



AGENDA – NOV 5TH, 2020

- Announcements
- Vision
- Immediate Needs
- Intentionality
- Knowledge Sharing
- Bible Teaching or Leadership Training
- Prayer and Praise



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Parents' Night Out, Nov 6th, 6-10pm
 - Register at facebook.com/connectionsmcgregor
- Meet and Greet, Nov 8th, 5:30pm
 - RSVP to be included in a free dinner
- Park the Ark, Nov 14th, 9am



VISION

We want every one in McGregor to have an opportunity to experience the *active* love and presence of God.



IMMEDIATE NEEDS

- Worship Team
- Portable Sound System
- Small Groups
- Volunteers for Connections
- Outreach Coordinator
- Prayer Team Leader



INTENTIONALITY

- 15 mins/week in prayer for ALC
- Identify 3 people to share the gospel with (by name)
- Identify 1 ministry within ALC that you'd like to help grow



KNOWLEDGE SHARING

- For your area of ministry(s)
 - What are you doing to improve it/yourself?
 - What have you learned?
 - What needs do you anticipate?
 - What support do you need from the rest of the team?



ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

- 4 Core Doctrines
 - Salvation, Healing, Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Second Coming of Jesus
- 16 Fundamental Truths
 - The Scriptures Inspired
 - The One True God
 - The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ
 - The Fall of Man
 - The Salvation of Man
 - The Ordinances of the Church
 - The Baptism in the Holy Spirit
 - The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit
 - Sanctification
 - The Church and Its Mission
 - The Ministry
 - Divine Healing
 - The Blessed Hope
 - The Millennial Reign of Christ
 - The Final Judgment
 - The New Heavens and the New Earth



BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Bible talks about two different baptisms
 - **John the Baptist:** “I baptize you with **water** for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the **Holy Spirit and fire.**” – Matthew 3:11
 - **Jesus:** “Wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with **water**, but in a few days you will be baptized with the **Holy Spirit.**” – Acts 1:4-5



1. John the Baptist knew the best was yet to come
2. we don't have any indication in the Bible that Jesus ever performed a water baptism
3. we as believers should do some serious bible study to understand WHAT it is and WHY God wants to give us this gift

WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN?

- Greek word *Baptizo* actually means ‘to be fully immersed’, to submerge, to be overwhelmed.
- Being baptized by the Holy Spirit means you have been filled with the Holy Spirit to the point that you can’t help but leak out the Holy Spirit in your daily lives.



* Let's be honest, if it was illegal to be Christian would there be ample evidence on M thru S to convict you?

* Is there a doubt in anyone's mind who knows you what you are placing your hope in?

WHAT IS IT FOR?

- Jesus: “You will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will **be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” – Acts 1:8
- *Dunamis* - greek word from which we get the word **dynamite**
- Supernatural power of **God** for the **preaching of the gospel!**



SUPERNATURAL POWER?

- After the disciples were baptized by the HS in Acts 2, they began preaching the gospel with boldness, and performing miracles just like Jesus!
- These miracles were the manifestation of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Gifts are given freely by the giver, to preach the gospel, just ask!



WHAT KIND OF POWER?

- 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, 27-31 lists *some* the Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Agrippa said that Paul could have been released if he had not appealed to Caesar, good play Paul!

Stephen had a vision of heaven and asked that the sins of his attackers be forgiven
[16](#)Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

Matt 10:8, Luke 9,10: Jesus sends out the 72 with the same charge: heal the sick
Paul cursed Elymas with blindness for hindering Paul's witness to the proconsul.

WHAT KIND OF POWER?

- 1 Corinthians 12 lists *some* of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
 - Supernatural Knowledge – Peter with Ananias and Sapphira – Acts 5
 - Supernatural Wisdom – Paul appeals to Caesar – Acts 26
 - Faith – Stephen asks for the forgiveness of his murderers – Acts 7
 - Healing – Apostles healed *many* people - Acts 5
 - Jesus sends out the 72 to heal and proclaim the Kingdom of God is near - Luke 10:9
 - Miracles – Peter and Paul both raised people from the dead – Acts 9,20
 - Prophecy – Paul knew the ship would be lost but all will live – Acts 27
 - Discernment of Spirits – Paul called Elymas 'son of the devil' – Acts 13
 - Ability to speak or interpret new languages – Paul boasts his tongues – 1 Cor 14:18



Agrippa said that Paul could have been released if he had not appealed to Caesar, good play Paul!

Stephen had a vision of heaven and asked that the sins of his attackers be forgiven

[16](#)Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

Matt 10:8, Luke 9,10: Jesus sends out the 72 with the same charge: heal the sick

Paul cursed Elymas with blindness for hindering Paul's witness to the proconsul.

SUPERNATURAL KNOWLEDGE

- Acts 5



SUPERNATURAL WISDOM

- Acts 26



Agrippa said that Paul could have been released if he had not appealed to Caesar, good play Paul!

FAITH

- Acts 7



Stephen had a vision of heaven and asked that the sins of his attackers be forgiven

HEALING

- Acts 5



16Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

Matt 10:8, Luke 9 ,10: Jesus sends out the 72 with the same charge: heal the sick

MIRACLES

- Acts 9,20



PROPHECY

- Acts 27



DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS

- Acts 13



Paul cursed Elymas with blindness for hindering Paul's witness to the proconsul.

TONGUES AND INTERPRETATION

- 1 Cor 14:18



Paul boasts that he speaks in tongues more than anyone

IS THAT REALLY FOR ME?

- Jesus says clearly in Mark 16:17 and John 14:12, and many other verses, that he expects miracles will follow all believers.
- Peter's sermon in Acts 2 quotes Joel 2:

²⁸ I will pour out my Spirit on **all people**.

Your **sons** and **daughters** will prophesy,
your **old** men will dream dreams,
your **young** men will see visions.

²⁹ **Even** on my **servants**, both **men** and **women**,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.



This verse says **all people**, and gives examples of all genders, all ages, all socio-economic classes.

WHAT MUST I DO?

- Desire these Gifts of the Spirit – 1 Cor 12:31, 1 Cor 14:1
- Remember this is a promise from Jesus – Acts 1:4
- Remember the Gifts are for witnessing – Acts 1:8
- Remember that God wants to dwell in you – 1 John 3:16
- Believe that God only gives good gifts – Matt 7:9-12, James 1:17
- “Everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened” – Matt 7:8



1 John 3:16 tells us that we who believe are the modern-day Ark of the Covenant, God’s Spirit lives in you! In the Old Testament, wherever the Ark of the Covenant was, amazing things happened! The Israelites even carried it out to battle with them to be victorious.



Our Father,

Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.

Amen

NEXT WEEK

- Evidences of Baptism of the Holy Spirit



PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Shed the past week (repent, give it to God)
- Connect with God (who am I in Christ?)
- Utilize the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Prepare for the week ahead

