

Newsletter June 2021

Releasing the Holy Spirit's Power

Romans 8:26-27

God's spirit indwells believers at salvation, which means His power is available from that moment (Eph. 1:13). God created a simple way for us to access that strength every single day.

First, we must accept the truth that in and of ourselves, we are powerless to live out God's will. No matter how capable we may be, our own strength and wisdom are insufficient. Sometimes Christians become prideful about the good they have done or the number of years they've been saved. Imagine how much more we could serve the Lord if we would humbly get out of God's way and let Him work through us.

Second, we surrender our entire life to the guidance and governing of the Holy Spirit. In other words, we choose to conduct our spiritual walk—as well as our vocation, finances, family, and relationships—as God desires. His Spirit is not going to release supernatural power into a life that is continuing in rebellion.

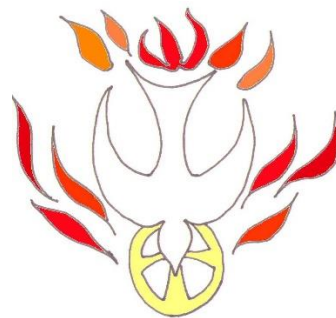
Third, we exercise faith, which means demonstrating belief and trust in the Lord. Faith is the "switch" that releases the Spirit's power. It's like saying, "I

believe You've got a plan, God, so I'm going to trust You to give me what I need in order to do Your will." Then He will move heaven and earth to provide for your need, whatever it may be.

Merely memorizing and reviewing the steps isn't enough. Instead, commit to these principles as a way of life. Get used to thinking, *I can't but God can—I'll submit to His will because His plans are for my good and His glory.* That's the kind of life that overflows with the Holy Spirit's power.

Devotion by Dr. Charles Stanley

In Touch Magazine



James McGehee is retiring as of June 30, as Edgewood's Sexton. He has done a wonderful job keeping our church clean and in order for seven years. Thank you James! We appreciate the excellent job you did! May you have a blessed retirement!



The PW coordinating team will meet June 7, at 2:00.

The PW circle will meet Monday, June 14, at 11:00. Janet McNeill will lead us in the 2nd lesson from *The Present Word*.

Our moderator, Teresa Mangum, was listed in the *Horizons Magazine* March/April issue, under the *2020 Honorary Life Membership Recipients*. She is an excellent leader as Moderator of the Presbyterian Women, and as Worship chairman. Thanks Teresa for all you do!

Session

The session has voted to lift some restrictions, as suggested by the CDC. Mask and temperature checks are no longer required, the pews are not roped off. It is indeed good to see more attending worship now, especially since everyone has been vaccinated for Covid-19.

We have formed a new Personnel Committee: Joyce McGehee, Teresa Mangum, Johnny Sellars, and Steve Womack.

If anyone is interested in the position of Sexton, please contact Johnny Sellars. The job will include vacuuming the sanctuary and halls, dusting, cleaning 4 bathrooms, and emptying trash.

Thanks to all those who contributed to the Pentecost offering. We collected \$330.00



Celebrating Pentecost & Holy Communion



Rev. Laura Lupton led us in worship 5-23-21. She gave everyone a charge to plant a mustard seed of encouragement, and love, by sending a note to someone you haven't seen in a while, and tell them something you remember fondly about them, and that you said a prayer for them. Hopefully you used your note card to do this little act of the Spirit, and brought some joy to someone last week!



Teresa welcomed everyone to a special Sunday morning of celebrating Pentecost, Holy Communion, and Edgewood's 70th Anniversary, on Sunday May 23, 2021.

A special Thanks to Jean McSwain and Jerry Wynn for their hard work on gathering the History information and pictures of former pastors of Edgewood. It was a great morning to celebrate our church's history, while looking forward to a future of serving God through Edgewood.



A special Thanks to Helen Weathers for her many years of faithful service as our Treasurer!



A special Thanks to our Music Director, Jeanne Anderson, for the beautiful music she provides each Sunday!



And Thanks to Johnny & Patricia Sellars for keeping our property & grounds looking good and running smooth!

*Edgewood Presbyterian Church
May 23, 2021*



New Banner in Memory
of
Willa Holder

Willa loved Edgewood very much. Her family gave this banner in her memory.



Jeanne Anderson and Teresa Mangum made the *Trinity banner* that was in church on Trinity Sunday. The symbols represented the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thanks Jerry Wynn for being our all-around card maker, photo and technical person! (For editing pictures; recording worship services and posting to Facebook; keeping our bulletin boards up with pictures of current events; helping with the newsletter photos, etc.)



We thank you for all you do

From Jerry and Connie Wynn – Patsy McBryde deserves special recognition for all the work she does for our church. Her work behind the scenes as Administrative Assistant cannot be overstated. The weekly bulletin and the monthly newsletter require a lot of effort gathering the information, formatting and printing, folding, distributing, mailing, etc. She is clerk of the session, active on several committees, and secretary for the PW. She is also the main information conduit for whatever is happening at church. She is the person who purchases office supplies, contacts the appropriate service tech if there is a problem with the telephone, Wi-Fi, printer or copier. We're sure she does many things we are not even aware of. So, a huge **Thank You Patsy** on behalf of the church.

From the Interim Pastor, Chad Neal

Greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I am excited to be a part of the Edgewood Church family during this time of transition. I pray that together, we will discern where God is leading Edgewood Presbyterian Church.

Many of you have met my wife, Cindy (who served as a temporary supply minister for several months in 2020). To help you get to know me a little bit, I thought I would send you a brief biography.

I was born in Hollywood, California, and my growing up years were spent in Minnesota, Colorado, Michigan and then back to California. It was when I was in high school that God became very real to me, and shortly after that I felt God's call to ministry. I graduated from University of California at Santa Barbara with a degree in Business Economics. After college I attended Princeton Seminary, where I met Cindy. My ministry has included serving as pastor to a church in New Jersey, and co-pastoring churches (with Cindy) in Southern Illinois and North Carolina. At the end of 2013, Cindy and I left pastoral ministry to begin working with the mission organization, Global Training Network (GTN). Through GTN, we began a ministry of sharing our education and decades of ministry experience with indigenous pastors in Africa. We were greatly blessed to serve God in this wonderful ministry.

In 2018, I was encouraged to use the interim ministry training I had taken in 2014, and became the interim minister for Pocket Presbyterian Church. I never would have imagined what happened in those two

years, as COVID came and changed everything we did. Now, as things have settled down from the pandemic, God has brought us together to work and worship together.

Personally, Cindy and I have two children that we love, and one grandchild, with whom I am absolutely smitten. We live in Fuquay Varina, but are currently trying to get a house built in New Hill. Our property in New Hill (15 acres we will share with our daughter and her family) has grapevines, blueberries, and a lot of possibilities. Over the past few years, I've taken up woodworking, and have made furniture for both my children. I enjoy fishing and riding my John Deere tractor.

I look forward to getting to know you and your families, when I start in July, and pray for God's hand to guide us.

Chad



To all Edgewood's Men - June 20th