



The Cross and The Flame

June 2011

Pentecost Sunday June 12th, 2011

But you shall Receive POWER.
(Acts 1:8)

There is power for all Christians that is too often not known. We can try to follow the supernatural commands of the Lord, without walking in the power essential to live them out. (like loving our enemies etc.)

Acts 8:18 When Simon saw that the Holy Spirit was given when the apostles placed their hands upon people's heads, he offered money to buy this power.

I remember when I first understood this passage I realized I had nothing as a Christian anyone would really want... let alone anything for which they would pay good money.

What would it take for us as a to exhibit such a reality of the Lord's power that people would desire what we have? Here are some passages to inspire us.

Rom. 8:2 For the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you through Christ Jesus from the power of sin that leads to death.

Gal. 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...

Eph. 3:16 I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength (power) through his Holy Spirit.

Eph 6:18a Pray at all times and on every occasion in the power of the Holy Spirit.

2Ti 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are.

John 14:12a I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these...

Acts 19:2 "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" he asked them. "No," they replied, "we don't know what you mean. We haven't even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

Lord, we want the fullness of your Spirit in our lives the way the you desire... Hear our prayer:

Wind of the Spirit blow on us;
Wind of the Spirit set us free;
O Father send your blessed Holy Spirit.

Jesus told us all about you,
How we could not live without you
With his blood the power bought
to help us live the life he taught.

When we're weary you console us;
When we're lonely you enfold us;
When in danger you uphold us,
blessed Holy Spirit

When unto the church you came,
it was not in your own but Jesus name
Jesus Christ is still the same,
he sends the Holy Spirit

Set us free to love our brothers;
Set us free to live for others
That the world the Son might see
and Jesus' name exalted

Pastor John

Congratulations to our 2011 Graduates!

12th grade

Demetrio Bazan
Matthew Fawcette
Jocelyn Ketsdever
Elizabeth Lindhart
Marissa Marriott
Mikaela McFarland
Kerianne Occhino
Julie Ruck
Stephanie Schussman
Gina Sutton



Preschool

Greetings from your Preschool

Boy Scout Troop #567 is awesome! They have gone over and beyond the call of duty for our preschool. Whenever the preschool needs their help they are right there. THANK YOU, Boy Scouts for moving all those chairs, setting up the tables, taking them down, putting them away, and then putting the sanctuary all back in order again! They did this 3 TIMES! God Bless our Boy Scouts!

In April, the preschool had a Trike-a-Thon for St Jude Children's Hospital. The children raised over \$1000 for the children of St Jude Hospital. The children did such a fabulous job.

The school year is winding down. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Donna McInteer, Director



Look us up!

June Birthdays!

- 1 Jere Vandewalle
- 2 Rose Castellvi
- 4 Gary Ashcraft
Suzanne Oden
- 6 Kathleen McFarland
- 8 Tesla Silvers
- 9 David Williams
- 11 John Della Santa
Vincent Occhino
- 13 Bill Price
Julie Rimdzius
- 14 Sandra Alvillar
Joy Bonthius
- 16 Linda Miller
- 17 Kent Stewart
- 18 Nancy Jarachovic
- 20 Steve Miller
Suzanna
- Vandewalle
- 24 Hannah Alves
Fiona Cash
- 28 Reed Anderson

*If your name has accidentally
been left off the birthday list,
please call the church office
and let us know!
Thank you!*



UMM Anual Softball Game & Kite Day!



Sunday, June 5th from 1-6pm
Mile Square Park ♦ Diamond #3



Come one, come all! Join the game, or cheer from the sidelines! Fly your favorite kite! Come enjoy a beautiful day in So Cal at Mile Square park! Hot dogs, Hamburgers, and sodas will be provided by the UMM

Things to bring:

1. Your own baseball mitt
2. Your own kite
3. Chairs/blankets
4. Bikes/dogs (on a leash—per park rules)
5. Parking is \$5 in the park,
or park on the street for free

UNITED METHODIST

MEN

MEN'S MINISTRY ALIVE AND WELL!

Men's Breakfast

May 7, 2011
7:30-9:00 AM

@ Carrows of Huntington Beach
 (16931 Magnolia St.)



United Methodist Women

Patriotic Potluck

Tuesday, June 14th, 2011

11:00 a.m. in the
 Sanctuary
 All women of the
 church are
 invited.

Potluck

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9 a.m. United Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Connection 1:00 Softball and Kites @ Mile Sq. Park	6 1:00 pm Prayer 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal @ HBUMC	7 11:00 Moms In Touch 6:30 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Trustees	8 9:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 MASH 4077 6:30 Youth Group 6:45 Prayer Group	9 6:00a MASH 2077 10:00 Faith, Fun, & Fellowship 11:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Lifted Arms 7:00 Bible Study 7:00 Fishers of Men 7:00 Young Adult Bible Study	10 Church Office Closed 6:30 MASH 3077 1:00 Word by Word	11 7:30 Men's Bible Study 8:00 White As Snow 8:00 Welcome Home 10:30 am UMM Exec Brd
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News From Our Sister Church...

First United Methodist Church of Huntington Beach

Wednesday's Worker Warriors
or Christian Construction Company

Matthew 18:20: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (NRSV)

Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m., this small group open to all adults over the age of 21 and will meet in room 34 at FUMCHUB. The purpose of this group is to:

- *provide fellowship for volunteer church members and/or their guests
- *provide a fellowship bible study and prayer based on the readings of the Upper Room
- *reintroduce members to bible reading schedule thus building our spiritual life
- *provide an outlet for member skills put to use with church upkeep thus building God's house

Meetings will start at 8:30 a.m. for study and prayer being held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's of the month. Following the study and prayer, the group will work until approximately 11 a.m. and close with a prayer.

Schedule for June-August

June 8th - *Session: The Extra Mile*

June 22nd - *Session: Formed In Us*

July 13th - *Session: In Times of Need*

July 27th - *Session: Highly Favored*

August 10th - *Session: Roots of Bitterness*

August 24th - *Session: God's Steadfast Love*

Skills needed for group membership:

1. Willingness to pray.
2. Light candles and write in a notebook.
3. Identify and use at least three of these: Phillips screw driver, slot screw driver, sandpaper, drill, two step ladder, and paint brush.



This camp ministry serves kids from group homes or in foster care mostly in Orange County. Many have been abused. All have suffered the trauma of having been suddenly separated from their families. Our mission is to take these kids under our care for one week, model the love of Jesus Christ, demonstrate that there are loving adults whom they can trust, build their self-esteem by treating them like "royalty," and most importantly, teach them that there is a God that loves them and has a positive plan and purpose for their life despite their current circumstances. In short, our goal is to provide a positive memory and plant a seed of hope for them to build on.

2011 Camp — Sunday - Friday — July 17-22

There are many opportunities to serve from being a counselor to support staff for such things as painting, crafts, drama, music, reading Bible stories, photography, etc. The camp is near San Diego and there is no KP duty! Contact George Behr (714.963.6819 – George@Nouvation.com) for more info.

DISCIPLE MAKERS FOLLOW JESUS

(John 13:35)

1. SALVATION: They have assurance of their new birth.

And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. I John 5:11&12

2. LORDSHIP: They have surrendered to Jesus as Lord; taking steps to separate from sin.

And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, & follow Me. Luke 9:23

3. HOLY SPIRIT: They are Spirit filled.

"... be filled with the Spirit." Eph 5:18 "....you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you" Acts 1:8

4. BIBLE: They are abiding in & growing in knowledge & application of The Word of God.

"If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; & you shall know the truth, & the truth shall make you free." John 8:31-32

5. PRAYER: They have a relationship with Christ that is real and personal. They Communicate with God: Worship

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you. "By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. John 15:7&8

6. CHURCH: They are baptized members of a local church, in fellowship, small group accountability and stewards of:

***Time: Regular involvement Worship/ Sacraments/ Ministry**

***Gifts: Tithing money *Service: Using their spiritual gifts**
Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. I Cor.12:27

7. WITNESS: They are reproductive: Making Disciples sharing the Gospel in Word, Works, and Life-style:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you;" Matthew 28:19-20

Letting go of Resentments

For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great. And armed with cruel hate. On earth is not his equal.

Martin Luther knew this truth only too well when he wrote these words in the hymn "A mighty fortress is our God."

The methods of our enemy are legion (innumerable). His work is crafty. Deception is key to his game plan, so we often don't recognize that we are getting off track.

Resentments can become part of that scheme. They can convince us they're justified. They can harden our hearts toward others. They can sabotage our happiness. They can sabotage love. They can rob us of expressing God's Grace.

Most of us have been at the receiving end of an injustice at some time in our lives. Most of us also know someone who's complained of an injustice we've done to them. Life can be a breeding ground for resentments, if we let it.

"Yes, but this time I really was wronged," we complain. You probably were. But harboring resentment isn't God's solution. If it were, our resentment lists would be long. It's our job to align our feelings with the Lord's Grace. Ask Him to teach us whatever lesson is at hand. And then let the feelings go even if we are still asked to address the wrong.

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Resentments are a form of revenge. The problem is, no matter whom we're resenting, the anger is ultimately directed against ourselves.

Resentment can even BE directed at ourselves. This is another crafty tool of the enemy. *Job 5:2a Resentment kills a fool...*

Lord, give us Grace to live free from condemnation toward ourselves and others.

Romans 12:19 Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God. For it is written, "I will take vengeance; I will repay those who deserve it," says the Lord. (inspired by a Hazelden devotional)

MISSION UPDATE:

Special Update: Joplin Tornado Hits UM Churches

Several UM churches in Joplin, Mo., were scrambling to provide shelter Monday morning for church members and others whose homes were damaged by a tornado on May 22 at 6:00 p.m. At least two other churches suffered extensive damage. The Joplin Globe reported 89 deaths as a result of the tornado. A major hospital, St. John's Regional Medical Center, took a direct hit from the tornado and has since been vacated. Two firehouses were destroyed.

In a May 23 statement, Missouri Bishop Robert Schnase invited United Methodists "to respond prayerfully, courageously and generously" to the Joplin disaster. "Our hearts and prayers go out to all those who grieve the loss of loved ones and who have suffered the destruction of homes and businesses following Sunday's devastating tornado in Joplin." At least 14 UM annual conferences have been affected by tornados or storms this spring. UMs are also responding to deadly tornadoes that touched down over the weekend in Kansas and Minnesota. The twisters left at least one person dead in northern Minneapolis and killed another in Reading, a town of about 250 people in eastern Kansas. Winds ripped off the roof of Reading UMC, and the building may be a total loss. Make donations online to help UMCOR respond to "Spring Storms 2011." —**Linda Bloom, UMNS**

This message received from Bishop Robert Schnase, Missouri Conference, to all Bishops and Conferences:

I give God thanks for every one of you for your many kind emails, voice messages, phone calls, and expressions of concern following the devastating tornado that destroyed much of Joplin, MO.

Among those killed were several United Methodists, and every United Methodist Church in the area has members who have lost their homes. All our pastors and church staff are safe. We lost two church buildings, including St. Paul United Methodist Church (a large, strong, vibrant congregation with an average attendance of close to 1000), and we lost the District Superintendent's Office. Several other churches and parsonages received more limited damage. The hospital and five of the seven schools in Joplin were nearly completely destroyed.

The Missouri Conference Disaster Response team has been active and effective from the earliest hours, and many of our churches have sent trained First Responder teams. Tom Hazlewood from UMCOR was on the ground in Joplin within 24 hours. Many of you have generously offered funds directly to the Missouri Conference and others have expressed your intention of supporting the UMCOR Spring Storms appeal. All of your gifts are appreciated.

Tornadoes and hurricanes and floods and fires can

take away our beloved and sacred places in a moment's time, but the love of God that binds us to another is not nearly so vulnerable. God's persistent and persevering love causes us to reach out to help a neighbor and to embrace strangers and to assist one another in the rebuilding of lives. The church is not the pile of lumber and bricks left after the destroying winds and rains; the church is the gathering of people standing above the rubble unified by the spirit of Christ to love and serve others. The church is the people counseling one another through unfathomable grief and loss. The church is people risking lives for their neighbors and opening their homes to strangers. The church is people across the state and nation and world praying and giving and preparing to offer their best and highest in service to help rebuild lives. The church is alive and vigorous and redeeming. It is grace in every gesture and love in every action. The church is the body of Christ doing the things Jesus did in Jesus' name today.

Thanks to you, United Methodists will rebuild in Joplin. On behalf of others of our colleagues whose areas have been affected by tornados and floods, I strongly encourage you to lift up the UMCOR Spring Storms appeal. Your help is appreciated.

***Yours in Christ,
Bishop Robert Schnase
Missouri Conference***

Love God

Love your neighbor

Connect in Ministry

*GO to those
who don't know*

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:45 The Awakening
Hymns & Praise

9:00 United Worship
Family Service

10:45 Connection
Contemporary
And
Sunday School
Classes for all ages

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