**LAST DAY OUTPOURING**

**For week of June 1 – June 7, 2014**

**Pray First: Then, do the goals and guidelines:**

**ICE BREAKER:**

Share of a time that you were caught in the rain, or a time when you got completely drenched?

**WORSHIP:** (Worship. Wait. Then, ask if anyone has heard from the Lord.)

**SCRIPTURES:**

Joel 2:28, Acts, 1:8, Acts 2:38-47

**TOPIC:** Last Day Outpouring

In Old Testament history, the Israelites celebrated the Day of Pentecost, also call the Feast of Weeks. That day's significance came from the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai on the 50th day after their deliverance from Egypt. Just as God came down upon the mountain to give the Law, so He came upon the disciples in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost to pour out His Spirit upon them to begin His church.

The Hebrew prophet, Jeremiah, prophesied that God had written the first law on tables of stone. However, the next time He would write His law upon the tables of flesh, in the heart of people.

After His resurrection, Jesus told His disciples to return to Jerusalem and remain there until they were "endued with power from on high." He told them, "Ye shall receive the Holy Ghost not many days hence." With the outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, the church began fulfilling the prophesies of Isaiah, Joel, Jeremiah, Amos, and others. Jesus Christ Himself said, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with for ever" (John 14:16), and "I will not leave you comfortless" I will come to you" (John 14:18). Before His ascension He told them, "These signs shall follow them that believe; In my name . . . they shall speak with new tongues" (Mark 16:17).

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they *[about 120 disciples]* were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4).

The writer of Acts reported this Pentecostal experience happening later among Samaritans in Samaria, among Gentiles in Caesarea, to Paul on the road to Damascus, and to Jewish disciples of John the Baptist in Ephesus. Moreover, the apostles defined these experiences to be the same as theirs: "The Holy Ghost fell on them as on us at the beginning" (Acts 11:15). Later Jude exhorted Christians to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).

The times are different now but God is still pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh in many countries. In March of this year, 40,000 people received the wonderful gift of the Holy Ghost in Ethiopia. Also, in the Philippine Islands, 98,000 people received the Holy Ghost. Researchers say that 50,000 people are receiving the precious gift of the Holy Ghost every day. God is no respecter of persons. He will pour out His Spirit in the United States, in Virginia and yes, right here in Newport News.

This coming Sunday, we will be part of a celebration of the Lord's outpouring of His Spirit. This Bible experience has been experienced by multiple millions since the first outpouring in Acts 2. Why not make yourself available to help someone else experience the Holy Ghost with the fullness of power, blessing, and revelation. God will do His part if we do our part!

**QUESTIONS:**

1. **When you were first introduced to the truth and the church, what was your reaction?**
2. Shocked
3. Surprised
4. Scared
5. **What kind of help did you receive that assisted you coming to the Lord?**
6. Someone taught me a Bible Study.
7. Someone was praying for me.
8. Someone in the church spent time with me answering my questions.
9. **So many people are receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost these days; surely we are in the last day outpouring. How is God able to rely on you to assist with others receiving the Holy Ghost?**
10. **Do most people find God on their own, or do they receive help?**
11. **What can you do to help someone else experience the last day out-pour of the Lord's Spirit?**

**Turn the page for the Vision**

**READ THESE WITH EMPHASIS!!!**

**THE VISION OF THE PASTOR**

My vision for the church is two-fold for this month:

1. As we take this journey in our *“Together…Making the Dream a Reality”* Capital Campaign, we must keep our faith high. As we do our part by being faithful and consistent to our commitments, God will supply blessings and miracle money to us for the campaign.
2. Pentecost Sunday is this Sunday. Let reach our goal in preparing people to receive the greatest gift any human being can ever receive; the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Let’s work together as a group or with another member of the group to prepare a soul to receive the Holy Ghost. This is the greatest hour of the church. Keep the fires of evangelism burning in your heart! Keep your expectation level on HIGH.

Pastor Arango

**THE VISION OF THE CHURCH**

**TOGETHER MAKING THE DREAM A REALITY**

*Psalm 66:16 “Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.”*

Calling all blessed people! We need your testimonies. If the Lord has begun to bless you as a result of your faithful commitments to our Together Capital Campaign, let the church office know. Please call the church office, send your testimony via email to testimony@tppnet.org , or fill out your testimony on the church website at the bottom of the main page, under LINKS, and click “Testimonies.”
**Next Focus Sunday, is on Sunday, June 29th**

1. **Hour of Power Prayer Meeting, Friday, June 6, 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm**
2. **All-Church Door-to-door outreach, Saturday, June 7, 9:00 am**
3. **Young Couples Fellowship on** Saturday, June 7th, at 4:00 pm
4. **XYZ Prayer Meeting, Saturday, June 7, 6:30 pm**
5. **PENTECOST SUNDAY, Sunday, June 8th**
	1. Let’s work together to have the greatest harvest of souls on this Pentecost Sunday.
	2. Begin preparing people now by teaching HBSs
	3. Every Group is encouraged to conduct at least 2 prayer meetings before Pentecost Sunday
	4. Every Group is encouraged to fast once a week for the next 4 weeks before Pentecost Sunday
6. **Father’s Day, Sunday, June 15th**
	1. Don’t forget to honor Dad!
7. **Mid-year Planning Meeting, Tuesday, June 22nd, 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm**
	1. For all Ministry Overseers, Ministry Heads, Assistants, Section Leaders, Cell Servants, and Interns.
	2. Please make any necessary arrangements to ensure your prompt attendance at this mandatory planning meeting.
8. **Ladies LIFELINE Late-night Prayer Meeting, Friday, June 20th, 8pm - Midnight**

INFORMATION UPDATE:

CG SERVANTS: Please get updated information on ALL of your members and guests, and make sure to enter the updated information into your weekly connection group report. We are asking for you to be thorough in collecting this information (include email address, home phone, cell phone, etc.). This will help us greatly in having an up-to-date database, which will ensure we are properly communicating/reaching out to everyone. Thank you so much for your help with this! You are appreciated!

**THE VISION OF THE GROUP:**

**For Cell Servants and Interns Only**

Connection Group Leadership Training: Tuesday, June 10th, 7:00 pm

Check Points:

1. Be sure to call each member of your cell weekly, and especially the evening of the cell meeting.
2. If any member is going to be absent, instruct them to notify you in advance.
3. Check your mailbox in the workstation often.
4. Pray sincerely for God to minister in your cell.
5. Communicate with your Section Leader.

**CONNECTION Group Goals**

**OUR GROUP EXISTS TO:**

**GROW IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD:**

Our goal is to know and follow Jesus Christ. To accomplish this goal, each of us should experience “New Birth” in Christ, and complete a Bible Study and Abundant Life discipleship course.

**GROW IN RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER:**

Our goal is to love each other as we love ourselves. To reach this goal, each of us should look for ways to care for our fellow cell members, and find a place to serve in the Body of Christ.

**GROW IN RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE AROUND US:**

Our goal is to grow in number and multiply our group after it has grown to 12-15 members. As part of this goal we will reach out and invite others to join our group and develop an intern who will become the new Small Group Servant after we have grown to 12-15 members and multiplied.

**CONNECTION Group Guidelines**

* We will all share equally in the ownership of the meeting. Therefore we will all participate in hosting meetings from house to house on a weekly basis.
* Sharing will follow the general rules of brevity, appropriateness and courtesy.
* We will refrain from “chasing rabbits.” (Story telling that is irrelevant to the subject being discussed)
* We will turn our cell phones off or place them on vibrate and there will be no texting or answering phone calls unless they are an emergency so that we will not disrupt the flow of the meeting.
* **(Ladies Groups ONLY)** We will all be responsible for the care of the children in our group.
* We will attempt to be transparent with one another and keep matters shared in the group in strict confidence.
* We will attempt to be as faithful in attendance as possible and let our small group servant or intern know when we cannot attend.
* We will attempt to be punctual so we don't interrupt the meeting by arriving late.
* We will attempt to bring seekers and be sensitive to their growth level.
* We are a Christian Friendship Group. Therefore, we will reach out to our friends with the goal of helping them grow in their relationship with God.