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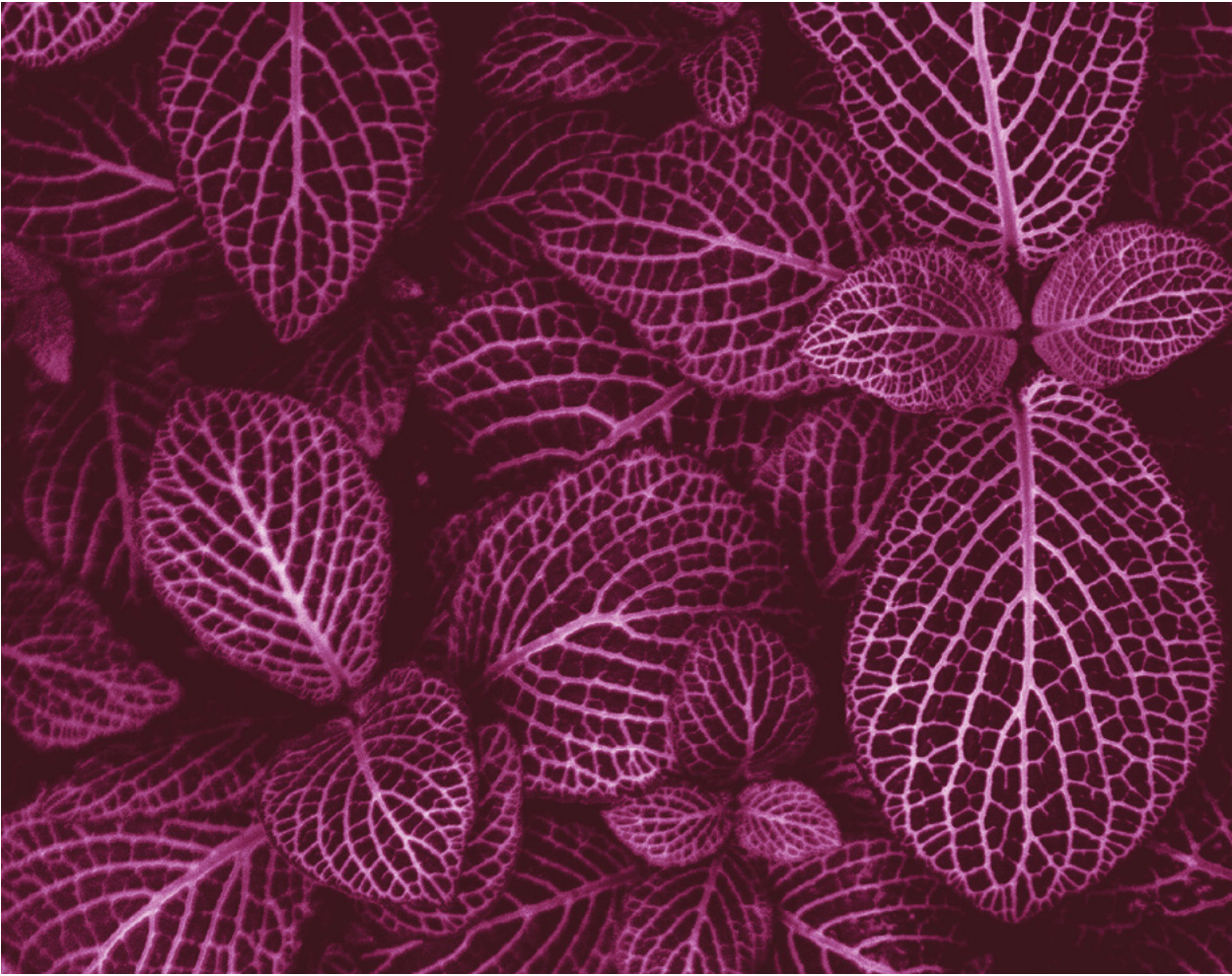
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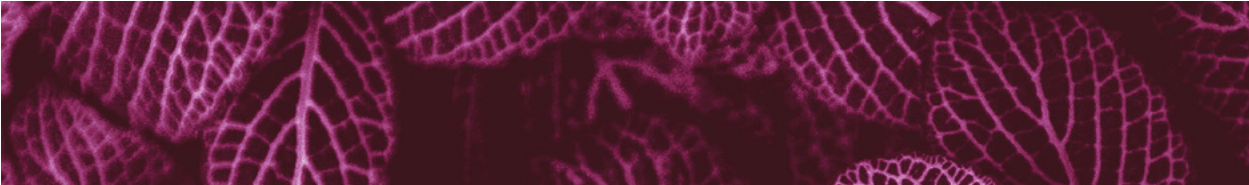
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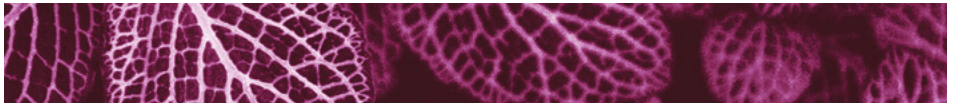
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# THE DAY OF PENTECOST

PASTOR KEN DUKE



There are many feasts God established during the days of Moses, where one such feast was known as the “Feast of Weeks” found in Leviticus 23:15. This feast was later named as Pentecost by the Greek Christian culture because it means the “fiftieth” day following Passover. Acts 2:1-4, the term “Day of

Pentecost” is prominent in our Christian culture today for it is the day where there was a sudden change brought about by the Lord. The Lord Jesus promised His disciples in John 14:15-18 there was a day coming when a “Helper” would come, “the Spirit of Truth”. This promise from Jesus reveals as the Helper for

His believers and He would not “leave us as orphans; He will come to you”.

As Pentecostal believers, we acknowledge the Holy Spirit is with us eternally, so we are empowered by the Spirit of Christ; and we are never alone. Not only can we call upon Him, we can also answer the calling of going

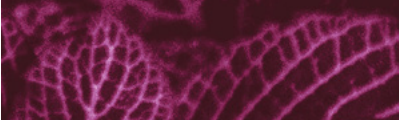




MARY KAY & PASTOR KAYLEE

into all nations teaching and preaching the Gospel. He calls all His people to be “messengers” of His gospel of grace and love to all humanity, not just for the Jewish people.

Back in 1980’s, my wife and I began attending a church by the invitation of a friend. We attended an Assembly of God church in Sacramento, CA. After a couple of weeks there, the Lord decided it was time to fill my life more with His presence and power. On a Wednesday night Bible Study, the pastor asked if anyone would like to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. I raised my hand, then prayed, seeking

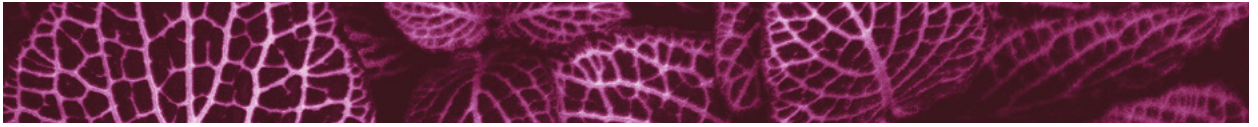


*BILL & RONI HELPING WITH THE MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER DEMONSTRATION*

the Lord to fill my life for His purposes. He did! This experience brought about a renewed awareness of Him, and it grew and grew in my journey throughout my life.

The present day Pentecostal experience is what we can read about in the book of Acts where we can see the courage, wisdom, fearlessness, and deeper understanding of the

Word of God which not only changed the Apostles' lives, but it also changed my life tremendously. His presence in my heart, and the awareness of His work in me began to guide me deeper in the love, grace, hope, faith, and joy of living for the Lord. More importantly, He helped me grow in my understanding that life as a Christian means more than making

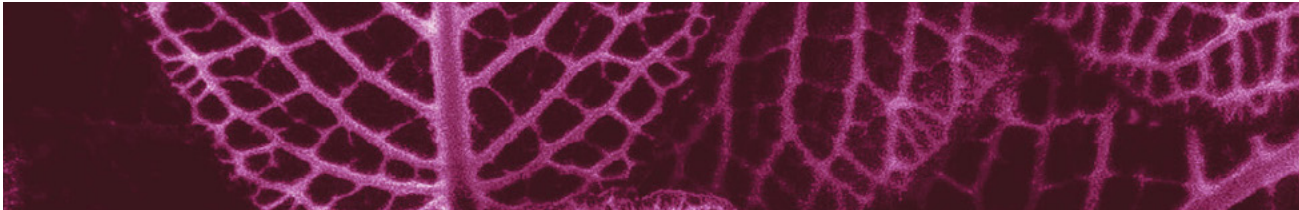


it to heaven. It teaches us that heaven is with us and we can be instruments of His righteousness sharing His love, grace, forgiveness, and peace in this life. Even when we faced difficult life situations, I felt His wisdom, calmness, and peace as He guided us through these life situations. You can too!

He desires all His Children to be a community loving God and one another. Though retired from full-time pastoral ministry, the Lord has led me to

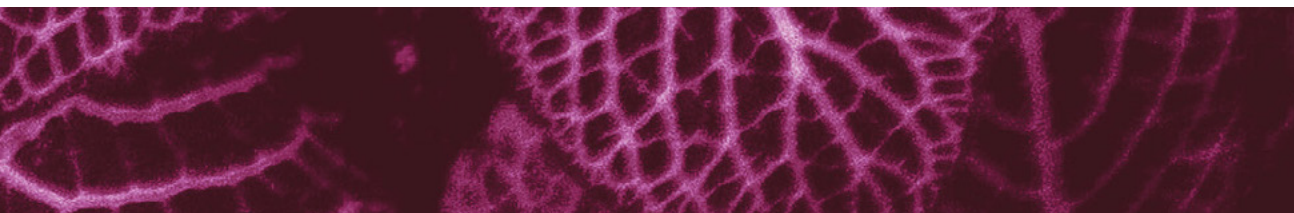
help people in their most difficult times. He has used me to be a teacher, mentor, friend, and pastor. I have learned to trust Him, regardless. He is with you to guide, counsel, and lead you closer and closer to His glorious Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore, you too can go deeper with the Lord by seeking His presence by opening your life up more to Him. As you do, your life will be more fulfilling than you can imagine. ■

# MAY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Mens' Bible Study	3 TRIBE	4 Celebrate Recovery	5	6
7 Church	8	9 Mens' Bible Study	10 TRIBE	11 Celebrate Recovery	12	13
14 Church	15	16 Mens' Bible Study	17 TRIBE	18 Celebrate Recovery	19	20
21 Church	22	23 Mens' Bible Study	24 TRIBE	25 Celebrate Recovery	26	27
28 Church	29	30 Mens' Bible Study	31 TRIBE			





**Church Service:** Every Sunday Morning at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

**Mens' Bible Study:** Every Tuesday morning at 6:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

*For more details, see Pastor Sam Flaherty.*

**TRIBE:** Jr. High and High School Group, every Wednesday Evening at 6:30 - 8 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

*For more details, see Victoria Flaherty.*

**Celebrate Recovery:** Every Thursday evening at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

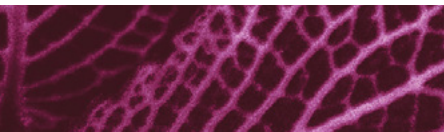
*For more details, see Bill Howell.*

# SUMMER CAMP

KIDS CAMP: JULY 10-13 // JR. & SR. HIGH CAMP: AUGUST 6-10



IZAAK AND VICTORIA AT FAMILY CAMP, 2022



*PASTOR SAM & MOë, WHO IS DRESSED UP AS JESUS FOR  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY*

## VICTORIA FLAHERTY

We are coming up on camp season and I am so excited! A lot of our students have never been to church summer camp due to COVID 19. I am thrilled to be involved in the camps we are offering! The coordinators of these camps have beautiful visions for what camp will be and I am looking forward to experiencing it with our students! I have some great memories from summer

camps. There is nothing like being at a campground with students your age, doing fun activities, making friends, and growing in a deeper relationship with Jesus. It's a special thing to be removed from normal day to day life to experience Jesus in a new way with others. It's always a great mix of fellowship and fun (There is archery and ax throwing at the high school





CALEB AND CHANTAL AT FAMILY CAMP, 2022



*PASTOR SAM WITH MANIKA & VICTORIA, TWO OF OUR AWESOME KIDS LEADERS*

camp! That's pretty cool!).

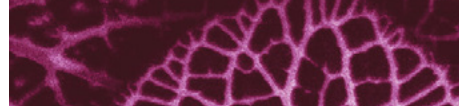
For me, what it comes down to is this: Summer camps are an accelerated discipleship opportunity. Our students can be learning about Jesus every day that they take breath. However, at camp there is a concentrated amount of learning that takes place. Camp is where I was baptized in the Holy Spirit, and I experienced God speaking

through me in visions. I love that this year our students have the opportunity to experience camp for the first time in a long time!

Please pray with me for our students, that they would desire to attend camp and would experience Jesus in a new and exciting way. Pray for the camp leaders, that the Holy Spirit would lead and guide during preparation

leading up to camp and camp itself. And pray about how God might want you to participate in this ministry.

Be on the lookout for our fundraisers coming up! We are committed to making sure every student that wants to go gets to go! ■



## LADIES' PAINT & BRUNCH

### MARCELA PAPP



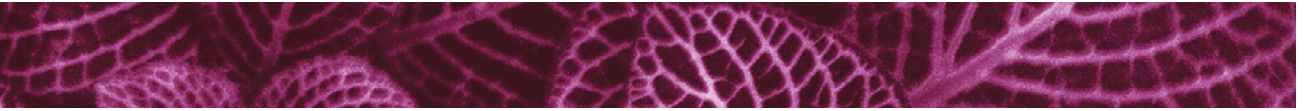
ARTIST, MARCELA PAPP

Creativity comes from God because He is the Creator. Art is an expression of one's creativity; such has various branches as being a painter, seamstress, designer, musician, or something else. We are all made in the image of God. One's gifts and abilities are all unique and are a reflection of God. It gives me joy to share with others the gift of art, especially when fellowshiping with the ladies. God wants you to put your talents to use. ■

*FOR WE ARE GOD'S HANDIWORK, CREATED IN  
CHRIST JESUS TO DO GOOD WORKS, WHICH  
GOD PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR US TO DO.  
EPHESIANS 2:10*



# CANVAS & CLAY



# *POWERLESS IN RE*

A TESTIMONY  
KAREN CELONI

What does it mean to be powerless in recovery? It means that in and of myself, I don't have the self-control, or discipline to stop myself from carrying out my addictive behaviors. Romans 7:19 says, "For what I do is not the good I want to do. No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing."

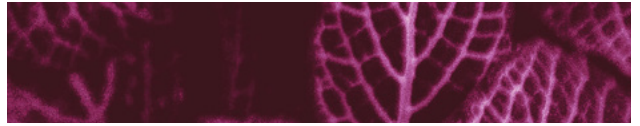
My background includes every kind of abuse you can imagine during my grade school years. Those years were interrupted by a two-year stint with my strictly religious grandparents. They provided the most

stable part of my childhood. After that, more abuse and dysfunction, followed by being placed in multiple foster care homes. I was bounced from house to house because I was drinking, using drugs, stealing, and being promiscuous. My foster parents were ill-equipped or unwilling to deal with my acting out and the pain of my past.

By the age of 24, I ended up in Alcoholics Anonymous. Romans 13:13 says, "And do not get drunk on wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit. Let us walk properly in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not is sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling or jealousy." In AA I began a life-

*HE IS SO CLOSE TO ME THAT I LIVE AND MOVE  
AND HAVE MY BEING IN HIM! HE IS GOD WITH  
US. HE SEES ME! I DO NOT HAVE TO BE GOOD  
ENOUGH. HE IS MY GOOD ENOUGH.*

# RECOVERY



KELSEY PREPARING FOR PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

long struggle to “fix myself.” When that didn’t work, I figured I was too far gone. By this time, I disdained my grandparents’ religion. But in AA I did learn about prayer, the Lord’s prayer, the Serenity prayer and others. I worked the Twelve Steps after a fashion, but learned I was still powerless over alcohol, and powerless to restore myself to sanity. There was so much that I was afraid of. I was even afraid to go to the grocery store. My marriage, my friendships, being a parent, my work, basically every area of my life was consumed with fear.

So, now what? There I was, sober, 24, no Jesus, no examples to follow, no faith,





OUR AMAZING WORSHIP TEAM LEADING PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

very little trust or knowledge about how to live my everyday life. I stumbled along for what took me ummm, only about 35 years! Once again, living life my way led to ruin, until my journey brought me to Jesus.

Seeds about Jesus had been planted by my grandparents, but I have few memories of childhood due to the extreme trauma I experienced. Finally, people came into my life

preaching the gospel in a way I could hear. Pastor Jose gave such good advice, my Christian counselors helped immensely and women in a bible study loved me and accepted me right where I was. These people loved me while I was still a sinner. Now I rejoice in Romans 5:1-5. "Therefore since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus



Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings knowing that suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who

has been given to us." God didn't let my suffering or the consequences of my sin to go to waste.

The other day a friend at church asked me to tell her how my life was different after becoming a Christian. She had been a Christian all her life. I told her that now I feel plugged in to God and His power. God is healing my broken past. Zephaniah 3:17

says, "The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing." I am no longer powerless because He is my truth, my direction and my healing. He has forgiven the sins of my past. He has set me free. ■



# STAY

## SO... NOW WHAT? KAYLEE HANKS

The Easter season is always fun when you are involved in church. Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday consist of fun services, reflection, and a lot of worship. Easter Sunday, alone, is known as the “Super Bowl Sunday” of ministry. It’s a big deal! Jesus’ resurrection is the foundation of everything we believe. We remember, and we celebrate. We read on after the resurrection that Jesus was alive and back on earth for a little while; then, He ascended into heaven.

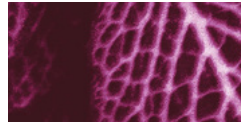
For believers today, we know that the story doesn’t end there, but we are faced with an important question: so... now what?

If we continue reading past the

Gospels, we find ourselves in the book of Acts, and the story picks up right where it leaves off: the Holy Spirit comes, and the church is born. In Acts, we follow the beginning and multiplication of the church as the news of Jesus spreads and as His power is displayed even though He had already ascended into heaven.

We find that most of the New Testament is a collection of letters written to the believers in churches all over the place to encourage them and instruct them how to live life as they get to know Jesus. While these letters and accounts of history were written to specific people in a specific time, they are relevant to us today as we embark on the same journey of knowing

# Y IN THE LOOP



Jesus and living according to His Word.

This spring, we are going to dive into what the purpose of the church is. All throughout our last series, “Navigating the Inbetween”, we looked at how the book of 1 Peter instructs us to live as followers

of Jesus in the time between His ascension and His second coming. Now, we are going to look at the purpose of the church in this “inbetween” and what role the Holy Spirit plays in empowering us in relationship with God and with others.

Sam and I have been working with our resource team to gather insight, ideas, stories, and biblical wisdom about what the purpose of the church is in our lives and in our world. We are excited to share it with you! ■



# MIKE'S FUNNIES

MIKE ANGÉRS

The Black-Eyed Peas can sing us a tune...  
... but the Chickpeas can only HUMMUS one!

Not all math puns are terrible....  
... just SUM.

Shuffling playing cards requires ALL HANDS ON DECK!

People who make calendars...  
...their DAYS ARE NUMBERED!

Bread puns happen when you YEAST expect them!

I ran into a light post...  
...luckily, I only sustained LIGHT injuries!

People who take care of chickens are literally chicken tenders.

The middle ages were called the dark ages...  
...because there were too many KNIGHTS!

I got fired from the keyboard factory...  
...apparently I wasn't putting in enough SHIFTS!





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