

# SUGAR GROVE

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

THEME FOR MAY: EVANGELISM

CHOIR *THERE'S JOY IN FOLLOWING JESUS* (TWICE - HYMN 441)  
(CONGREGATION JOIN IN)

ACOLYTES PRESENT THE "LIGHT"

WORSHIP HIM . . .

\*WITH OUR PRAISE

*THE FAMILY OF GOD*

HYMN 75

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The fires of love dispel life's shadows.

God's Spirit comes to give us new life.

**Surely God is in this place.**

**May the glory of God be known among us today!**

\*Prayer of Adoration

(Congregation may be seated)

**Prayer of Confession** (READ IN UNISON)

**When your face is hidden from us, mighty God, we forget that there is more to life than the daily pursuits that occupy our attention. We are weak because we have not tapped the resources you place within us. We are engaged only by what we can see and touch and hear. Our frantic self-centeredness dries up our bones and we lose hope. Call us out of the graves in which we have chosen to live, the deep ruts that keep us from knowing the fullness of life you reveal when we welcome your Spirit. Amen.**

Call to Worship, Confession, Offertory from Led By Love, Lavon Bayler

MAY 31, 2009

DECLARATION OF PARDON

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 NIV

WITH A HYMN *HE KEEPS ME SINGING* HYMN 224

SPECIAL MUSIC

SHARING WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

WITH HIS TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

WITH PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THROUGH PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ALTAR FOR ANY OF YOUR PRAYER CONCERNS.

LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)

SERMON "TIME TO GET FIRED UP!"

Acts 2:1-21

BY RESPONDING TO THE WORD:

\*BY SINGING A HYMN

*FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS*

HYMN 462

ALTAR CALL: YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ALTAR

\*BY RECEIVING THE BLESSING

*LEARNING TO LEAN*

HYMN 437

AS ACOLYTES TAKE THE "LIGHT" INTO THE WORLD

\*STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AKA MINISTRY IN ACTION

Choir Practice will be held today at 5:15pm.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 22—26. There are several opportunities for you to share in this ministry. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Members for a new team entitled "Decoration" is needed. Please take advantage of this opportunity to work with the children of our community.

Sugar Beats are at information Station.

Session will meet Next Sunday after the evening service.

**P**entecost was the second of the three annual pilgrim festivals (along with Passover and tabernacles) when every male was required to proceed on foot to the Temple in Jerusalem. It is also called the Feast of Weeks, because it was held after the counting of seven complete weeks after "the morrow of the Sabbath" when the barley sheaves were offered (Lev 23:15-20). The festival is then held on the 50th day, i.e. Pentecost. The Pharisees took the "morrow of the Sabbath" as the second day of Passover, while the Sadducees interpreted it as the first Sunday after the first day of Passover. The Pharisee interpretation was accepted as normative. The festival is also named the feast of the Ingathering (Ex 23:16) and the Day of the First Fruits (Num 28:26).

All the pilgrim festivals possessed agricultural significance. Pentecost marked the end of the barley and the beginning of the wheat harvest, and two loaves, made of the finest wheat were "a wave offering before the Lord" in the Temple (Lev 23:17-20). The first fruits were also brought to the Temple on this occasion. Pilgrims used to assemble in large towns in each district, and would set out together in joyful procession to the Temple,

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**Additional Prayer Concerns  
are in the Sugar Beat**

**Please use the Prayer request cards**

<u>Pray For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
John Conley	Eddie Hunt
Glenn Patmore	Anna Hunt
Chad Roberts	Marvin & Evelyn Roberts
Alberta Taylor	Maudie Summers

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where they were welcomed by the Levites. Historical connections were given to these festivals: Pentecost was associated with the revelation on Sinai, becoming known as "The Season of the giving of our Torah" although the Bible gives the event no specific date; it was deduced by reckoning based on Exodus 19:1-2. The Book of Ruth, associated with the barley and wheat harvests, as well as with a proselyte who accepts the Torah, became part of the synagogue liturgy on this festival.

Christian tradition regarded Pentecost as of special significance in view of the events related in Acts chapter 2, which tells of the very beginning of the Church. On that day, the risen Lord sent the Spirit in accordance with the prophecy of Joel (Acts 2:16-21). The author of Acts (Luke) understands the experience of the Spirit in the context of the prophetic tradition: the Spirit realizes the new covenant promised by Ezekiel 36:26-27. Crowds who had come for the Pentecost feast were witnesses to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and some 120 disciples. Just as at Sinai, God addressed Moses from the midst of the fire, so now the Spirit of the Lord manifested itself with the symbol of tongues of fire. The disciples who experienced the Spirit speak in other tongues. In this way, Luke expresses the universality of the Christian message. He sees the truth of the Spirit forming the Church among all peoples through Peter's discourse which was understood by men of different nationalities.

# Welcome to the Celebration

We are glad you are celebrating with us. It is our hope that you will experience the presence of Almighty God. May He inspire you to continue on your journey of faith. Allow God to richly bless you today as you participate in the service.

++++Nursery +++++

A nursery is provided for children age 3 and under for your convenience. It is located in the fellowship hall through the south doors of the narthex. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

SONG LEADER—BILLY JOE CRIDER

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## **Session**

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