



The Builder

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Dear friends in Christ,

On Sunday, May 24, we celebrate the day of Pentecost. Along with Christmas and Easter it is one of the most important days in the Christian faith. It marks the birthday of the Church because it was on the day of Pentecost, fifty days after the resurrection, that Jesus' promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit was fulfilled. Before this day the Holy Spirit had been with the disciples; now the Spirit had come to live in them. The Holy Spirit made a collection of individual disciples into the Body of Christ, the Church.

From the day of Pentecost onward we see a dramatic change in the lives of the disciples. They went from being afraid and hiding behind locked doors to being bold and vocal in proclaiming the gospel message. They went from uncertainty and doubts to having an unswerving conviction of faith that Jesus is Lord. They had a new power, a new presence, and a new purpose in their lives. It was the gift of the Holy Spirit that made all this, and more, possible.

As we celebrate Pentecost today it is not simply a time for us to remember what happened about 2,000 years ago. It is meant to remind us that the same Holy Spirit lives in believers today. When we become a disciple of Jesus Christ, putting our trust in Him as our Savior and committing ourselves to following Him as Lord, Jesus comes to live in us through the presence of His Spirit. The Spirit then begins the work of transforming us to be more like Christ and empowering us to continue the work of Christ's kingdom.

We may not have even known about the Holy Spirit's presence and work in us when we first became Christians, we may not have been taught how the Spirit gives us gifts to use in service. God's Spirit still works in us but our lack of knowledge limits that work. This would be like a person who never knew that an inheritance had been left to them, struggling through their life to make ends meet when all the time they had millions of dollars sitting in the bank waiting for them to use. When we learn all that God desires for us, all that God does for us through the Holy Spirit, our lives are changed. We begin experiencing more joy, more effectiveness, more power, more of God's presence.

So, for this year's celebration of Pentecost I would like us to think about our lives. Do we know the Spirit's presence living in us? Are we working with the Spirit in producing the fruit of the Spirit to become more like Jesus? Have we found our gifts and are we using them in building up the church? Do we use the power that God has made available to us? We don't get more of the Spirit, we already have the Spirit's fullness, but we can give the Holy Spirit more of ourselves.

May this Pentecost be a time of renewal and growth for all of us as we seek to be filled and led by the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Leigh



EASTER HIGHLIGHTS



Cheryl Greene ~ Organist



Jim Plummer gives the Easter Monologue
"Believe: Soldier at the Cross"



Happy Birthday in May:

3 ~ Pastor Leigh Johnson

25 ~ Anne Rodriguez

Sunday, May 10

On Thursday, May 7, America will observe the “National Day of Prayer”.
This year’s theme: “Glorify God Among the Nations – Seeking Him in All Generations”



A prayer service will be held at the flagpole next to the W.W. Town Hall on May 7 beginning at 12: 15 p.m.

Did you know there’s a place where everyone is welcome, it’s **FREE** to join and the possibilities are limitless?

A quiet place to read and/or study; activities for all ages; DVD & Audio books; passes for museums and other attractions and lots more ~ not just books? You guessed it – the local library! Stop in today and check it out!

Tithes, Gifts and/or Offerings

An offering plate is at the back of the sanctuary to place your tithes, gifts and/or offerings, either before or following the worship service.

If you prefer you may also drop these in our mailbox located outside, left of our front door. Please add your envelope number in the memo line of your check and for security purposes place checks in an envelope. Thank you.

Thank you to all who have given to the America for Christ Offering.

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Special offering envelopes are in the pew racks.

The
**Wisdom and
Power of**  **Storytelling**

A meeting of the Board of Deacons will be held on Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor.



ATTENTION ALL BOARD MEMBERS & CHAIRPERSONS OF EACH COMMITTEE ~

A meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Please be on time for this very important meeting. Thank you!

The Phenix Baptist Annual Shower will be held in the parlor from 1 – 3 p.m. on a Saturday – hopefully in May.

This year our Guest of Honor will be from Horgan Elementary School. Our shower is happening later than usual because the school employees had to wait for permission from the Superintendent. She said, “okay” as school vacation started. So the list of items were locked in the school. We received a list of what our contact could remember...

- Boys and Girls size 6, 7/8 and 10/12 underwear
- Boys and Girls size S, M, L, XL sweatpants
- Bottled water
- Pull-up over nights size s/m (40-70 lbs)
- Granola bars (no nuts)
- Breakfast bars (no nuts)
- Toiletry bags
- Travel size Toothpaste
- Travel size Toothbrushes
- Travel size Deodorant
- Travel size Soap
- Travel size Shampoo/conditioner
- Brushes
- Combs



I don't know if more items will be added to the list after school opens on Monday. If so I will update the sign-up list and create an insert for the bulletin.

As like our other showers, please wrap whatever items you can as these are intended to be gifts. There will be two people coming to the shower to tell us what they do with the items we gather for them.

Other than it will be on a Saturday between 1 and 3p.m. (since school ends soon – and we should be planning for our ladies banquet) I'm not sure when the shower will occur. I asked if there is any Saturday they can't make it and expect I'll hear back from them after they meet again at school. Just remember the list above is what was mentioned as the most needed at this time.

I pray we can once again come together as a blessing for this opportunity to be God's hands.

In His service, Laurie

YOUR ARTICLE HERE

Do you have an article, upcoming event, recipe, etc. you would like to share? Please email to the church office phenixbc@verizon.net.

Statement of Purpose

*We are called by God to tell everyone about Jesus.
We invite you into a personal relationship with Him,
and into our community of changed lives where we
support each other, praise God together,
and share our gifts in love.*

at the table

everyone welcome

what do you think?

Curious about faith?

At Alpha, you can ask anything—it's a safe space to question life, faith, and meaning. Everyone is welcome. You're invited no matter your background or beliefs. Alpha is free, and there's no pressure to come back.



Coming Soon . Join the
conversation

alphausa.org

See Jim Plummer

information!

for more

Bible Word Search: Power in Your Words!!

contributed by Nickcola Webster

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Circle each word. After you have found all the words, arrange the leftover letters in the correct order to form the mystery answer.



Be silent, Bible, Blessing,
Colossians, Conqueror, Declare,
Favor, Glory, Gods will, Grateful,
Happiness, Holy Spirit, Honor,
Hope, Humility, Inspiring, Jesus,
Joy, Love, Matthew, Mercy, Mouth,
Nurturing, Promises, Proverbs,
Respectful, Romans, Speak life,
Strength, Success, Testimony,
Thankful, Truth, Uplifting, Yes and
amen

Answer: -----

Last month's answer: Ancient times

If you want to play online click on [Power in Your Words!!](#)

BIBLE TRIVIA – Birds

- 1.) On which day of creation did God create chickens?
 - a. Third

- b. Fourth
 - c. Fifth
 - d. Sixth
- 2.) **Which two birds did Noah send out from the ark after the flood?**
- a. Raven and dove
 - b. Crow and pigeon
 - c. Swan and goose
 - d. Two ravens
- 3.) **On the wilderness journey, God gave the people what birds to eat?**
- A. Quail
 - b. pigeons.
 - c. doves
 - d. ravens
- 4.) **Which prophet was fed by ravens?**
- a. Elijah
 - b. Elishah
 - c. Ahijah
 - d. Micah
- 5.) **What was the value of two sparrows in Jesus day?**
- a. One piece of silver
 - b. One bag of salt
 - c. One mite
 - d. One farthing
- 6.) **The first of the four beasts in Revelation was like a lion, the second like a calf, the third had a face as a man, but the fourth beast was like...**
- a. a white dove.
 - b. a hungry raven.
 - c. a flying eagle
 - d. an evil foul.
- 7.) **In Psalm, David wrote, "And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and..."**
- a. return no more
 - b. be at rest
 - c. bring thee with me.
 - d. die in peace
- 8.) **Whose hair was grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws?**
- a. Elisha
 - b. Ezekiel
 - c. Job
 - d. Nebuchadnezzar
- 9.) **Who said, "I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls?"**
- a. Job
 - b. Jesus
 - c. Michael
 - d. Moses
- 10.) **Who was Jesus speaking to when he said, "Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap; have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them: how much more are ye better than these?"**
- a. The Saducees
 - b. The Pharisees
 - c. The disciples
 - d. Mary and Martha

The answers from last month were 1) b. Took them captive 2) c. Corn 3) a. Slaughtered them with the sword 4) b. Took them captive 5) d. white 6) c. Jair 7) a. Give no further thought to them, for they have been found 8) a. Slaughtered them with the sword 9) d. Alighted from the donkey, bowing to the ground before David. 10) d. So that she could travel quickly to visit Elisha

BLESSINGS!

Martha