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us again”*
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THE HOLY GHOST—PART II

A look at the experience of the adult believer and the Holy Ghost



Brother David Whelan

Last Quarter this space was dedicated to addressing those who lack to seek the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. We challenged the reader with a couple of questions regarding their experience and shared some testimonies from 2 believers that were filled with The Holy Ghost as adults.

I was recently reading an article that was complaining about the decline of Christianity in America and how much of it is the Church's fault (at least those the author had attended). The writer stated that church was just plain boring because there was not anything authentic going on. Choreographed and programmed entertainment is how he described the services he had seen of late. What he was describing was a club or social engagement, not an experience with the Creator of the Universe. We absolutely must do everything we can to maintain and build our relationship with the Holy Ghost. I

have never known the Holy Ghost to fit any of those descriptions. Seeing people healed, saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost NEVER gets old or boring.

I challenge you with the following testimonies from 2 more Christians that were initially filled as adults: Brother and Sister, it is not too late, please dedicate yourself this day to attaining this blessing. It does not matter who these folks are, only that they were adult when they were initially filled.

Acts 2:4. *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Testimony #1

I was saved in 1974 at a Baptist Church. I strayed and came back to the Lord as an adult in a church that was only as strong as a baby in the faith could stand. It was a Methodist church, but God placed me there to grow.

Eventually friends, coworkers, my daughter, and fear for my family led me to attend mid week ser-

vices at HPC. It was to change my life forever.

HPC held a spring revival in April 2013, Bro Zane Estis was the evangelist. By this time, I understood and was convinced of the Holy Ghost being real and active in the Church. The whole issue of speaking in tongues, running, shouting, and everything associated with the third person of the Trinity was foreign to me in my earlier Christian life. Where I grew up....what we Pentecostals do in church was seen as bad behavior. However, with experience and studying the Word, I came to see how there was something huge that I had missed.

Bro Estis preached a message entitled "Ask, Seek, and Knock" at the revival. I remember being impressed that I needed to continue to return to the altar time after time until I got right and was filled with the Holy Ghost.

I was 47 years old and only one Sunday after the revival there was a message about the Holy Ghost

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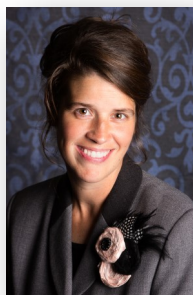
John 14:25-26 (quoting Jesus)

"These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

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THE JOY OF GIVING

Sister Genell Webb



My earliest recollection of giving was in elementary school. The teachers would provide a small craft fair where the students could purchase handmade items to give to their family members at Christmas. The anticipation of my parents opening their gift I had bought was as exciting to me as opening my own surprises.

Next, I recall my parents beginning the tradition of taking my sister and me shopping during the holidays where she and I would combine our funds to find just the right gifts for our parents, grandparents, cousins, and friends. We were so happy to be able to offer our loved ones something from the two of us.

This next happening, or the result thereof, was inspiration I've drawn from many times over. It was Christmas my senior year in high school. We were in the middle of holiday baking, and I had an idea to take all of my teachers an assortment of our homemade chocolates. I grabbed some origami paper, folded boxes, placed the chocolates inside, wrapped the packages, and secured them with

a ribbon. The next day, I delivered a box to each of my teachers. The surprised look and thankfulness of my math teacher was enough to hook my heart. It was such a simple gift put together on a whim, but I've never forgot the reaction of that tiny little lady who had taught me trigonometry and calculus.

I realized then this act of giving opens a door to a heart that words alone sometimes never will. I had walked the halls of that school for 3 1/2 years, but it wasn't until that point that I found a way to touch a heart on another level.

What greater effect could we have on those around us than if we reached out to touch lives through giving? After all, everything we are afforded - all of our means, even our abilities - are all gifts from Him anyway. We serve Him by being a servant to others.

Truly, it is more blessed to give than to receive.



C.H. Spurgeon said, "A genuine revival without Joy in the Lord is as impossible as spring without flowers, or day-dawn without light." "When the tide is low, every shrimp has a puddle of his own; but when the tide comes in, every shrimp is caught up in the flood. Out of the farm country all the fences are visible in the winter time; but at harvest time the fences are hidden in the abundance of grain. When revival comes, every little shrimp rises out of his puddle, and all our dividing fences are lost in harvest of blessings."

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preached and I came to the Altar. I can take you to that place on the right side of the altar at HPC. I was a mess. Forgive me for saying, but I think it is important; I had mucus and slobber running down my face. I was way outside of what had been my comfort zone, but I did not care. The first understandable words I remember uttering were "If this isn't it, I can't take the real thing". The strongest memory that I have from the experience is the Lord taking me back to where I was saved; sights, sounds, smells, it was all so real. He let me live that moment again! Glory! I had strayed so far as a young adult and It was His way of saying Yes, you were and are mine! Even now I rejoice thinking about it.

Once I had allowed the Lord to remake me, the main thing that held me back was very common... pride. I held back from giving Him everything. I distinctly remember coming to the end of my rope. I recall Bro Jeremy Spurlock putting his hand on my back and praying for me and encouraging me to turn loose. I forever let that rope slip through my spiritual fingers into the abyss and surrendering what was left of me and my will to Him and His will.

Looking back, I know I had been very close several times and held back. The thought that the whole thing was some physical response to emotion entered my head and hindered me.

I give Him the Glory and Praise for allowing me to be so close to Him.

Testimony #2

I was saved at 24 years old and knew nothing about the Holy Ghost. I started going to a church in Willisburg where the Holy Ghost was prevalent and seeing people that were full gave me a desire for the Holy Ghost. I started seeking not long after I was saved but about a year later I became serious. I realized how much I needed the Holy Ghost and did not want to go on without it.

Once I realized how much I needed the Holy Ghost I started seeking for it all the time whether at home or

at church. I would get in the altar almost every service. Many times I prayed for long periods and never got anywhere. Other times I felt like it was right there and nothing ever happened. There were even times I felt I was never going to get filled. Taking time off, I got away for several days and spent time in prayer, fasting and reading the Word. I remember coming back and the next service or shortly after I went to the altar like any other time and the Lord filled me with the Holy Ghost! I didn't receive until I made up my mind that I needed the Holy Ghost more than anything else in my life.

I believe one of the biggest things that held me back was pride. When the Lord would ask me to do something in church I was afraid what people would think. Many times I would sit back and not step out when the Lord would ask me to do something. My brother once said "if you ever hear a voice asking you to step out and praise God just do it"! He said "the devil will not tell you to step out and praise God". The night I was filled with the Holy Ghost at the altar praying with my hands raised and I did not care what anyone thought. I remember the Holy Ghost coming on me and losing control of my body. I will never forget the experience I had that night!

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

After being filled with the Holy Ghost, I received both a power and boldness like I had never known. A power to witness to people, and a boldness to preach on the street corner. One time in particular, I remember witnessing to a couple and just after a few minutes of talking, the Holy Ghost took over my mouth and said things I would have never thought. I later was amazed at how the Lord had used me to witness to them. When you are full of the Holy Ghost it will take over and enable you to do things you thought you could never do. We must have the Holy Ghost now more than ever in this last hour to be effective witnesses.



THE BEGINNING OF REVIVAL

Brother Dathan Tucker



If I were to ask, it would probably be unanimous that we all

want to see a great revival in our churches. We would like for it to be said of us that we are a church in revival where things happen, but we must realize that every great revival that has ever taken place has had a beginning.

The Topeka, Kansas, revival began in 1900 when a Bible school instructor by the name of Charles Parham instructed his students to search the scriptures and find what they believed to be the evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Those students all returned and said that when the Holy Ghost was poured out on the early disciples, in each instance, the proof was the same. The Azusa Street revival began with a preacher by the name of William Seymour who buried his face in an old, wooden crate and sought God for revival. It does not matter to which revival we point, there was a beginning to that revival. In the modern church world we have almost adopted the mentality that revival just happens.

In Acts 8 we find that the church at Jerusalem is in a time of difficulty and trial. In the previous chapter,

Bro. Stephen, one of the seven chosen deacons, has just become the first to be martyred for the sake of the gospel.

In the beginning of chapter 8, the Word of God tells us that *"there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem."* Verse 3 tells us that Saul of Tarsus created havoc in the church. It was a time of difficulty for the people of God. Notice that even in the midst of the church's difficulty there was a revival going on, for there was a man of God named Phillip who, the Bible says, *"...went down to the city of Samaria..."* In the midst of the difficulty God still wants to send revival to His people, so He sends Philip to Samaria and what a revival they had!

Notice the first thing that happened. The Bible says, *"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them!"* He did not start a soup kitchen! He did not start a jail ministry! He preached Christ to them. Many times the reason that our churches become stagnant is because we have stopped preaching Christ. For young preachers especially, it is easy to get caught up in preaching the clothesline gospel or preaching a message that will simply get folks "on their feet" when what we really should be preaching is Christ's

crucifixion, Christ's resurrection, and Christ's return. We, as the church world, have taken the spotlight off of Christ and put it on ourselves. We have come to the place in the church world where coming to church is no longer about Christ and what He has done and what He can do, but coming to church has become about US. It's about how WE feel, how WE respond, and how WE want the service to go. If we want to see true revival, then we will get back to the place where we give absolute honor and reverence to Christ and His presence in our services. It's time to return Christ to a place of exaltation. Take the spotlight off of ourselves and put it on Him!

Note four things that took place as a result of Philip's preaching of Christ: First of all, ***demons were subject to and cast out by the power of God.*** As Philip began to preach to the multitude and began to exalt Christ the Deliverer, Hell itself was not happy. In the four Gospels, as well as the book of Acts, notice the presence of demon possession. Today, we have a tendency to discount their activity. Modern psychology and medicine has done much to turn our attention away from demonic activity. However, the enemy is still on the loose. Whenever revival comes, there are going to be

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people that come into our churches full of the devil and under the influence of satanic spirits and those spirits WILL show themselves. A church that is prayed up, full of the Holy Ghost, and on fire for God has nothing to fear when the enemy raises his ugly head. When we preach Christ, demons are still brought into subjection to His authority.

Secondly, **disease and sickness were healed by the power of God.** As Philip began to preach Christ the Healer, disease and sickness began to lose its hold. Some of you know what it is to battle or to struggle to get to the house of God because of sickness. You know what it is to feel like the woman of whom the Bible says, *"....had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself."* But the Bible says that Jesus *"laid His hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God."* Christ is not only the Deliverer, but He is the Healer! He can take a negative sickness and turn it into a positive testimony! He can take an infirmity in your body and turn it into a praise report. Jesus Christ is still the Great Physician, Creator and restorer of the human body.

Thirdly, as Philip began to preach Christ, **the whole city experienced great joy!** In our society, depression and despair are prominent. The psalmist said, *"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise!"* When is the last time that you stepped into the house of God with your hands raised to heaven and with worship on your lips! The reason that there is no joy in our society is because there is minimal joy in our churches. Real joy is one thing that has set us, as Pentecostals, apart from the world. Don't misunderstand me, joy is not the same as happiness. Just because you're happy does not mean that you have joy! Happiness is affected by circumstances, but real joy cannot be affected by those same circumstances. It was joy that allowed Job to say, *"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the*

Lord." It was joy that allowed Nehemiah to say after rebuilding the walls that had been destroyed, *"....the joy of the Lord is your strength."* It was joy that allowed Polycarp, the bishop of Smyrna, to stand at the stake as he was about to be martyred for the gospel and say, "Fourscore and six years have I been serving Him, and He hath done me no wrong; how then can I blaspheme my king who saved me?" Church, when we begin to preach Jesus, and when He himself shows up, then He will bring joy.

Lastly, notice what happened as a result of Philip preaching Christ - **they were filled with the Holy Ghost.** Verse 17 tells us that Peter and John went down to Samaria and *"laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost."* You may not see the connection between Philip preaching Christ and the Samaritans receiving the Holy Ghost, but consider this: Philip was in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Ghost was poured out. One of the qualifications for his being chosen as a deacon was that he be full of the Holy Ghost. When you experience the baptism of the Holy Ghost, you will not be able to keep it to yourself. In my mind's eye, I imagine Philip getting about halfway thru his sermon telling them how Jesus said that He would send them another Comforter. Maybe one of the points of his sermon was that Jesus is the Baptizer and maybe he started getting a little bit excited right about then and he said something like, "And I got to be in that upper room when the Baptizer started baptizing."

May I admonish each of you that as **The Church** it is time we preach Christ to a lost and dying world. Rise up and declare in exaltation the name of Jesus Christ. Get off of our soapbox and get on our knees. Stop focusing on the minors and focus on the Master. If we can convince folks to get a real relationship with Jesus, then their dress, habits, and priorities will change. Now more than ever before, we must preach Christ. Only when we have done this will our churches experience true revival!



A message from Transformation Junction

BUILDING ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

Matthew 7:24-27 : Luke 6:48-49 : I Corinthians 3:10-11 : II Timothy 2:19



Brother Don and
Sister Debbie Woolett
Kidz Church Directors

We hear a lot about the parent's responsibility in raising their children and rightfully so, but what is the role of those of us in the church? Every one of us do have a God given responsibility to be an example in every way to everyone in-

cluding the children. We are going to take a few minutes to discuss a very important part of being that Biblical example.

Many times I have had people in our community tell me that our church building is beautiful. I agree it is an attractive building, but as with any building, without a firm foundation it would lose its beauty and stability.

The purpose of a foundation is to distribute the load and increase the stability of the structure as a whole. (Webster's College Dictionary)

Just as a building must have a good foundation, our lives must be built upon a firm foundation that will stand the tests of time. Children need to see us building on the right foundation. We know there are a lot of foundations on which we could build such as a career, an education, entertainment, a talent... I'm sure the list could grow, but if you will notice each one of these start with our own abilities. This is not a sure foundation! Any time we build we must be positive it is a foundation that is connected to the head cornerstone.

What is a cornerstone?

Cornerstone - a stone representing the starting place in the construction of a monumental building, usually carved with the date and laid with appropriate ceremonies; the chief foundation on which something is constructed or developed; something of great importance that everything else depends on. (Webster's College Dictionary)

I Peter 2:6 says, *"Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief cornerstone,*

elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded."

Jesus is our Chief Corner Stone. The date etched on this cornerstone is 'Eternal,' and the ceremony in which it was laid is His 'Death, Burial, and Resurrection'.

Generations before us have been building upon this foundation connected to the 'Chief Cornerstone'. This is the only way to avoid being confused, or as the Bible says it, 'confounded'.

Ephesians 2:19-22 says, *"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."*

Without that head/chief corner stone the foundation will be weak; therefore, making everything built upon it unsure, undependable, and even dangerous. What are the symptoms of a faulty foundation? Just like a building, our lives will suffer symptoms when the foundation is failing.

1. In a structural building, the doors and windows may not open or close smoothly or properly.
-In our spiritual building, open doors to ministry opportunities will be hindered to such a point we become less effective in the work of God.
2. In a structural building, one may find cracks on the walls near doors and windows.
-In our spiritual building, we develop weak points doctrinally.
3. In a structural building, a small gap may be found at the bottom of the garage door.
-In our spiritual building, we start allowing the elements of this world to flow in and cause damage.
4. In a structural building, there may be an expansion of caulk around doors and windows.
-In our spiritual building, we lose that connection

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we once had with the Lord. It will be noticed in the way we respond to the move of God in our services as well as our interest in the things of the Lord.

5. In a structural building, there may be unlevel floors.

-In our spiritual building, our whole walk with the Lord becomes difficult; we become more susceptible to falls and imbalance.

Ephesians 4:14-15 says, *"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:"*

We can see how important it is to build a natural building upon a good foundation, but our lives and the lives of our children hold a much greater value than the things of this world.

Luke 12:6-7 says, *"Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows."*

Children do tend to follow in our footsteps. They are drawn to the things that interest us. Little girls want to help Mommy wash dishes, put clothes in the washer, etc... Little Boys want to use the hammer like Daddy or help Daddy carry the wood he is using, etc... If we spend our time building on the foundation connected to the Chief Corner Stone, our children are likely to want to do the same.

Watch the children during a church service. Many of them do their best to be just like those of us that actively get involved in the worship. We must teach/guide them while they are young. Ever notice how difficult it is for a teenager that has not had proper upbringing to desire to yield totally to the Lord? It's not impossible but somewhat more of a challenge. They did not have the privilege of seeing and helping others build on the firm foundation, Jesus Christ.

Why not win them while they are still very young. Kidz church is just a piece of this work. If every part is properly constructed in the Lord, we will hear the people of our community once again say, "Wow, what a growing church! Look at how the children love the Lord!" Now, that is beautiful!

Our children will face challenges and hindrances in this world, but if they are firmly planted on the true Foundation and connected to the Chief Corner Stone, they will have better opportunities to make it through the Storms of Life.

So how do we teach our children to build on a strong foundation?

We do it ourselves!



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Mark 2:4-5 *4And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed*

wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

5When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

The goal of the church must be to get folks saved and healed. In this dark and sinful world, we must get them into the presence of Christ whatever it takes, even if we must carry them! Carrying men and women to Jesus has never been and never will be easy. It requires someone on all four corners of the couch.

Luke the physician said this man was **taken** with a palsy. *Luke 5:18*. Life has been cruel to him. Through a sudden accident, a terrible disease, a fever or through some awful twist of life, he was taken with a palsy. Paralyzed, he could not help himself. He could not get to Jesus on his own.

- **There Is A Couch to Be Carried Today**

We are dealing with a world of paralyzed people. For the most part, they are still up walking around but inwardly they are palsied. Their mind is affected, their heart is bound, and their soul is captive. They have been wounded, bruised, mistreated, beaten emotionally and left for dead. People right on your street live in fear and torment because of the trauma of sin, and they cannot overcome it on their own. They have enjoyed sin, but the pleasure that seemed to bring such liberty has left them in bondage. They need someone to carry their couch! We want them to get the help they need, right?

- **The Pastor Must Carry the Couch**

You say the pastor must carry the couch. Yes, the Pastor has a special anointing to carry folks to Jesus. He knows exactly what to say and just when to say it. The Pastor must carry the couch. Thank God for the man

of God that is willing to carry his share of the load! However, the Pastor is only able to carry one corner of the couch at a time! The ministry needs help in getting folks to Jesus.

- **The People Must Carry the Couch**

There is a job for each one to do. All four corners must be covered. If someone is not doing their part then the paralyzed man is dumped in the street and is worse off than before. If we are ever going to get the palsied to Jesus we must work together. Prayer is essential to carrying people to Jesus. This is spiritual and cannot be completed purely by physical effort.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 3For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Work like success depends on us, and pray because all the success depends on God!

PRAYER

We need intercessory prayer warriors. I am saved today because folks would not quit praying. You are saved today because somebody would not quit praying. We must hold up our corner of the couch through prayer.

PROVISION

We need people to hold up the couch through provision of their time, talent and treasure. We expect those that have more to give more, but are we willing to carry our corner when it comes to giving? If we are ever going to reach the folks, it will cost us something, but it will be worth it! We spend our money on so many things that have no eternal significance at all. Shouldn't we be willing to spend another portion of our resources to bring eternal life to a lost soul? It will be worth it both here and in eternity! Thank God for the churches, pastors, teachers, singers, and all of His saints.

God has provided a wonderful place for people to get saved, worship, be blessed, and learn. However, there are people who have made up their minds they are

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never coming into our churches. If they refuse to come to us, then we will take the Gospel to them! God has opened the door for us to set up a Gospel tent and sing and preach to folks that have never been inside of our church. We are taking the tent into larger metropolitan areas to try to carry people to Jesus.

Tent revivals may not be your "thing", and that is ok. Maybe you need to minister in a nursing home or within the prisons. I know a woman in her 90s that loves to minister one-on-one through the glass partition to men and women in her county jail. Visit the hospital or the sick in your town. Plan a Bible class for all the kids that are constantly running through your yard. The point is there are paralyzed people and they need somebody to help carry them to Christ! There is something for you to do!

PERSEVERANCE

There is a bit of information that is critical to know if we are going to carry folks to Jesus. It takes perseverance! Perseverance is the "continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition." (www.merriam-webster.com)

Reality says, "There is no room at the door. The crowd is too great."

Perseverance says, "Come on, brother! We can do it!"



Reality says, "The opposition is too large. Jesus is out of reach. We gave it a good try. We will try another day."

Perseverance says, "We cannot take him back home still paralyzed. There must be something we can do. Hey! What about the roof? Yes, that's it! Take him up on the roof!"

Reality says, "What? Did you say take him on the roof? That is crazy!"

Perseverance says, "Yes, but it is better than leaving him paralyzed. Come on, let's do it!"

With a man on every corner, up on the roof the palsied man goes. Down through the hole in the roof. Borne of four and let down into the presence of Christ.

Mark 2 v.5 "When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." And then, Mark 2 v.11 "I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house."

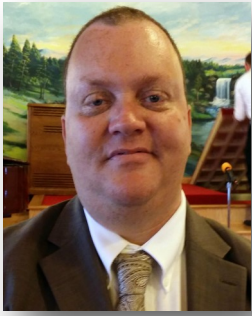
He is healed and forgiven because some one cared enough to carry him!

- This man's **triumph** is in their **team** work.
- His **destiny** was dependent on their **determination**.
- His **forgiveness** was in their **faith**.
- His **salvation** was in their **single** mindedness.
- His **healing** was in their **help**.

They carried the couch. They each carried their corner. The paralyzed man went home saved and healed!

There is no telling what God is going to do right here if we all willingly grab a corner of the couch!





DON'T MISS OUT!

Brother Danny Compton
Sunday School Superintendent

For many years Sunday School was literally school. In the 1780's, the industrial revolution resulted in many children having to join the workforce, and some would spend six days per week working in factories. Entire families would work day after day just to survive.

The children of these families were bound to a life of illiteracy. The hours children worked were long. In fact, in 1802 legislative restrictions came resulting in the number of hours children could work being reduced to 12 hours per day! For the next 42 years this remained unchanged. Saturday was part of the work week leaving no time for education. The Sunday School movement began in Britain, and its key promoter was an English Anglican evangelical named Robert Raikes. The Sunday School movement soon spread to America, and religious organization across the board began creating Sunday Schools.

Sunday Schools taught the children of working class families how to read, write, and, of course, religious education was a core component. Children were taught to read using the Bible as the textbook, and they learned to write by copying passages from the scripture.

Spiritual practices such as prayer and hymn singing were taught, and Christian morality and virtues were also goals of Sunday School.

Sunday School became very popular, and prize day and picnics were looked forward to. Sunday School had become a normal aspect of childhood, and even parents who did not attend church insisted that their children go to Sunday School.

In the 1870s, compulsory education was established, and reading, writing, and arithmetic

were learned thru the week. Sunday School then became focused on religious education. Parents continued to insist that their children attend Sunday School for the next 80 to 90 years. However, in the 1960's and 70's parents stopped insisting on Sunday School attendance and adopted a permissive style of parenting which we are still paying the price for today.

I am not saying that Sunday School alone is the answer, but I do believe it is crucial to use every tool at our disposal to make sure that children, parents and grandparents are equipped to live victorious lives. The Lord has provided for us here at HPC IN A GREAT WAY!

WE HAVE

- The Holy Ghost
- Anointed singing and music
- Loving elders
- Children's church
- Youth group
- Pastor

Just to name a few! All of these things are cooperating together with the help of the Lord.

- Sunday School

Our Sunday School department is one of the tools the Lord has provided.

*Every class is designed for a specific age group.

*Every teacher is prayerfully placed by leadership.

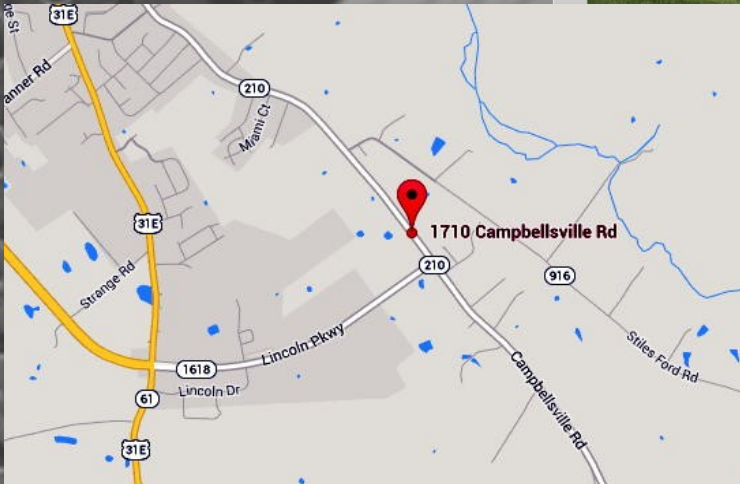
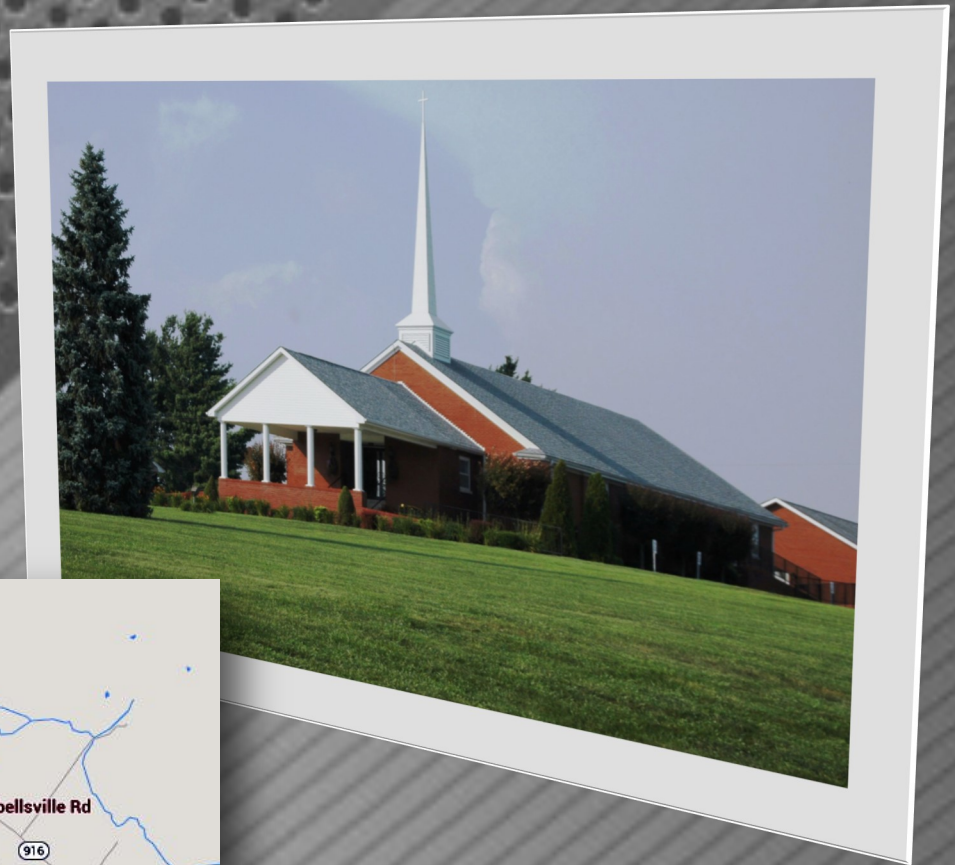
*Curriculum and subject matter are continually worked on and evaluated.

DON'T MISS OUT

Sunday School is a wonderful opportunity for children, parents and grandparents to grow closer to the Lord and one another.

Church begins at 10





Services and Times

Sunday School - 10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am

Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 pm

Wednesday Night Worship- 7:30 pm

Kidz Ministry - Wednesday Nights



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