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SEPTEMBER MESSENGER

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A Final Call...for Now:

Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

By: Pastor Don Lain



Last Sunday (Aug. 28th) we ended a run of sermons on the Holy Spirit that began on June 5th – twelve sermons in all. The first eight dealt with the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost and the effect it had on the people and the church in that day. The call was to allow the same Holy Spirit to do the same in us. The final four came from Galatians 5:16-26 where Paul challenges believers of all generations to use their freedom wisely. Our freedom in Christ does not set us free to continue in sin, BUT RATHER, to live a new life in the Spirit – by the power of the Holy Spirit. As the Holy Spirit fills us, the wonderful result is freedom from the acts of the sinful nature and a freedom to live the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. This doesn't happen overnight – neither the cleansing from the acts of sin, nor the successful living out of the fruit of the Spirit – but it can and will happen if we will do this one thing: Surrender our lives fully to the infilling of the Holy Spirit so that He can reshape us into God's image.

As we closed the series from Galatians 5, these two questions were asked, and the answer to these two questions is vitally important: (1) Do we BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit can come into us and cleanse our lives from sin and empower us to live a holy life exhibited by the fruit of the Spirit? (2) Do we WANT the Holy Spirit to come into our lives and do what He can do? The first question is one of faith, the second

question is one of action – both faith and action are required if we are to become all that God intends for us to be. Two weeks ago it was mentioned in the sermon that for many the reason why we have failed to live out the Fruit of the Spirit is because, if totally honest, we don't want to.

...We'd rather hate than love.

...We'd rather be grumpy than joyful.

...We'd rather seek revenge than peace.

...We'd rather be demanding than patient.

...We'd rather be right than kind and good.

...We'd rather be served than be faithful.

...We'd rather be in charge than gentle.

...We'd rather be unrestricted than self-controlled.

This is my challenge and call: Let us at Parkside Nazarene be more than a people of faith alone; let us instead be a people of both faith and action. To believe something is true and fail to act on it is meaningless and defeating. The purpose of our faith is to act out our faith. Do we believe? YES! Are we willing to surrender our lives fully to the power and will of the Holy Spirit and act on that faith? Well...that's the critical question. What will your answer be? I challenge you to say YES to both questions.

Weekly Services: (services are in person and online)

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Go to: www.facebook.com/parknaz/ or
[www.youtube.com Parkside Nazarene Church](http://www.youtube.com/ParksideNazareneChurch)

Wednesday Prayer Meetings at 6:00 p.m.

(in person only)

The September Messenger Continued..

SIGNIFICANT SEPTEMBER DATES :

05: Labor Day



11: Finance Committee Meeting

13: Church Board Meeting

17: Sonfest at MVNU



24: Fall Family Block Party



September Birthdays

Stephen Murphy	04
Shephard Kimmey	11
Bitsy Cash	12
Caryl Schemrich	15
Bob Pena Jr	15
Nate Napier	24
MaryLea Monroe	27
Michael Adamovich	28

TEENS: NYC 2022

NYC is July 5-11, 2023

in Tampa, Florida. We have two teens planning to attend. Go to: <https://nazareneyouthconference.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1239953> for more information specific to our District's travel plans and payment schedule. If your teens plan to attend, the early bird registration deadline is October 15. Watch for upcoming fundraisers and opportunities to help our teens.



PARKSIDE CHILD CARE CENTER



We wish all of our PreK Graduates the best as they begin their Kindergarten year! It was hard to watch them leave, but we know they will be amazing at their new schools!

PreK welcomed Miss Dova to their classroom, as the new teacher! We are so happy to have her as a part of the Parkside Team! We are still searching for a part-time, long-term substitute teacher for PreK. If you know anyone interested in working with children 4-5 years, please refer them to Cheryl at administrator@westlakenaz.org. You can also find the job posted on Parkside Preschool's Facebook page or on Indeed! We truly appreciate any referrals to our incredible program!

We're beginning to make changes to our Infant classrooms, with some light remodeling. More information to come...

Transitions for children will occur after the Labor Day weekend (we are closed Monday, September 5). Teachers are working hard on classroom changes - new school year = new themes/decorations! We can't wait to see what each class has in store for the new (school) year!

Goodbye summer... until we meet again.

If you have any questions regarding the Child Care Center, please feel free to contact Cheryl or Pastor Marcella: 440-333-6643.

FALL FAMILY BLOCK PARTY: ALL HANDS ON DECK!



WHEN?: Saturday, September 24th, 3-7 PM

WHAT?: Free food, bounce houses, kids crafts, corn-hole tournament, face painting, snow cones, drawings for prizes.

WHY?: Because we love our community and want to share the love of Christ with them.

HOW?: Loving our community will require all hands on deck, either through helping with the event itself or through donations to help pay for the event. Please see the sign-up for jobs that need to be filled and sign up. If you can also give, God bless you. It is estimated that this event will cost a minimum of \$1,200. It's money well spent for the sake of those who need Jesus.

ONE LAST THING: Even if you can't physically help, would you please come and be a presence. You can pray, shake hands, say hi, smile, and love on people. **THANKS!!!**