



## Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

“In the Metropolitan Tabernacle, two curving staircases, one on either side, led from the lower platform to the elevated pulpit, where Charles Spurgeon stood to preach. When the congregational singing was completed, the great preacher began his ascent to the pulpit. As Spurgeon climbed the stairs, he did so with the slow, methodical steps of a heavy-set man. Far heavier, though, was the enormous responsibility that he felt. Knowing that he was about to preach to thousands gathered and to multiplied thousands through the printed page, the gravity of the moment weighed greatly on him.

Therefore, on each of the fifteen steps, Spurgeon silently declared to himself a personal confession of faith: ‘I believe in the Holy Spirit.’ We can be sure that after these affirmations, Spurgeon entered the pulpit trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit to enable him to preach the gospel. Gripped by this momentous duty, Spurgeon preached with a keen awareness of his desperate need for the all-sufficient power of the Holy Spirit.” \*

Charles H. Spurgeon is regarded as one of the greatest preachers to have ever lived. Born in England on June 19, 1834, Spurgeon was converted to Christ in 1850 at the age of fifteen. He preached his first sermon when he was sixteen years old, and at seventeen he was called to be the preacher of a rural Baptist church in a tiny village of Waterbeach in England.

Spurgeon's extraordinary gift for preaching and profound knowledge of the Word of God was immediately noticed. Within a few short years he was preaching to hundreds of people at the New Park Street Chapel in London, and then to thousands at the Metropolitan Tabernacle by 1861. In addition, his sermon transcripts were being published, selling over twenty-five thousand copies each week.

One might think that a man this gifted, knowledgeable and influential may tend to think that he can operate independent of the Holy Spirit's power and guidance. This was certainly not the case for Charles Spurgeon. Throughout his profoundly powerful and effective ministry, he maintained his utter dependence on the Spirit of God. Spurgeon said, “If we have not the Spirit which Jesus promised, we cannot perform the commission which Jesus gave.” “It would be better to speak six words in the power of the Holy Ghost than to preach seventy years of sermon without the Spirit.” “You might as well expect to raise the dead by whispering in their ears, as hope to save souls by preaching to them, if it were not for the agency of the Spirit.” “Unless the Holy Ghost blesses the Word, we who preach the gospel are of all men most miserable, for we have attempted a task that is impossible. We have entered on a sphere where nothing but the supernatural will ever avail. If the Holy Spirit does not renew the hearts of our hearers, we cannot do it. If the Holy Ghost does not regenerate them, we cannot. If He does not send the truth home into their souls, we might as well speak into the ear of a corpse.” \*

Spurgeon serves as an example to us all. We must sincerely and repeatedly confess, “I believe in the Holy Spirit”, and then live out that confession in our desperate dependence on God for everything. Jesus said:

*“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:4-5).*

Together in and for Christ,  
Pastor David

**Scripture Readings for the week** (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #41):

*Numbers 33-36; 2 Chronicles 16-20; Psalm 119; Proverbs 29-30; Micah; Acts 5-6; Hebrews 8-10*

**Recommended Reading:**

*“The Gospel Focus of Charles Spurgeon” by Steven J. Lawson*

\*All Spurgeon quotes taken from *The Gospel Focus of Charles Spurgeon*, by Steven J. Lawson (pgs.105-123)

Please join us for prayer on Sunday mornings at 8:00am in Pastor David's office

## Calendar of Events:

Men's Breakfast  
October 13  
Sam's Potluck Lunch  
October 18  
Women's Breakfast  
October 20  
Business Meeting  
October 28

## Looking Ahead...

New Members/Attendee  
Reception  
November 11  
Thanksgiving Dinner  
November 17

For prayer requests,  
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or call 541-404-0547

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## Growth & Study.....

### Men's Group Studies

#### Mondays ~

**6:30pm** "The Measure of a Man: Twenty Attributes of a Godly Man"  
w/Jeff Etzel

#### Wednesdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "Joseph-A Man of Integrity and Forgiveness"  
w/Pastor David

#### Thursdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "Behold Your God: Discovering the Unfathomable Greatness and Glory of God"  
w/Pastor Tim

#### Fridays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "Book of Ecclesiastes"  
w/Pastor David

### Young Adults

#### Thursdays ~

**7:00-9:00pm** At Skyline  
w/Pastor Tim 541-756-3311

### Women's Group Studies

#### Mondays ~

**6:30pm** "Romans"  
w/Renee Middleton (541-297-2500)

#### Tuesdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "Lessons from the Upper Room"  
w/Loy Huntzinger (360-607-0022)

**8:30am** "Isaiah, the Lord Saves"  
w/Beth Wallstrom (541-404-0112)

**9:00am** "Live Out His Love"  
w/Lois-Elaine Rencehausen (541-751-3169)

**1:00-2:15pm** "Covenants"  
w/Barb Young (541-404-6242)

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#### Wednesdays ~

**9:00-10:30am** "Romans"  
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

**10:00am** "Seeking God's Great Riches, the Book of Hebrews" \***Begins October 10th**  
w/Karla Fries (541-267-0139)

**6:30-8:00pm** "Romans"  
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

## Church News & Events.....

### **Men's Breakfast ~ October 13th**

Men, join us at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, devotions & fellowship at our men's breakfast.

### **SAM's Potluck Luncheon ~ October 18th**

For those ages 55 and up, please join us for lunch, worship and encouragement from the Word at our SAM's potluck. We don't want to miss you—if you need a ride, contact the church office at least 24 hours in advance and we will arrange a ride for you.

### **Women's Breakfast ~ October 20th**

Ladies, please join us for a light breakfast, fellowship and devotions.

### **Welcome Pastor Chad & Lilly! ~ October 21st**

Our new Youth Pastor, Chad Frantz & his wife Lilly will be here on October 21st. Pastor Chad will be teaching High School Sunday School class that morning and kicking off the High School Youth Group that evening at 6:00pm. Middle School Youth Group will be starting the following Wednesday, October 24th at 6:30pm. Pastor Chad says to be prepared for a time of fun, friendships, and for your minds to be engaged.

### **Quarterly Business Meeting ~ October 28th**