

Lake Houston Church of Christ

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UNDERSTANDING THE WIND

By Mike Drachenberg



Nicodemus, a teacher of the law and member of the Jewish authority, came to talk to Jesus at night. Jesus discusses with him the principle of “birth from above” emphasizing that one cannot enter the kingdom without this spiritual rebirth. In John 3:5 we read “Jesus answered, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.’” Jesus was not describing two separate events here but rather a single, profoundly spiritual, event: Baptism. Perhaps Nicodemus responded as we might respond today with a look on his face of utter amazement at the thought of an educated and enlightened adult Jewish leader being reborn. Jesus, perceiving his amazement, uses an analogy of the wind to explain this principle. In John 3:8 we read “The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Jesus is telling Nicodemus here that his understanding of the wind is limited, in fact, there is much he does not understand about the wind. Yet, even though he cannot see where it came from or where it’s going, he can see the effects of the wind. Jesus explains to him that just as a baby comes into the world unaware of the future, this spiritual rebirth is the beginning point of a new life and the hope of a more spiritually productive and enlightened future. Nicodemus didn’t have to understand everything about the wind or the rebirth before he experienced it.

Jesus subsequently authorizes the sending of the Holy Spirit in John 14, 15, & 16. He describes the mission of the Spirit: to bring comfort, truth, remembrance, and guidance, not to the worldly, but to those who believe in Jesus and obey His commandments. The apostles, having received power from the Holy Spirit to perform miracles to confirm the divine authority of the words they spoke, began witnessing to the deity of Jesus on the Day of Pentecost and declared that everyone be baptized for the remission of sins in order to receive the Holy Spirit. The promise was extended to all people everywhere “for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.” (Acts 2:39) This universal promise of forgiveness of sins and the indwelling Holy Spirit was intended for Jews and Gentiles even though the message had not been delivered to all people. Many accepted the gospel on that day and were spiritually reborn. This was a rebirth of water, a physical burial (immersion) in water, as well as a rebirth of the Spirit, in order for the Spirit to dwell in the hearts of the believers. (1st Cor. 3:16; 6:19)

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ELDERS

JY Brown
Orville Culpepper
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Mike Drachenberg
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Pat Porter

***Doug Sessions**

* Elder on call

DEACONS

Mike Degge – Foreign Missions
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Eric Kennedy - Visitation
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Our Record	05/21/17
Bible Study	230
AM	387
PM	196
Wednesday	217
Contribution	\$13,441.21
Budget	\$17,125.00

Prayer List

MEMBERS

- ✧ Laura Buchanan – Home, no visitors
- ✧ Bob Latten – HealthSouth #123 - Rehab
- ✧ Robert Strickland – Ankle/foot amputated
- ✧ Carolyn Wallace - Recovering-wrist surgery

MEMBERS WITH ONGOING CONCERNS

- ✧ Rita Ballard
- ✧ Cindy Bornsheuer
- ✧ Sonya Brown
- ✧ Wayne Campbell
- ✧ Lois Crothers
- ✧ Patsy Daw
- ✧ Genie Deister
- ✧ Ruby Eddins
- ✧ Evelyn Fain
- ✧ Linda Haynes

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

- ✧ Kathryn Daltry - Boy - July 25th
- ✧ Katy Dedo – Boy (Jason) – June

For a more complete list, visit our website:
lakehoustoncoc.org

Meeting Schedule

Sunday

Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.
 Worship.....10:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies' Bible Class (September–May)...10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible class (all ages).....7:00 p.m.

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There you will find:

Our Calendar	Our Missionaries
Prayer List	Those in the Military
Audio Sermons	Involvement Form



Loved Ones in Military

Ceterian Allen – Fort Gordon, GA
 Darrell Baskin (Lou Crothers' grandson) – TX
 Keith Bogutski (Lana Doan's grandson) – TX
 Brian Caballero (Ronnie & Elva's son) - USS Lincoln
 Jacob Daniel (Jim & Linda's grandson) – HI
 Jenn Good (Ellen Boucher's granddaughter)-CA
 James Grant (Brooks' friend) – Middle East
 Cory Isles (Ellen Boucher's grandson) – MS
 Ashley Carlisle Leyva – Fort Hood, TX
 Aaron Jenkins (Mary Latten's brother) – IL
 Rehm Keeton (Atkins' son-in-law) – Egypt
 Grant McFarland – Marine Reserve, Houston
 Adam McNeely (Natalie Ward's nephew) – Fort Wainwright – Fairbanks, AK
 Cheyne Parham (Ruby Eddins' grandson) – Korea
 Chris Taylor – Fort Hood, TX



Birth Announcement



Congratulations to Nathan and Cori Alexander who are the proud parents of a son! Carter Frederick was born May 21, 2017. He weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces and was 18 inches long. Cori and Carter are doing great! The beaming grandparents are Clay and Ginger Alexander.

Summer Quarter

The Summer Quarter will begin on June 4th. We will promote students at that time.

Adult Classes

Adult 1 (Fellowship Hall)	Sun	T. Brown , et al Life of Christ
Adult 2 (Auditorium)	Sun	J. Y. Brown Verne Weir Bob Deister Colossians
Adult 3 (Room 107)	Sun	M. Drachenberg Holy Spirit
South Texas (FH)	Wed	Pearce/Roane
Adult (Auditorium)	Wed	Kevin Hahn Titus
Adult (107)	Wed	J. Y. Brown Holy Spirit

The DOOR

If you are interested in assisting with the work for the women's shelter, The Door, there will be an informational meeting Sunday, June 4th, at 5pm in the fellowship hall. A short message, description of job needs, and a tour with demonstration will be given. Look forward to seeing you there. Alice Glover and Angela Buckner

Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is Saturday, June 24th. Go to commitforlife.org and schedule your appointment today. What a great way to share and serve! Thank you to all our past donors! Please consider donating if you haven't before. Thank you!

Class on the Holy Spirit

There will be an adult class on the Holy Spirit offered for the summer quarter on Sunday mornings. J.Y. Brown & Mike Drachenberg will teach in Room 107 beginning June 4th. Three scripture texts will be used: John 14, 15, & 16; Acts 2:38-39; & Romans 8. Other scriptures will be used to reference the main thoughts from these three texts. Anyone interested in this topic is encouraged to attend.

Men's Breakfast

Starts at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 3rd, in the fellowship hall. Won't you join us?

Teachers Needed

The kids of LHCoC need you! We need of cradle roll, toddler & pre-school teachers and assistants for the summer quarter. Please let Casey Pearce know if you can help! You can reach her at [713-628-1157](tel:713-628-1157), or by email at: caseywpearce@gmail.com, or in person.

KISMIF

We are looking forward to our junior high and high school fellowships that we are calling KISMIF (Keep it Simple Make it Fun). Our first meeting will be June 11th in the fellowship hall after evening services. A meal will be served. Parents are welcome to stay, help and visit. There will be outdoor activities so dress appropriately. Parents, please be here to pick up your children at 9:00 sharp. We would like to know approximately how many to expect. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please sign up this morning. Let's have a great turn-out and lots of fun!

Like Nicodemus, I don't understand all about the wind nor do I understand all there is to know about how the Holy Spirit works in our lives sanctifying us through the Word. But we can see the effects of a Christian life that is being led by & sanctified through the Spirit. Paul wrote to the Jewish Christians in Rome about his mission to the Gentiles that it might be acceptable & sanctified by the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:16) Paul explains in 1st Cor. 6:9-11 that even though the Christians in Corinth had a history of sin, they were washed, sanctified, & justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our Lord. Indeed the Spirit had sanctified them (made them holy) by the blood of Jesus Christ.

In Galatians 4:4-7 Paul discusses the relationship we have in Christ as a result of this new birth and the indwelling Spirit: Adoption. Christians are adopted sons & daughters of the King of the universe and are no longer slaves but heirs of the promise of eternal life in the presence of the Father. God sends His Spirit into our hearts to bless us with the most intimately spiritual relationship we could possibly have along with the comfort that those blessings afford in that relationship. The Holy Spirit is given as a pledge of God's promise to redeem His people from their sins (Ephesians 1:13-14) and we are sealed or anointed by the Spirit, like priests of old, to confirm the promises of God and to consecrate us for His holy work.

Just exactly how this sanctifying work of the Spirit in Christians is accomplished is not always understandable and quantifiable since we all have different needs, interests, and areas of involvement in the work of the church. But we know that the Spirit sanctifies, that is He works to make us holy & separates us from the world, because we can see the results of His work. Paul writes about the sanctifying work of the Spirit when he talks about the "fruit of the Spirit" in Galatians 5:22-23 which reads "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." The sanctifying work of the Spirit produces these fruits in Christians. This fruit-bearing is universal, individual, and personal and is a life-long developmental process enabled by the Spirit. We can't understand the wind nor can we understand, quantify, and standardize these fruits of the Spirit in individual Christians because they are unique to each believer and are developed and perfected (matured; completed) throughout life by practice. It's interesting that miraculous works such as tongue-speaking, healing, prophecy, etc. are never mentioned in scripture when discussing either the fruit of the Spirit or the fruit of a sanctified life. The Spirit is the "mark" of our identity in Christ and enables us to "access" the Father. The indwelling Spirit, through the blood of Jesus, enables us to live in peace and harmony with God and our fellow Christians as members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:11-22) Both groups, Jewish & Gentile Christians are members of one body, the church; the two are combined into one new man (creation); we are reconciled into one body to God; and we have access in one Spirit to the Father. All of these attributes describe the unity, harmony, and peace we have in Christ through the Spirit. May God help each of us live a peaceful, productive, and Spirit-filled life.

Those Privileged to Serve

Sunday, May 28, 2017		Sunday, June 4, 2017	
Speaker	Kevin Hahn	Speaker	Kevin Hahn
Song Leader	Jeff Boyles	Song Leader	Aaron Barnes
Greetings/Call to Worship	John Doering	Greetings/Call to Worship	William Fortson
Communion Talk	Hermes Wilkins	Communion Talk	JY Brown
Communion	Ronnie Caballero Johnny Wood	Communion	Tim Mansell Barry Carroll
Scripture	Carter Allen	Scripture	Paul Ansley
Closing Prayer	Doug Sessions	Closing Prayer	JY Brown
Greeters	Arruda J.Doering/R.Lawhon	Greeters	Lockhart K&P Johnson
Communion Prep	Logan Lyerly	Communion Prep	Lirette
Cards	Carter Allen Garrett Gardner	Cards	Jason Guillen Andrew Ward
Building Lockup	McAdoo Mansell	Building Lockup	Mitchell Degge
EVENING		EVENING	
Speaker	Kevin Hahn	Speaker	Kevin Hahn
Song Leader	Bert Esteban	Song Leader	Fred Fain
Opening Prayer	Mike Sharp	Opening Prayer	Russell Buckner
Communion	William Fortson	Communion	Matt Carnathan Michael Corley
Wednesday, May 31, 2017		Wednesday, May 7, 2017	
Greetings	Caleb Hahn	Greetings	Dick Arruda
Song Leader	Mike Sharp	Song Leader	Cason Pearce