

Humor

How do you make a good egg roll?

You push it down a hill.

I got fired from the calendar factory,
just for taking off a day

My ceiling isn't the best but,
it's up there.

Took my husband grocery shopping. We got home,
took off our masks and doggone it,
I brought home the wrong husband.

**Sunday Worship Service Suspended
until further notice.**

**Sunday School and Bible Study suspended
until further notice.**

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July 2020 Newsletter

In Observance of the Fourth of July. United States of America's Independence Day!

Submitted by Nancy Vitek

Take a knee...

I don't think I've ever read anything more powerful than this piece.

It was written by Ted Nugent

Take a little trip to Valley Forge in January. Hold a musket ball in your Fingers and imagine it piercing your flesh and breaking a bone or two.

There won't be a doctor or trainer to assist you until after the battle, so Just wait your turn. Take your cleats and socks off to get a real Experience.

Then, take a knee on the beach in Normandy where man after American man Stormed the beach, even as the one in front of him was shot to pieces, the Very sea stained with American blood. The only blockers most had were the

Dead bodies in front of them, riddled with bullets from enemy fire.

Take a knee in the sweat soaked jungles of Vietnam. From Khe Sanh to Saigon, anywhere will do. Americans died in all those jungles. There was no Playbook that told them what was next, but they knew what flag they Represented. When they came home, they were protested as well, and spit on

For reasons only cowards know.

Take another knee in the blood drenched sands of Fallujah in 110-degree Heat. Wear your Kevlar helmet and battle dress. Your number won't be Printed on it unless your number is up! You'll need to stay hydrated but There won't be anyone to squirt Gatorade into your mouth. You're on your Own.

There are a lot of places to take a knee where Americans have given their Lives all over the world. When you use the banner under which they fought as a source for your displeasure, you dishonor the memories of those who

Bled for the very freedoms you have. That's what the red stripes mean. It Represents the blood of those who spilled a sea of it defending your Liberty.

While you're on your knee, pray for those that came before you, not on a Manicured lawn striped and printed with numbers to announce every inch of Ground taken, but on nameless hills and bloodied beaches and sweltering

Forests and bitter cold mountains, every inch marked by an American life Lost serving that flag you protest.

No cheerleaders, no announcers, no coaches, no fans, just American men and Women, delivering the real fight against those who chose to harm us, blazing a path so you would have the right to "take a knee." You haven't Any inkling of what it took to get you where you are, but your "protest" is

Duly noted. Not only is it disgraceful to a nation of real heroes, it Serves the purpose of pointing to your ingratitude for those who chose to Defend you under that banner that will still wave long after your jersey is Retired.

If you really feel the need to take a knee, come with me to church on Sunday and we'll both kneel before Almighty God. We'll thank Him for Preserving this country for as long as He has. We'll beg forgiveness for our Ingratitude for all He has provided us. We'll appeal to Him for Understanding and wisdom. We'll pray for liberty and justice for all,

Because He is the one who provides those things. But there will be no Protest. There will only be gratitude for His provision and a plea for His Continued grace and mercy on the land of the free and the home of the Brave.

It goes like this, **GOD BLESS AMERICA**

THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE ACTIVE IN EACH OF OUR LIVES AND IN OUR CHURCH (article page 1)

Submitted by Cheryl Dunn

Christians are called to be “the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13) to slow the corruption of this world. Christians are also to be “the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14) bringing light to the darkness caused by sin. We are called to be “children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world” (Philippians 2:15).

Why are we not “salt” and “light” as we should be? Why are we not doing much more to bring the “Good News of Christ’s Salvation” to our community and the lives of others? Our church and each Christian that has professed Christ to be their Savior and Lord needs to have their lives led by the Holy Spirit and be Spirit-empowered. Are you that kind of Christian? Do you need genuine spiritual renewal within your own life? If so, God the Holy Spirit wants to bring that renewal to you right now.

God commands us as Christians to be filled with the Holy Spirit, but how do we obey? How does the presence and power of the Holy Spirit become a reality in each of our lives? The New Testament in the Bible tells us there are certain truths we must know and understand.

The first truth we must understand is that God has promised that the Spirit lives within us if you belong to Christ, and God cannot lie. God commands us to be filled with the Spirit. To refuse to be filled with the Spirit is to rebel against the will of God and is to sin. As new Christians we may have been so grateful for our sins to be forgiven and to know our eternal life would be spent in Heaven that we overlooked the part about Jesus being the Lord and Master of our lives. When Jesus returned to Heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to be here with us. God wants us to live our lives controlled and guided by the Holy Spirit.

Before we can be filled with the Holy Spirit we must be honest with ourselves and deal completely with every known sin in our lives. This may be very painful for us as we face things we have hidden or not even realized about our lives. There will be no filling by the Holy Spirit until we are cleansed from sin. The first step in cleansing from sin is awareness of its existence.

Before a person comes to Christ, there is only one force at work in him – his carnal nature. When we accept Christ into our lives, the Holy Spirit comes to live within us. Now there are two forces at work in our lives – the old sinful nature that wants us to live for self, and the new spiritual nature that wants to live for God. Which of these two natures will rule over our actions? This is why being filled with the Holy Spirit is so important. Unless the Spirit controls our lives, we will be dominated by our old sinful nature. The Spirit’s work will be blocked as long as we allow sin to remain.

We must deal completely with sin in our lives if we are to know the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Pride is often at the root of our sins. Our pride is often deeply wounded when we honestly admit before God and before men that we are not as good as we had thought we were. Dealing with sin in our lives is also hard because we must not only know our sin, but we must repent of it. Some of us may be harboring sin and tolerating it, unwilling to give it up.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

" If someone asks about your educational background, proclaim boldly that: Church is my college. Heaven is my university. Father God is my counselor. Jesus is my principal. Holy Spirit is my teacher. Angels are my classmates. Bible is my textbook. Temptations are my exams. Overcoming Satan is my hobby. Winning souls for God are my assignment. Receiving eternity is my degree. Praise and Worship are my slogan. If you are a child of God bless you!"
-BEN CARSON

Side by Side Comparison to the Lord’s Prayer	
The Lord’s Prayer (Our Father)	My Whole Self Before YOU
Our Father-who art in heaven,	Dear Father in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.	I come and I bow my whole self before you.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.	I’d like to come see you, but ‘til I can come, please help me to do things as you want them done.
Give us this day our daily bread.	Please give me those things, God, you know that I need.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.	And for all the bad things I say and I do, forgive me and teach me to be more like you.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.	Please keep me from evil and help me obey.
(Doxology) For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*	To you be all glory forever. Amen.

Prayer List

Diane Schuler, Tracy Morton, Cooper & Cheryl Dunn, Britna (Ed Carrol’s caregiver), Polly Norton, Marni Peters, Jane Turner, John & Christine Smith, Wes Carroll, Anna (Dane’s friend), Dane Buchanan, Wes Carroll, our church, our Country, our Military, both home and abroad.

(article page 2) THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE ACTIVE IN EACH OF OUR LIVES AND IN OUR CHURCH

For members who are asking about Session , here is a list.
If you need an updated church directory, there are copies in office.

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For those of you looking at me sideways in the grocery store, please read this

- ↓ When I wear a mask in public:
- I want you to know that I am educated enough to know that I could be asymptomatic and still give you the virus.
- No, I don't "live in fear" of the virus; I just want to be part of the solution, not the problem.
- I don't feel like the "government is controlling me;" I feel like I'm being a contributing adult to society and I want to teach others the same.
- The world doesn't revolve around me. It's not all about me and my comfort.
- If we all could live with other people's consideration in mind, this whole world would be a much better place.
- Wearing a mask doesn't make me weak, scared, stupid, or even "controlled." It makes me considerate.
- When you think about how you look, how uncomfortable it is, or what others think of you, just imagine someone close to you - a child, a father, a mother, grandparent, aunt, or uncle - choking on a respirator, alone without you or any family member allowed at bedside.
- Ask yourself if you could have sucked it up a little for them.



**We must give from a joyful and generous heart.
Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly,
and give according to what you have,
not what you don't have. 2 Corinthians 8:12**

It is too easy to confess the sins that we see in our lives, and yet fail to see the many other sins possibly hindering even more directly our walk with our Lord.

This is why the Bible is so important in this matter. We must not be content with a superficial examination of our lives, thinking that only the sins that seem to give us the most trouble are worthy of being confessed. Instead, as we prayerfully study the word of God, the Holy Spirit – who is the author of Scripture – will convict us of other areas of sin that need confessing to God. We must confess not only what we think is sin but what the Holy Spirit labels as sin when we really listen to His voice from the Word of God. "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness" (2Timothy 3:15).

Even "little" sins can destroy our fruitfulness for the Lord. There may be pride, jealousy or bitterness in our lives. There may be backbiting, impatience, unkindness, or an uncontrolled temper – any one which can make life miserable for those around us. Uncleaned thoughts may need to be brought to God for cleansing. Gluttony or laziness may need to be faced. Or the Holy Spirit may speak to us about our use of time, our use of money, our lifestyle, or our use (or abuse) of some gift He has given us. Perhaps our treatment of someone is cold or indifferent. The Holy Spirit must guide us as we prayerfully examine our lives. In other words, every sin that we can identify we should bring to God for confession.

The second Step in being filled by the Holy Spirit is submission. By submission, I mean we give up our own way and seek above all else to submit to Christ as Lord and be ruled by Him in every area of our lives. The basic nature of sin is self-will – placing ourselves at the center of our lives instead of Christ. The way to be filled by the Spirit is to place Christ at the center of our lives, instead of self. This is only possible when we submit to Him – as we allow Him to become Lord of our lives. When we submit ourselves to Christ, we do not simply sit back and hope that God will somehow work through us. No, we say "Lord, I am Yours to be used in whatever way You want to use me." This includes every area of our lives. It includes our abilities, our gifts, our possessions, and our families – our minds, wills and emotions. Nothing is excluded. We can hold nothing back. This surrender is a definite and conscious act in obedience to the Word of God. It should occur at the time of our conversion, but for many people it may come after conversion. Perhaps we have not understood fully what it means to follow Christ as Lord, but later begin to see that Jesus calls us not simply to believe in Him but to follow Him without hesitation as His disciples.

The last step in the infilling of the Holy Spirit is walking in faith. We must first understand certain things – then we must submit and yield ourselves to God – and then we must learn the secret of walking in faith. When we are yielded to God and filled with the Holy Spirit we are to act on this fact and walk or live with full assurance that God has already filled us and we are acting on God's promise. If we are filled with the Holy Spirit, others will soon notice it because the filled person produces the fruit of the Spirit. The filling of the Spirit is not a feeling but a matter of faith. We may feel strongly the closeness of God or you may not. Instead of trusting in our feelings, we must trust God's promises.

The filling of the Spirit does not mean we are perfect and without sin. It means we are controlled by the Spirit, but sin is still a reality. We may be blameless in our desire to serve Christ, but that does not make us without fault. The filling of the Holy Spirit should be a reality every day of our lives. It is a process. We must surrender ourselves to Him daily and every day we must choose to remain surrendered. In every situation involving conflict between self and God's will, we must make our decisions on the basis of our constant submission to Christ. We are already the temple of God with the Holy Spirit living inside us but the Holy Spirit can only fill us and make His power available to those who wish to be emptied of self and yielded to Him. The active surrender must continue day by day in small things as well as big ones.

If we sin, we need to repent so that He can fill us again. Each day we should walk in obedience to God's Word.

July Recipes

Fiesta Corn Chip Salad

Ingredients:

2 cans (15 oz each) whole kernel corn
2 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend
1 medium sweet red pepper, chopped
1 cup mayo
1/8 tsp salt
1/8 tsp pepper
1 pkg (9 oz) chili cheese flavored corn chips, crushed
Minced fresh cilantro optional

Directions:

In a large bowl, combine the corn, cheese, red pepper.
Chill until serving. Just before serving, stir in crushed corn chips.
Sprinkle with cilantro (optional)

Don't forget to send your recipes!

Email, snail mail, or drop off in office.

Orange Pineapple Cake

Submitted by Nancy Vitek

For cake

Ingredients:

1 box Duncan Hines Yellow Classic cake mix
1 small box Vanilla instant pudding
1 cup Wesson oil
1 cup water
1 small can (drained) Mandarin oranges
4 eggs

Mix as directed on cake box. You can just dump all together and mix with mixer at one time.

Divide into 3 prepared cake pans and bake per instructions on cake box

(or by inserting a toothpick to check if ready)

For Icing

Ingredients:

12 ounces of cool whip (softened in refrigerator)
1 small box of Vanilla instant pudding
1 large can of crushed Pineapple (well drained)
1 small can of Mandarin oranges (well drained)

Mix with electric mixer until smooth.

Spread between cake layers and on all sides of cake.

Keep cake refrigerated!

Matthew 11: 25–30

Reading this passage from Matthew feels a little like holding the leashes of two dogs, each straining in a different direction. One dog pulls us in the direction of our thinking, our intellect. That's what the first part of the passage is about. Jesus teaches us about wisdom and intellect in vv. 25–27. The second dog pulls us toward our feelings. Jesus teaches about feeling weary in vv. 28–30. We need to guide these two dogs to go in the same direction in order to get our lives together.



Plant Share!

Most of us are gardeners and always interested in plant cuttings. A pallet like this on porch by office would be perfect. This could be fun! Call or email the office about starting our Plant Share.



