**"THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST"**

For the week of June 1 – June 7, 2014

**Pray first then read goals and guidelines.**

**(IF GUESTS ARE PRESENT HAVE EVERYONE INTRODUCE THEMSELVES)**

**ICE BREAKER:** How do your family and friends know that you love them?

**WORSHIP:**

**EDIFICATION:** Luke 11:13; Acts 1:4-5, 8; Acts 2:1-4

During His ministry here on earth, Jesus often spoke about the Holy Ghost. He said the Holy Ghost was promised by the Father to all believers, and that the Spirit would usher us into His Kingdom.

Remarkably, when we take a close look at the Scriptures, we find that there are over a dozen different benefits from receiving the Holy Ghost, or the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" as it is sometimes called.

Since all these benefits are available to us through the Spirit, let's learn more about this wonderful gift that God has promised us.

(Play video)

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Video is available at the church in DVD or at the following link:

<http://thepeninsulapentecostals.org/media/video-how-to-receive-the-gift-of-the-holy-ghost/>

**Questions:**

1. 1) Name some benefits that come from having the Holy Ghost.

*(CS NOTE- Please touch on every point.)*

\* We will receive power.

\* The Spirit empowers our witnessing.

\* Baptizes us into the Body of Christ- Makes us a member of Christ's body of believers- 1 Corinthians 12:13

\* Strengthens us to keep God's commandments-Eph 3:16

\* Guides us into all truth- John 16:13

\* Helps us pray & intercedes for us - Romans 8:26-27

\* Confirms that we are God's children - Romans 8:15-16

\* Gives us boldness - Acts 4:31

\* Helps us understand the love of God - Ephesians 3:16-19

1. 2) How have you benefited from having the Holy Ghost in your life? Let's have 2 testimonies.
2. 3) Would anyone like to receive the Holy Ghost? If so, could we pray with you? *(CS NOTE- If they are not ready to receive the Holy Ghost in the cell meeting, prepare them for attending service on Pentecost Sunday. Be sure to get someone's permission, before praying with them. Take time to pray, even if everyone has the Holy Spirit. Give each guest a "How to Receive the Holy Ghost" pamphlet.)*

*Conclude edification session with prayer for needs uncovered in discussion.*

*If guests are present, have them sign guest book.*

**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.