



# Morganton First Church of God

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## Sunday

Sunday School~ 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service & Kid's Church ~ 10:30 a.m.  
Youth Power House ~ 6:00 p.m.

## Wednesday

Fellowship Supper ~ 5:45 p.m. & Adult Classes ~ 7:00 p.m.  
KidsPlace & Nursery ~ 7:00 p.m.  
Youth PowerHouse ~ 7:00 p.m.

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**Our Purpose is to expand God's Kingdom, as we reach, teach,  
disciple and activate people for our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## From The Pastor

### PENTECOST AND YOU

The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, fifty days after Resurrection Sunday (Easter). A gathering of bewildered people who had been instructed by the risen Savior to wait for this event were in the designated place anticipating something (they knew not what). Those folks had been taught for three years by the Master. They had witnessed power, miracles, love, forgiveness, spiritual births, unheard-of

teachings, hard-to-believe new ways of thinking and behaving (including turn the other cheek, forgive without paying back), a brutal crucifixion, a resurrection and an ascension of the Christ. Now ten days following the ascension, they are waiting for this promised event. Jesus himself had promised, "Go...and wait...for the Holy Spirit will come upon you." (Read Acts 1 & 2)

And He did, in a powerful way. The people "were in one accord," meaning, they were in unity, just as the Christ had prayed (John 17). And when Holy Spirit came upon them, it was in fullness and in power. Launching the Church with its power source God moved in mighty ways so that there was no uncertainty. And, so, the Church began to move.

Today, you and I are part of that Great Movement. The same Power is available to us. He calls us to serving, dying to self, forgiving, going a second mile, living in peace and unity – so that we can be a people unto Him and be witnesses at home, and round the world.

Too many people today, however, want the assurance of salvation, but not the dying-to-self kind of service called for. Our times are marked by SELF-service, what I want, what meets MY needs and desires. A willingness to sacrifice others on the altar of MY interests pervades our culture – both in and outside the church. Pentecost, the coming of Holy Spirit, means something quite different than self-gratification. It means a dying to self in order to rise to something far greater: living unto God. The Holy Spirit directs, enables and empowers God's people to live holy, service-oriented lives, not looking for "what I get out of it."

Pentecost and You? Are you willing to die to self? To lose self-interest? To be filled with His power and presence so that you live out unity in the Body of Christ? Pentecost marks the point at which we take up the cause of Christ, empowered by His Spirit, to make a Godly difference in our world. Let's be Holy Spirit-filled Church. God bless you.