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- **Location:** Amherst Bible Church; Amherst, Wisconsin
- **Host Pastor:** Rev. Derek Nett

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- **Dates:** Thurs-Sat., April 27-29
- **Theme:** Kingdom Culture
- **Speaker:** Apostle Greg Hood
- **Location:** Rising River Church; Vincennes, Indiana (US 41)
- **Host Pastor:** Dr. Kathie Eades

IMA SOUTH CTRL DIST CONF:

- **Dates:** Mon-Wed., June 19-21
- **Location:** Church of the Open Door; Hot Springs, Arkansas
- **Host Pastor:** Rev. Teddy Frye

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for the work of the ministry. We are to activate and empower our people to get them to a place where their contribution joins with others to edify the body, as each part does its work.

EDIFY

Just like the Corinthians, we need some guidance in how to appropriately handle ourselves when we come together. The Apostle Paul summarized his instructions saying, "Everything must be done so that the church may be built up."

This implies that sometimes, people will try to make a contribution that will not edify. Don't let this be the reason why the Spirit is squeezed out of your services. Rather, be the

shepherd. When a sheep goes astray, bring them back into the fold. You can redirect a service and get things back in line. You can address a disruptive person tersely in the moment and use it as a teaching opportunity after the service. Remember—you are the shepherd and the gatekeeper. What the body stands to gain from the contribution of every member far outweighs the growing pains that it takes to mature as a body to reach that level.

Ask the Lord today to show you specific people in your congregation who have a contribution to make, and when you come together, let the Holy Spirit lead. You won't be disappointed!



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Everyone Can Edify

By Rev. Josiah Hodgett



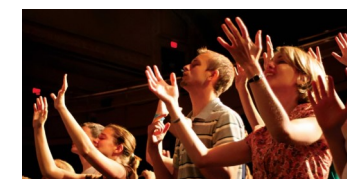
"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." Ephesians 4:16, NIV

"What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up." 1 Corinthians 14:26, NIV

There is a rich history in the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement of welcoming the Spirit-led contributions of the saints in times of corporate worship. Whether a prophetic word spoken in tongues and interpreted, or a song of the Lord shared by the worship leader, these special contributions can add a fresh wind in the sails of your congregation.

The Apostle Paul addresses this topic in several areas, but the two points I would like to highlight are:

1. God intends for EVERY member of the church body to contribute to its edification.
2. Every contribution must edify.



EVERY MEMBER

I remember the first time I led a worship song at youth camp. Pastor Jen Slater took the time to recognize what God had put in me and worked with me to cultivate that into a gift for edifying the body. A key part of my development was that she gave me a safe space to try out singing in prophetic song. Over the years, I developed a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit in times of worship, and leading out in a prophetic song became a regular part of the contribution I am able to make to edify the body.

There are people in your church who have a unique contribution to make in your times of corporate worship, but it needs to be recognized first and then developed. As Spirit-led shepherds, we are not called to be the sole voice in a service, but rather, to lead and equip the saints (Continued on Pg. 4)



Spirit-Controlled Life

By Rev. Charles B. Dewing; Port Missions International; IMA Florida District Chairman

Zechariah 4:6, Who Controls Your Life? As we read Paul's letter to the Ephesians we see glimpses of the Spirit-filled life.

Ephesians 1:13, "At salvation you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise."

Ephesians 2:22, "Made a habitation of God through the Spirit."

Ephesians 4:30, We are warned, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, wherein ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."



Ephesians 5:18, "Be filled with the Spirit." As we are filled with God's Word daily, so we are filled

with God's Spirit daily and walk in His will.



Walking the Spirit-filled life will effect your — Worship (5:19), Family (5:20 - 6:9), Warfare (6:10 -17), and Prayer Life (6:18).

Living the Spirit-controlled life will not only effect our lives but also the lives of others—John 7:38, 39 (Living in the overflow); John 10:10 (the abundant life).

So let us ask Him to take over. (Ephesians 3:16-19) and obey His command. "Be filled with the Holy Spirit."

The above pictures of Tampa Port Ministries were taken while Rev. Charles and Joan Dewing were visiting the crew of seafarers with Port Missions International.

The Holy Spirit is at work renewing our minds. The Apostle Paul puts it this way in Romans 12:1, 2 "I beseech you therefore brethren that you present your bodies as a living sacrifice holy and acceptable unto God and be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that you might know that good and perfect will of God." The Holy Spirit is at work conforming us to be like Jesus. Roman 8:29, Like Jesus we must humble ourself and be obedient. Philippians 2:5, Let the Holy Spirit have His way.



The Anointing of the Holy Spirit



By Rev. Travis Moffitt

Several years ago my family and I were driving home from our day of errands just as the sun was setting. We were on a small country road not far from our home. All of a sudden I felt the power go out of the car and the engine died. I managed to steer us to the side of the road with the last bit of momentum. As I examined the gauges to determine the problem I realized that we had run out of gas. A simple problem with detrimental effects. In that moment we had everything that we needed for our car to help us along, except the one, oil-based product known as gasoline. After a few minutes, a nice couple came along and helped me get to the nearest gas station and back with enough gas to get us on our way.

Our lives are like this at times. Our ministries and churches can be like this. We are well equipped. We have all the resources that we need. We have our team and families right along

side. Yet sometimes, we are missing the fuel source: The Oil.

In the Book of Luke, Chapter 4 Verse 18 Jesus says, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed."



Jesus' ministry was full of miracles. He healed the sick, raised the dead, turned water into wine and spoke truth that cut to the heart. He did this not only because He is the Son of God, but because He had been anointed by The Holy Spirit. He had the anointing oil applied to His life. Leviticus Chapter 8 describes for

us in great detail how the Temple, the items in the Temple and the priests were anointed with oil.

In the same way, the Holy Spirit anointed Jesus with spiritual oil so that He would be empowered to minister miraculously. You and I have this same access. The anointing of the Holy Spirit illuminates our minds to understand Scripture; it consecrates us to live holy lives; it restores us to live healthy lives. Every day we have the opportunity to invite the Holy Spirit to anoint us for miraculous, power-filled lives that illuminate, consecrate and restore us and those around us.

I so appreciate organizations like the IMA that are proponents of anointed, Spirit-filled ministries, churches and families. It's these types of organizations that God is using today to change communities, cities and nations. May you know the anointing of the Holy Spirit in your life every day.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit

One of the greatest marks of the Holy Spirit is that He gives boldness to people when He fills them. Exod. 40:34-38 speaks by types and shadows of how the Holy Spirit emboldens believers in Christ. The cloud and fire are types of the Holy Spirit. The glory of the Lord filling the tabernacle is a shadow of people receiving the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit desires to fill each believer personally. He also wants to abide with each church/body as a congregation of the Lord. He is a cloud that shields from the severity of tribulation on earth. He is a fire to both light up the night and protect from blasphemous works of darkness. The Holy Spirit is with us to embolden us to do

His work. The goal:

- Every teaching class,
- **EMPOWERED;**
- Every outreach, **EMPOWERED;**
- Every fellowship, **EMPOWERED;**
- Every difficult circumstance,
- **EMPOWERED;**
- Every loss/heartache,
- **EMPOWERED;**
- Every celebration, **EMPOWERED;**
- Every missions work,
- **EMPOWERED;**
- Every "laying on of hands" encounter, **EMPOWERED;**
- Every assembly on the Lord's Day, **EMPOWERED!**

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Quotable Quotes

"It's time that we come out of hiding in our safe sanctuaries, Christian schools and Christian colleges and use them as springboards to confront ungodly values and anti-God agenda, and oppose the gates of hell and the devil's strength and power. In Jesus' power, those gates will fall."

~ Chairman Rev. Ken Benson; May 2005

"If you believe it; do it.
If you preach it; live it.
If you want it; go for it.
If you need it; pray for it.
If you don't like it; change it!"

~ Brian Houston

"The early outpouring of the [Holy] Spirit had supernatural manifestations accompanying it, which caused people to see and hear things" (Acts 2:33).

~ Rev. Harry Morse; Herald of Truth 1946

"The Holy Spirit is a healing spirit. When the Holy Spirit is present, anything is possible."

~Reinhard Bonnke

"The Holy Spirit empowers us to elevate, rather than dominate others."

~ Lisa Bevere

WHAT KIND ARE YOU

A lot of Christians are like wheelbarrows, no good unless pushed. Some are like canoes, they need to be paddled.

Some are like kites, if you don't keep a string on them they'll fly away.

Some are like kittens, they are more contented when petted.

Some are like footballs, you can't tell which way they'll bounce next.

Some are like balloons, full of wind, ready to blow up.

Some are like trailers, they have to be pulled.

Some are like neon lights, they keep going off and on.

Others let the Holy Spirit lead them.

~IMA Herald of Truth; Oct. 1957