

Wednesday Bible Study @ 6:45 pm
Conference call:
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UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- * Anniversary Ice Cream Social - Sunday, August 26th (after service)
- * Prayer Conference - Saturday, September 15th (8:30am-12:30pm)
- * Community Baptism—Saturday, September 29th (4pm-6pm)
(Lebauer Park in downtown Greensboro)
- * Elder's Retreat—Sunday, September 30th (all day)

IMPORTANT:

Please send emails, announcements, and appointment requests to info.nmccenter@gmail.com
Please visit www.nmccenter.com for more information and to give online.
Have a blessed and prosperous week!

NOTES:

Please continue to pray over these issues:

- Ownership & transition into our building
- The Physical Health of NMCC members
- Marriages/Family/Legacy
- Environmental Conditions facing our kids in school

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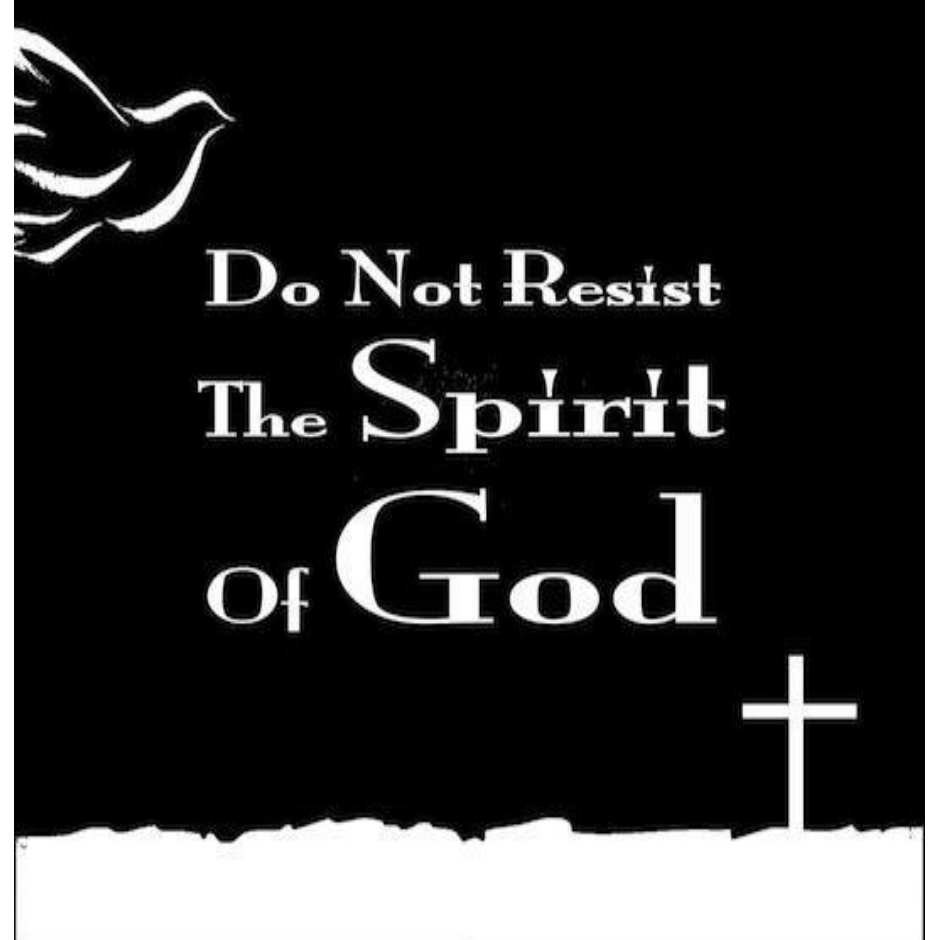
Our Vision: A multi-faceted ministry that equips people of all races in pursuing, capturing and developing a mature personal relationship with Jesus the Christ.

Our Mission: To walk in the Spirit of God, so that others may know Him, to make disciples and to spread the gospel of Christ.



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“Don’t Block the Holy Spirit!”

Scripture: John 7:37-39, Hebrews 3: 7-13 & Revelation 3:20-21

Commentary:

Did you know that sometimes there are blockages that can prevent you from receiving the fullness of the Spirit? For me, I always ask the Lord for understanding and discernment, then I try to move out of the way. The Lord desires for you to receive Pentecost in a personal, intimate way! He wants you to receive the Holy Spirit's anointing. But, are you or someone you know struggling to receive this supernatural infilling or that all important refreshing?

Here are some reasons why there might be a blockage:

1. Doubt or intellectual pride. Spiritual experiences cannot be figured out with the natural mind. To receive the Spirit's infilling you must let go of your intellectual arguments and display childlike faith. **(Matt. 18:2-4)**

2. Religious tradition. Religious people who are locked into "the way we've always done it" find it hard to receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit. You must be willing to break free from tradition. **(Matthew 16:6)**

3. Fear of the supernatural. The first disciples in the New Testament spoke in tongues and experienced miracles-yet their faith was not strange. People who are afraid of God's supernatural power will struggle to receive it. **(Matthew 12:23-25, Luke 11:20)**

4. Unconfessed sin. The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit can be "quenched" as well as "grieved." **(1 Thess. 5:19; Eph. 4:30)** Because He is so holy, our sinful habits and attitudes can cause Him to withdraw. This is why it's so important for us to walk in constant communion with God, and to be willing to repent quickly when we know we have sinned. **(Proverbs 28:13)**

5. Emotional wounds. Some people are just too burdened with emotional baggage to be filled with the Spirit. Some have been abused, others weighted down by anxiety, others grieving or depressed. They need healing first. Like Lazarus on the day he was raised from the dead, they are bound by the grave clothes of the past, and they need to be unwrapped before they can experience God's full anointing **(John 11:44)**. Healing is often needed before a person can receive the blessing of Holy Spirit baptism.

6. An un-yielded spirit. You cannot be filled with the Holy Spirit if you are full of yourself. Some people are too willful. They have not surrendered their plans, finances, relationships or time to God. They have their lives planned out and they don't want God interrupting their agendas. Yet God is looking to fill hearts that have been emptied and surrendered. Only the fully yielded can experience the fullness of His power. **(Ephesians 4:18, Matthew 13: 14-15, Proverbs 28: 13-14)**

Conclusion:

Therefore, to unblock the way for the Holy Spirit to flow you must:

- Put doubt and intellect aside
- Not cling to traditions and patterns of interaction
- Grow in knowledge which combats fear
- Confess those buried or current sins
- Check all your bags at the door of praise
- Experience a heart transformation (Ezekiel 36:26)

Final Comment:

If you have not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, or if the flow of the Spirit has been blocked in your life, empty your heart today and prepare for your own personal Pentecost.

John 7:37-39 – Read (Come and Drink)!

Closing Prayer

Invitations

Second Offering

Benediction