



Spirit-Driven Living

By Pastor Jason Triplett

John 14:26 (ESV) *“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”*

I have been reminded lately how much I desperately rely on the Holy Spirit for life and ministry in Christ. God the Father has sent us His Spirit as the dynamic force in our lives with Him. The Holy Spirit serves as a helper in our lives with Jesus, a teacher of all things and reminder of all that Jesus said. The Spirit seals us for eternity with God. Once God’s Spirit dwells in us as the driving force of our lives, there’s nothing we can do to separate from it. The promise of the Holy Spirit is a boundless gift of our faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Undeniably, a life in Christ is driven by the Holy Spirit. There’s just one problem. How do we know if we’re following the Spirit or if we’re following something else? I’m sure there are more evidences, but personally, I’ve discovered three things which help me determine when God’s Spirit is leading me.

The Spirit isn’t me, it’s “other” than me.

When a decision or an idea comes to me and I am looking for direction from God, I am reminded that His ways are high above my ways. If a direction makes absolute sense in my mind, it’s a good sign that it’s not of God. This makes sense because the Holy Spirit was given to lead us into God’s righteousness and path for us, not our own. A good guideline to determine if something in your life is given by His Spirit is to ask whose character, desire and personality it matches more, His or yours?

The Spirit encourages me to go deeper.

God doesn’t want a portion of our lives; He wants us to offer Him the whole thing. We cannot “phone it in” with God as no aspects of our lives are hidden from Him. The Holy Spirit is always challenging me to offer to God all of my life, every corner and every thought. I have not arrived yet, there are still things I try to hide from God. However, as my life becomes more consecrated to Him, I have yet to be disappointed at the many things I’ve given to Him. The truth is it all belongs to Him anyway. It’s clear by His Spirit that God’s desire is for us to realize we can trust Him with everything and go deeper in our relationship with Him.

The Spirit comforts me no matter the circumstances.

Lastly, the presence of God’s Spirit is a heartening reminder that He never leaves us or disowns us. When it all falls apart, I find our faithful and loving Father holding me up by His Spirit. I’ve not experienced the pain and trauma that some have, but I know in my own pain and disappointments, God has always been faithful. When nothing else eases the sting of a situation, God always does so by His Spirit’s presence with me. He wants all of us to know this, He’s not far away when we struggle. He’s near us and will carry us forward when we just can’t do it anymore. No matter what happens, God, by His Spirit, will be there to comfort His people.

Lives driven by the Spirit of God are hard because our corrupted wills clash with God’s perfect will. However, when I keep in mind that God’s way is better, He knows me and favors me, I can find peace in letting go and following the Holy Spirit in any direction. God’s path, His promptings and His reassurances, given by His Spirit, are better than any life we can determine on our own.

Have a blessed Mother's Day!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH & NURSERY ANNOUNCEMENT!! BEGINNING SUNDAY JUNE 6TH

ALL CHILDREN WILL BE INVITED TO THE WORSHIP SPACE AT THE BEGINNING OF SERVICE WITH THEIR PARENTS AND HAVE THE OPTION OF BEING EXCUSED TO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AFTER WORSHIP IN SINGING.

**OUR SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES ARE:
NURSERY: INFANT-3YRS & CHILDREN'S CHURCH: PRE-K THRU 2ND GRADE**

**Starts on
Mother's Day
May 9**

**Return to the church
on Father's Day
June 20**

PRC provides hope & help to families in our community!

Baby Bottle Boomerang



Thank-You for observing our COVID-19 Safety Mitigations for In-Person Gathering:

1. Masks are available and encouraged.
2. Do a symptom self-check before attending.
3. Use good hand hygiene. (Free sanitizer!)
4. Use the provided pre-packaged communion.
5. Practice social distancing.
6. Sit with your family in the worship space.

LaMoine Christian Service Camp

Needs 25 - 2# BAG



**BROWN
SUGAR**

(Deadline May 16)

2021 SCHEDULE:

June 11-12:	Just 4 Boys	(grades 5-8)
June 14-16:	First Chance Day Camps	(grades K-5)
June 18-20:	Junior High	(grades 6-8)
June 25-27:	Niners	(grades 9-10)
July 5-7:	First Chance Day Camps	(grades K-5)
July 9-11:	High Teen	(grades 9-12)
July 16-17:	Just 4 Girls	(grades 5-8)

All sessions are based on the grade the camper is attending in the fall of 2021.
Due to limited availability, camps are restricted to the grades listed above.

To register go to lamoinecamp.org



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Prayers & Praises

Updated: 5/5/2021

Unity in Schuyler County

Ladies retreat May 14 - 15

Gabby Sorrell - hospitalized

Garrett Collins - Cancer is back

Family of Emma McGovern

Uncle Gail Triplett - on Hospice

10 year old James Pax (Thelma's cousin's grandson) has Stage 4 Cancer

Family of Tim Gilliland

Rick Ashcraft - Praise for a great report!

Janet Detrick - Cancer

Pray for the family & friends of Nathan Grafton, 19 year old who lost his life as the result of a car accident

Leaders of our country & military

Jane Wright - health

Associate Pastor search

Alisha's grandmother - starting breast cancer treatments

Thelma - health

Ron King (Cheri's father) - good report on health

Kailey Orwig - deployed to South Korea

Abigail Norton - deployed to Africa

Church Building Need

Liz Wood - cancer

Dan Norton - stroke recovery

April OFFERINGS:

Apr 4 - \$ 5379.42

Apr 11 - \$ 2034.42

Apr 18 - \$ 1092.50

Apr 25 - \$ 2838.24

Prayer Requests can be submitted and updated through the online Prayer card. Find it at rushvillechurchofchrist.com

