the upper room at Jerusalem seven weeks after Easter. The appearance was made known by the sound "like the rush of a mighty wind" and by a light in the form of tongues "as of fire distributed and resting on each of them" (Acts 2:1-3)

The Jewish Pentecost which the disciples were celebrating at the time was the Feast of Weeks, a thanksgiving for the first fruits of the wheat harvest (Exodus 34:22). Later Christians in their worship for this week also remembered, by reading Number 11:24-30, the incident of the Spirit resting upon the seventy elder of Israel when they were in the wilderness with Moses.

Symbols appropriate to Pentecost are those indicating the appearance of god and his Holy Spirit. Chief among these is the dove. Red is the liturgical color used for the Day of Pentecost and it symbolizes the flames of fire seen at the time of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples in Jerusalem.

Symbols of our Faith

There are several symbols that represent Pentecost

- Tongues of fire** - The symbol of the power of the Holy Spirit.
- A sailing ship** - Representing the church
- A pomegranate** - Because of the unity of the many seeds in the one fruit, it is said to resemble the church.
- The Dove** - Most traditional symbol of the Holy Spirit (Luke 3. vs 21&22)
- The Seven Lamps** - The gifts of the spirit
- The font** - A symbol of our baptism into the body of Christ.



April 2010		April 2011	
4 April* (sunrise)	50	3 April	89
(10:30)	115	10 April	84
11 April	79	17 April	101
18 April	80	21 April**	102
25 April	87	22 April***	74
Easter Sunday		24 April (sunrise)	64
		(10:30)	127
		**Maundy Thursday	

April 2011	
Receipts	Expenditures
\$17,199	\$18,766
YTD income:	*\$66,514
YTD expenditures	\$88,881
Total Annual Budget:	\$218,200
*This includes memorial giving.	

Deficit **\$22,367**

In some of the letters from those we support, there have often been mentions of part of their job – checking the translation. Just how is that done? Recently I came across an article that had an interesting answer to that question. It comes from a publication of Wycliffe and gives a bit of insight into this task of a translator.

We Can't Have Two Josephs

Sometimes things seem perfectly clear when a translation team completes a first draft of a Scripture passage. But checking each verse of the draft often raises questions.

That's what happened to a team working in two Tanzanian languages—Zanaki and Ikuzu. The team included Patrick, a translation consultant; Michelle, a translation advisor; and several translators working in their mother tongues. Together they worked through some problem areas in their drafts of Luke chapters 1 and 2. Let's listen in.



Patrick: “In chapter 1, verse 64, your drafts say, ‘His tongue was untied.’ What does that mean?”

Translators: “It's an idiom for someone who talks after being silent.”

Michelle: “Is it normally ‘tongue’ or ‘mouth’ in the idiom?”

Ikuzu translators: “‘Tongue.’ It's correct as is.”

Zanaki translators: “We say ‘mouth’ and need to change it! We wrote ‘tongue’ because it's in the Swahili like that.”

Michelle: “In chapter 2, verse 4, your drafts say, ‘In the town of Nazareth, there was a man named Joseph.’ Will readers think he's a new character in the story?”

Translators: “Yes—that's how we introduce new people.”

Michelle: “But we met Joseph in chapter 1, verse 27.”

Translators: “Oh no! You're right. It sounds like there are two Josephs!”

Patrick: “In chapter 2, verse 11, your drafts have the phrase ‘city of David.’ What does it mean for a city to be of someone?”

Translators: “That he was from it; that his descendants live there.”

Patrick: “Great. That works well.”

So you see, checking is not just looking for errors in spelling, or missing phrases, but also looks for clarity issues and strives for good understanding of the meaning of the passage. It is no wonder then that those who work in this area know the Word so well. And let's keep praying for all translators, translation checkers, and consultants!

From Our Youth

Our leaders have been discussing what is coming up ahead for the Youth Group. We're looking forward to a lot of exciting things this summer:

We will be heading to downtown Dallas to serve at the **Stewpot** during the week of **July 16-24**. During this week we will be hosting the Idaho Falls Youth group once again here at church. For those of you who love being hospitable (includes anyone who claims to be a Christian) please contact Steve or Anna about some of our needs for that week. Namely we will need a **place for the students to shower** during the weekends as well as a few **sleeping bags and pillows**. You can learn more about the Stewpot ministry at <http://www.thestewpot.org/summer.asp>.



Our Summer teaching topic will be: Relationships. The plan will be for Steve to teach each week as well as have a leader or student give their testimony with respect to the given topic (friends, mentors, ...). These teachings will cover all the different spheres of relationships. Our goal is to help the students to see the kinds of relationships God has planned for them and what it will take to get there. The leaders will be giving their testimony while we eat barbeque and swim, since our Sunday meetings will be pool parties!

Financial Update: nWhoops!—looks like we haven't let you know about our earnings from the Valentines Day fundraiser. The good news is that no one ran off with the money. We actually earned \$546! We are so thankful for all of you who came and supported our youth!

Finally, congratulations to **Grant Everett** for graduating high school! We've been blessed to have Grant in the youth group over the last year and am excited for his future. Grant is a bright, energetic guy who will continue to be a blessing as he moves forward. In the meantime, we are going to try to rope him into coming back to the youth group as a student leader. Ssshhh don't tell Grant that we wrote this in the Newsletter!

Once again, if you would like to loan pillows or sleeping bags, or open up your home for showers, please do not hesitate to contact Anna Murphy or Steve Netniss.

Steve Netniss & Allison Jackson



Church Work Day

We are planning Church Work Day on Saturday morning June 4 from 9 am to 12 pm. Outside, we need to trim hedges, mow and weed. Inside, we need to clean windows, floors, trash cans, refrigerator and stove, etc. We will have a hot dog lunch at noon for all who come to help! Besides getting a lot accomplished, this is always a time for lots of fun and fellowship as well. Hope to see you there!!



Presbyterian Women News

Our Spring Plant and Bake Sale was a big success and we heartily thank all who brought items to sell and those who so generously purchased our plants and baked goods! We made almost \$800 and the proceeds of the sale will go toward helping to fund our PW projects here at the church and our mission projects. Our most recent project here at the church was the improvements to the flower garden along the walkway to the Sanctuary. And Our PW mission project this year through the Presbyterian Outreach Foundation is the Home of Hope in Harare, Zimbabwe. The Home of Hope reaches out to street children and their families who live in very dangerous and difficult circumstances. Again, **thank you** all for your participation and your generosity!!

Circle Gatherings:



We are finishing up our 2010-2011 Horizons Bible Study, Journeys through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today. In September we will be starting a new study on the Beatitudes, and we encourage all women of the church to attend one of our circles:

Agape Circle meets in the daytime and Sarah Circle meets in the evening. **All newcomers are welcome!**

Agape Circle will meet at 1 pm on **Wednesday**, June 8 at the home of Billie Cowand, 342 Lakeview Circle, Duncanville. We will be studying Lesson 9 which is the final lesson in our study books. Please note that this month we are meeting on **Wednesday**, rather than on Thursday!

Sarah Circle will not meet again until Thursday, **September 8**. We'll let you know the meeting place later.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

June 2011

10:30 A.M. SERVICE



June 5

Greeters:	Tom Harmon, Doris Metzger
Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
Liturgist:	Dub Guthrie
Children's Church:	Helen Barton
Nursery Volunteer:	Sharon Ingram
Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
Communion Servers:	Dub Guthrie, Anna Murphy, Eugene Jimmerson, Diane Pegues, Tom Harmon & Joan Brown

June 19

Lori Glover, Bob Harrison
Albert Teel, Bob Moore
Leo Skinner
Lori Glover
Helen Barton
Lori Glover, Bob Harrison

June 12

Greeters:	Helen Barton, Bob Moore
Ushers:	Bob Moore, Eddie Cowand
Liturgist:	Doris Metzger
Children's Church:	Gail Haynes
Nursery Volunteer:	Jocelyn Bolles
Tellers:	Mickey Jespersen, Leo Skinner

June 26

Eddie Cowand, Sharon Ingram
Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues
Janet Stahl
Anna Murphy
Joan Brown
Paul Barton, Tom Harmon

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FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR ~ JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	FRIDAY	Saturday
			1 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	2 ASCENSION DAY! John Alsop Ruth Yingst Gary & Nita Malone	3 Carol McKinney Ryan & Marjorie Ochs, Colvin & Georgia Burle Murphy	4 Dorothy Cleary T.J. & Eugene Dudley Austin Allen & Wanda Shipman
5 Jim & Pam Loyd Paul & Helen Barton Reid Bunger Paul & Claudia Griffith	6 Eddie & Darlene Cowand Christy Cowand Brandon Pat Sparr	7 Albert & Sarah Teel Savannah Bob & Liz Moore Gail Haynes Dean & Ginger Hertenstein	8 Dub & Gwen Guthrie Melisa, Carol, & Neal Leo & Marlene Skinner	9 Eunice Pike Robert & Catherine Eagle David Hertenstein Evelyn Lenora Dalton	10 Nadine AbuMarkhia Ariel & Leah Dick & Nancy Bergman Darrin Williams	11 Malcolm Perrault James & Beth Ann Black Jack & Diane Pegues Anthony Jennings
12 PENTECOST! Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle	13 Roy & Wendy Jensen Don & Edie Burquest Dave & Jocelyn Bolles	14 Eddie & Brenda Everett Jocelyn, Natalie, & Grant Steve Netniss	15 Kevin & Tonya Jespersen Mickey & Betty Jespersen Winfred Cook	16 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan Tom & Lois Harmon	17 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson	18 Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R. Bob & Nancy Harrison
19 Darrell & Sharon Ingram Jay & Jessica Donna To	20 Stan & June West Sara & Matthew Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz	21 Irving & Peggy Kezar Steve & Marna Bayless	22 Jim & Janet Stahl Gary & Linda Simons Rachel Simons	23 Evelyn Pike George & Mary Huttar The Schaefers	24 Carol Onwig Billie Cowand Doris Metzger Joan Brown	25 Don & Sheri Trask Jim & Andrene Hull
26 David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden, Beau	27 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew	28 Andrew & Ashley Dittman Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie	29 Susan Murphy Anna Murphy Nicholas & Heather	30 Larry & Margaret Lewis Boyd Roberts Connie Steger		

Christian Education
Worship Service
Youth Group

— 9:15 a.m.
— 10:30 a.m.
— 4:30-6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Birthdays



Rachel Simons – 6/7
Kent Glover – 6/11
Katherine Liddle – 6/11
Nancy Harrison – 6/14
Susan Murphy – 6/17
Nita Malone – 6/21

a birthday prayer

*"So teach us to number our days, that we
may apply our hearts unto wisdom." -*

Psalm 90:12

Bible Quiz for the Church's birthday!

On Pentecost Sunday, many altars and pulpits will have red cloths on them, many pastors will wear red stoles around their necks, and many members will wear red clothing. Acts 2:3 hints at the reason for using the color red. That verse tells of a meeting at which something was resting on each person present. What was it?



- A. red birds
- B. something like flames of fire
- C. red pieces of cloth

