

Our Record	
Sunday Bible Study	
Morning Assembly	70
Contribution	\$1,865
Evening Assembly	21
Wednesday Class	—

In Search of the Lord's Way is shown on Charter Cable Channel 181 at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, and at 6:00 PM Sunday, and on Direct TV Channel 307 at 6:00 AM Sundays.

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Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00 PM Friday evening

THOSE TO SERVE
 This Sunday, February 7 Next Sunday, February 14

	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	D Brennfrdr	D Brennfrdr	J Fielder	J Fielder
Song Leader	G Prior	R Dudrey	D Witt	E Hinton
Opening Prayer	B Bailey	L Duester	D Corman	K Lockling
Closing Prayer	D Witt	M Fielder	S Dinkler	B Bailey
Usher	B Jurrens		R Munsell	
Greeters	Baileys		Wrights	
Preside Lord's Supper	D Corman		B Sales	
Serve	L Peshek		J Morgan	
Serve	C Fielder		R Riley	
Serve	D Hachtel		D Hachtel	
Coordinator	E Hinton		G Prior	
Prepare Lord's Supper	A Riley		A Riley	
Children's Church	Monica Fielder		Monica Fielder	
Wee Worship	Maggie Sales		Brooke Bailey	
Wed Children's Class	Monica Fielder		Monica Fielder	
Change Message Sign	Jim Fielder Family		Jim Fielder Family	
Lawn Care	---		---	

Family Focus

Number 6

February 7, 2016

Upcoming Events

- Potluck/Men's Business Meeting—February 14
- Annual Teachers Dinner—February 27
- Nebraska Youth Camp Contribution— February 28
- Doors of Opportunity: Gaining & Reclaiming Souls—York College— May 21
- York College Bible Teachers Workshop— July 23

Enrichment Opportunities

Sunday Bible Study	9:30
College Class	9:30
Sunday Assembly	10:30
Sunday Evening	6:00
Wednesday Class	7:00
Ladies Class Thursday	9:30

- **Russ's Sermon** today is "The Work of the Holy Spirit Jumpstarting the Church." Tonight we will have our usual special service for Super Bowl Sunday: meet around 5:30 PM, short devotional at 6:00 PM, food and fellowship to follow.
- **Potluck/Men's Business Meeting** next Sunday immediately following our morning worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Mountain States Children's Home. Committee Members are the Fielders, Witt's and Jamie Pavey.
- **Coming Soon:** We will be starting a new adult class when Everett Hinton finishes teaching his Old Testament class. The topic will be Michael Shank's book Muscle and Shovel, which explains why he chose to become a member of the churches of Christ. Brad Bailey and DudLee Brennoerder will lead the class, which will meet in the fellowship hall classroom. Russ's class on Romans will move to the auditorium. Watch for an announcement of the exact start date. Let DudLee or Brad know if you plan to attend this class in order to know how many books to order.
- **Prayers** are requested for Lisa Jurrens's friend, **LaVonne Boles**, who has been diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer. Lisa and LaVonne met at York College. Also, pray for **Ken Lockling**. Ken is in the hospital with pulmonary health concerns; Maggie Sales's mother, **Julie Wallace**, recovering from an appendectomy and bronchitis.
- **Rob, Trina, and Jackson Glassmyer** were in Denver last weekend (January 30th) attending the Motorcycle Rally Show in Denver where there was a shooting. Please give prayers of thanks to God for watching over us as we had just walked out the very doors minutes earlier where the shooting and killings occurred. We are so thankful to God for our safety, and that Jackson did not have to see it. We request prayers for the victims as well. ---Rob, Trina, & Jackson
- **One Word, One Church** - Below are the dates and chapters to read this week:

February 8 - Acts 11	February 11—Acts 14
February 9 - Acts 12	February 12—Acts 15
February 10 - Acts 13	
- **Doors Of Opportunity: Gaining & Reclaiming Souls**—Second Annual Doors of Opportunity will be held on May 21st on the York College Campus, York, NE. See enclosed flyer for detailed information.

Our Church Sign—

- I Am Thankful For Everyone Who Said "No" To Me Because Of Them I Am Doing It Myself.
- Anger Is A Bad Advisor.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: **Our Country, Veterans, and Elders; Elementary, High School, & College Students; Bohne Family**—personal issues; **LaVonne Boles** (Lisa Jurrens's friend)—Stage 3 colon cancer; **Danelle & Janelle's Cousin's Daughter**—health; **Evelyn Brown**—stent surgery & mother, **Marie Riley**—broken hip ;**Janelle Corman**—recovering from surgery; **Daniel Enfield; Donniss Genung**—cancer treatment; **Rick & Susan Johnson & Randy Schliep Families**—car accident near Clay Center; **Glassmyer Family, Katrina**—hip surgery recovery & passing of **Trinia's Uncle, Jackson**—school; **Rob**—job safety & travel; **Katrina's sister**—bone cancer; **Robert & Susan Grissom's Son, Joel Grissom**—health & family issues; **Danelle Hayes**—health; **Ken Kucera**—heart attack; **Danelle Hayes**—follow-up tests; **Ileen Lenhart**—recovering from foot surgery; **Ken Lockling**—health; **Judy Melvin**—health, her brother's wife's—health; **Louise Nealeigh**—health; **Georgette Ockinga**—passing of friend Violet; **Gaylin Prior's Brother's Son's baby**—born premature; **Angie Riley's brother, Julian**—stroke; **Shirley Steen's grandson—Adam** and passing of her son **Mark**; friends—**Wayne Moorhead & his wife** (Wayne suffered a stroke); **Sudanese Brethren**—persecution; **Maggie Sales's brother, Gavin Wallace**—health & her mother, **Julie Wallace**, recovering from appendectomy & bronchitis; **Elois Tate**—leukemia treatment; **Gary & Norma Werner**—Norma's health; **Matt & Hope Witt**—teaching in China; **Dick Wright**—back discomfort & knee replacement surgery recovery; **Jo Wright's niece, Debra**, frozen shoulder; **Jo Wright's friend, Jackie Davis** diagnosed with cancer; **Jo Wright**—rotator cuff surgery recovery; **Jo Wright's son, Joe**, stroke; **those travelling; Darra Wright's daughter—Holly**—wrist injury; **James Hovie**—accident injuries.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: **Russel Bell:** mission work in India & Romania.
Jeff Zanarison: Bible project in Madagascar

Happy February Birthday: Cassidy Jurrens - 18 Allyson Peshek - 19 Alice Wells - 20
Rayna Jurrens - 24 Brett Sales - 25 Chandler Fielder - 26

Happy February Anniversary: DudLee & Debbie Brennforder - 22 Lee & Allyson Peshek - 25

THREE PENTECOSTS

In Acts God creates the church just as in Genesis God creates the world. In Acts the life-giving Spirit of God inspires three miraculous creations in a flurry of miraculous outpourings of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit's creative work is powerful. It's electrifying.

We talk about the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2 as the beginning of the church, but in Acts 8 and Acts 10-11 we also see the Spirit beginning the church. In Acts 2 it's the church of Jewish Christians; in Acts 8 it's the church of Samaritan Christians, and in Acts 10-11 it's the church of Gentile Christians. God creates the three different ethnic churches in what I call "Jewish Pentecost," "Samaritan Pentecost," and "Gentile Pentecost": in effect, in three Pentecosts.

In Genesis 1-2 God forms Adam from the dust of the earth and breathes into his nostrils the breath of life; in Acts 2-6 God forms the Jewish church in Jerusalem and breathes into it his life-giving Spirit—then he does the same in Acts 8 to form the Samaritan church in Samaria, and in Acts 10-11 to form the first Gentile church in the household of Cornelius.

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Signs and wonders from the outpoured Holy Spirit drive all three Pentecosts. In Acts 2 the Spirit comes down upon the Apostles from heaven "like a rushing, mighty wind" and separates out like tongues of fire over each of them. Filled with the Spirit, they speak in foreign languages they don't know. These tongues are for evangelism, in order to create the Jewish church—Peter's sermon is one of a dozen sermons the Apostles preach among the peoples. Three thousand are baptized, and the Jewish Christian church comes into existence. The Spirit breathes into it the breath of life.

The Spirit does the same in Acts 8 for the Samaritans. Philip the Evangelist preaches to them, they see the signs and wonders the Spirit works through him, and many believe and are baptized. But Philip is not an apostle, so he cannot impart the gift of the Spirit; only the Apostles can do that. Peter and John come up from Jerusalem and bestow the Spirit upon them, making them an apostolic church. This is Samaritan Pentecost: God creates the Samaritan church, and by his Spirit he breathes into it the breath of life.

The Spirit creates the Gentile church in Acts 10-11. It's another miracle of God's creation: God gives Peter a repeated vision saying he must see no person as common or unclean; he must go without question to the house of the Gentile Cornelius and preach Jesus to them. His message: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. . . . All the prophets testify about Jesus that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." Everyone! As Peter says this, the Holy Spirit falls upon the Gentiles who hear his words. Peter and his Jewish companions are amazed, but they get the point: It is impossible to forbid baptism and full fellowship to Gentile believers in Christ. This is Gentile Pentecost: This is God's mighty work of creation, forming the church of the Gentiles from the dust of the earth and breathing into it the Spirit of life.

God's three creations of the church all begin in a flurry of miraculous and phenomenal activity of the Spirit. Surprisingly, the electricity dies down, not just after the New Testament period, but within the New Testament itself—even within the book of Acts itself.

But the die-down shouldn't be a surprise. Genesis follows the same pattern: Genesis begins with a flurry of phenomenal, miraculous activity of the Spirit of God, as God's Word speaks the creation into existence out of nothing, separates the firmament from the earth and the land from the sea, and populates all of them with life, culminating with the Man and the Woman. God's creative power breathes into all the Spirit of life. It's miraculous and electrifying. Then God tells the animals, the fish, and the birds, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth." When he creates Adam and Eve he tells them the same thing: now that he has jumpstarted Creation by the miraculous and life-giving and—can I call it abnormal?—electricity of his Spirit, he expects Creation to stay up and running through normal processes. Creation gives way to procreation: "Be fruitful and multiply." The Creator allows his Creation to act as his agents in perpetuating the ongoing life of his world.

I do not expect a fourth Pentecost. Looking for abnormal, electric and phenomenal experiences of the Spirit throws us off course. Jump-and-twitch experiences of the Spirit do not produce spiritual maturity. At the same time I'm sure we need to claim all the promise, hope, and help of the normal Christian experience of the Holy Spirit. If we are in Christ, says Paul, then the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us (Rom 8:9-11). The major work of the Spirit is to help us live in holiness: it's the Holy Spirit. That's its normal work. It's not miraculous and phenomenal—but then again it is: the Spirit of God takes us, dust that we are, forms us, molds us, breathes its life into us, and re-creates us in the image of Christ.

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