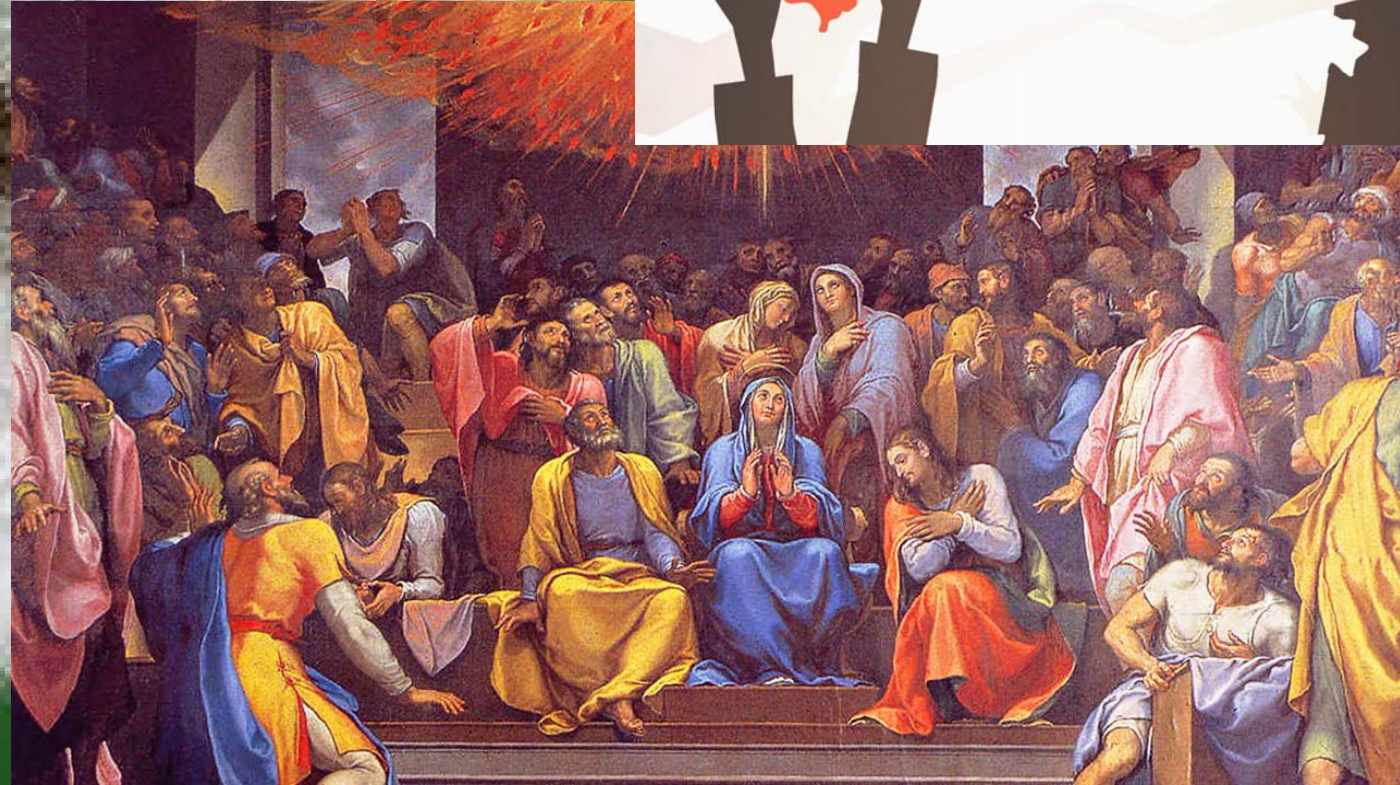
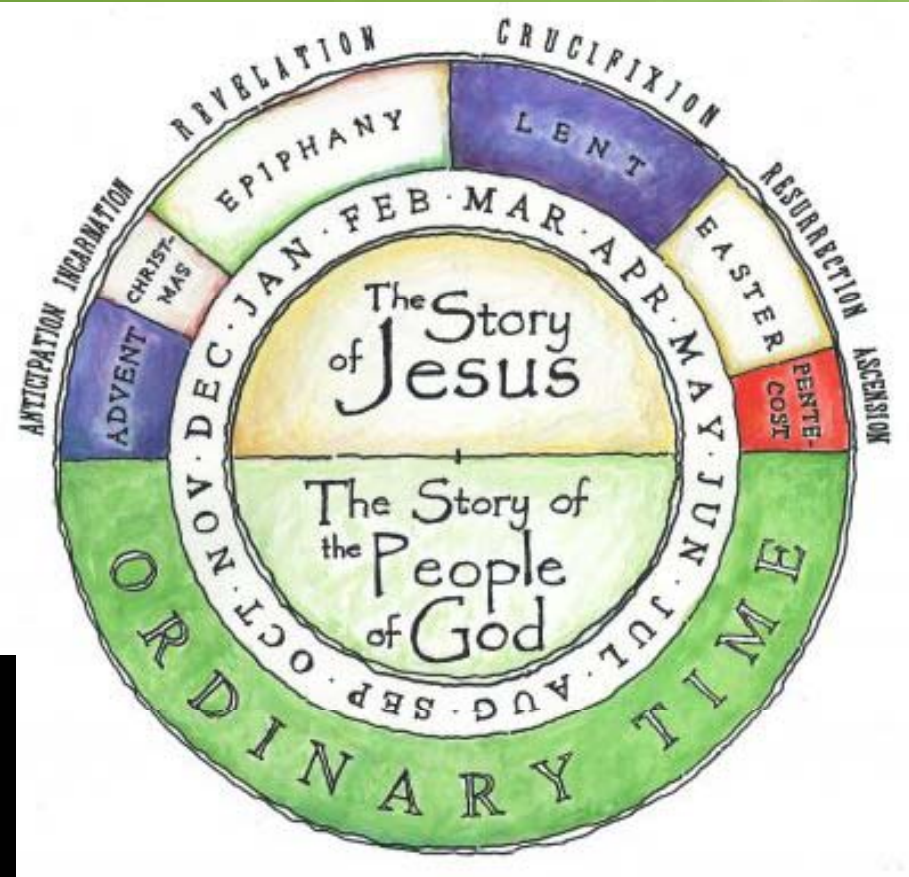


Celebrate Great Legacy





Kingdomtide



27 Weeks "to Grow/Prosper" This Year

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"I felt my
heart strangely warmed.
I felt I did trust in Christ,
Christ alone, for salvation."

John Wesley, 1738



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April 23, 1968
Uniting Conference
in Dallas

*The United Methodist Church is turning 50!
April 23 marks our 50th anniversary as a
denomination. In 1968, at the Uniting Conference
in Dallas, the Methodist Church and the
Evangelical United Brethren Church (EUB) merged
to form a new denomination, The United Methodist
Church.*

*10.3 million Methodists and 750,000 members of
the EUB Church merged into one of the largest
Protestant denominations in the world,
representing 53 countries.*



**An opportunity for the Methodists to leave behind
a heritage of segregation!**

Bishops Reuben Mueller and Lloyd Wicke

Pray for "A Way Forward"



After a week of meetings in Chicago, **the Council of Bishops** of the United Methodist Church have come to a conclusion: Come 2019 when the denomination meets for its General Conference, they will recommend the UMC adopt the One Church Plan.

May 7, 2018



Commission on "A Way Forward"

The One Church Plan will effectively give individual churches the right to decide whether they will perform same-sex marriages and ordain LGBT people as clergy.



BUT AS FOR YOU,
CONTINUE IN WHAT
YOU HAVE LEARNED AND
HAVE FIRMLY BELIEVED,
KNOWING FROM WHOM
YOU LEARNED IT...
2 TIMOTHY 3:14 (ESV)

Don't Quit

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For the future of Out Church

Let's talk about

THE MICROSITE
CHURCH

THE POWER OF
small

Church size
no barrier
to thinking big



Microsites to Thrive:

Seven Churches that Reveal

THE POWER OF

Small

1. Like the Beginning
2. Be Faithful While Suffering
3. Against False Teachings and Sinful Practices
4. In the Midst of Sexual Immorality
5. Constantly Awakening
6. Patiently Endure
7. Go Cool Like Gold Refined

Begin Kingdom-tide
at *Microsites of Savage & Lanham*





Romans 8:1-11
How to Thrive the Church

Begin with "the Outpouring of the Spirit"

The Spirit of the LORD

Is upon Me because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to the poor
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind
To set at liberty those who are oppressed
To proclaim the acceptable
year of the LORD
LUKE 4.18-19 NKJV



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Romans 8:1-11

Life through the Spirit

A Life
Pleasing
to God.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

... he could not be found, because God
has had taken him away. For before he was
we taken, he was commended as one who
to pleased God. 6And without faith it is
he impossible to please God, because any-
a one who comes to him must believe
of that he exists and that he rewards those
r who earnestly seek him.
7By faith Noah, when warned about
:35
3,4 d30 Deut. 32:36; Psalm 135:14 e38 One

Hebrews 11:6

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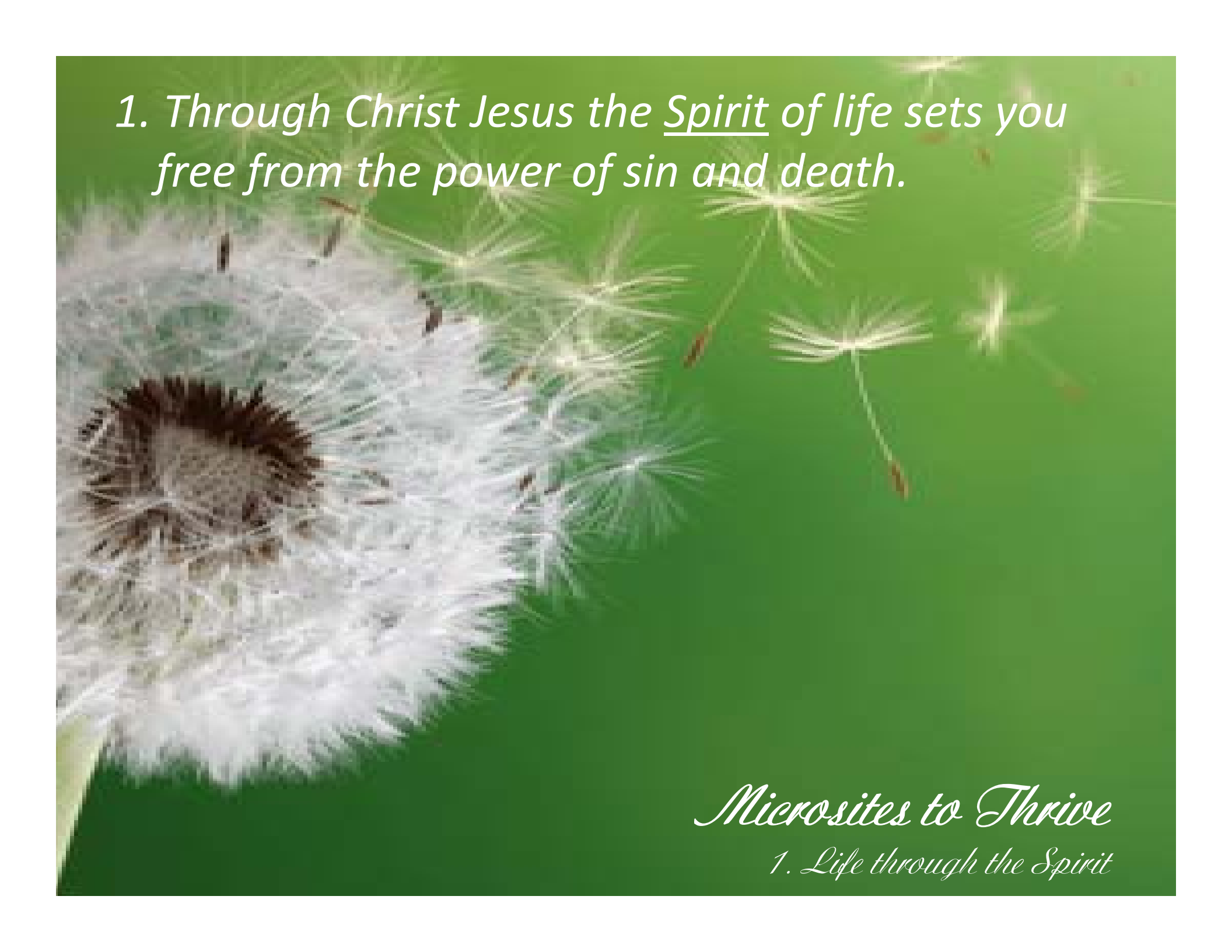
Romans 8:1-11

The Spirit as the Key Source of Life

But if Christ is in you, although
the body is dead because of sin,
the Spirit is life because of
righteousness.

Romans 8:10

THE SPIRIT
OF GOD,
WHO RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD,
lives in you
AND JUST AS GOD
RAISED CHRIST JESUS
FROM THE DEAD,
HE WILL GIVE LIFE
TO YOUR MORTAL BODIES
*by this same Spirit
living within you*
Romans 8:11 (NLT)

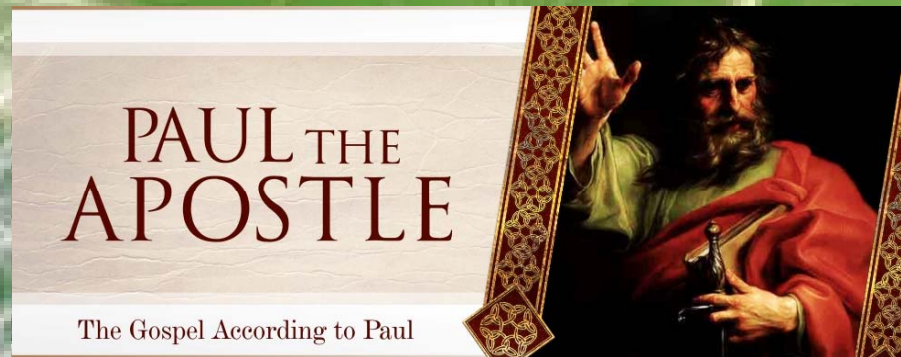


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God Gives Life
through the Son and the Spirit
Romans 8:1-11

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...in the sight of **God**
whom he believed,
who gives life
to the dead and
calls the things
not being as being.

Romans 4:17

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1. Through Christ Jesus the Spirit of life sets you free from the power of sin and death.

Therefore,
there is now no condemnation
for those who are in

Christ Jesus.
Romans 8:1 NIV

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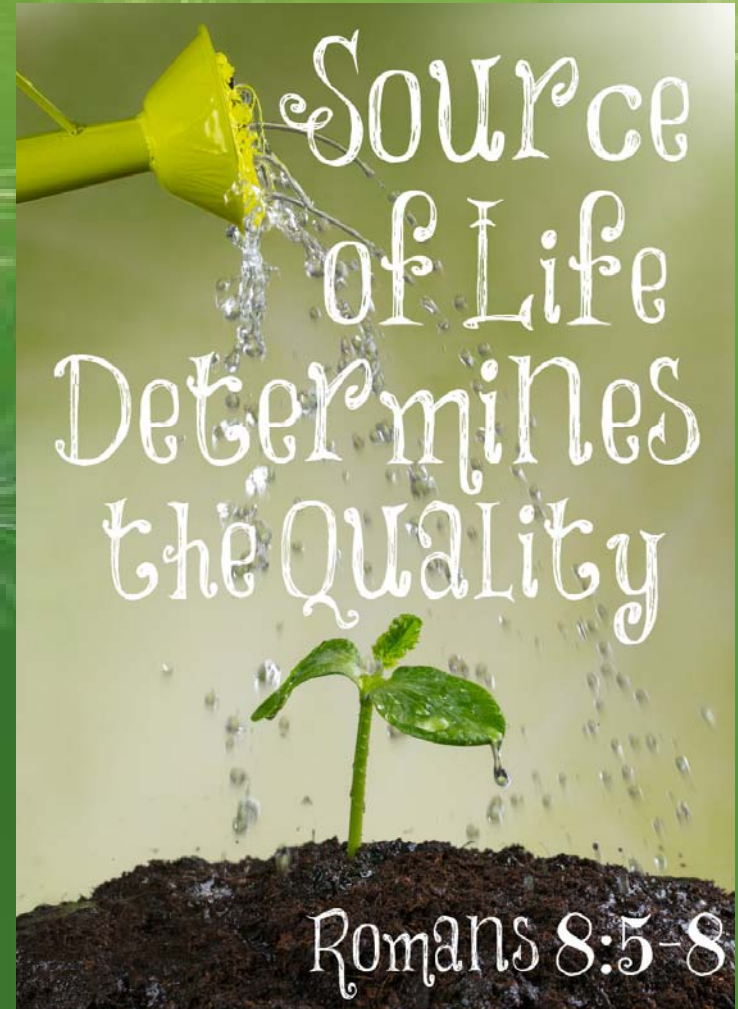


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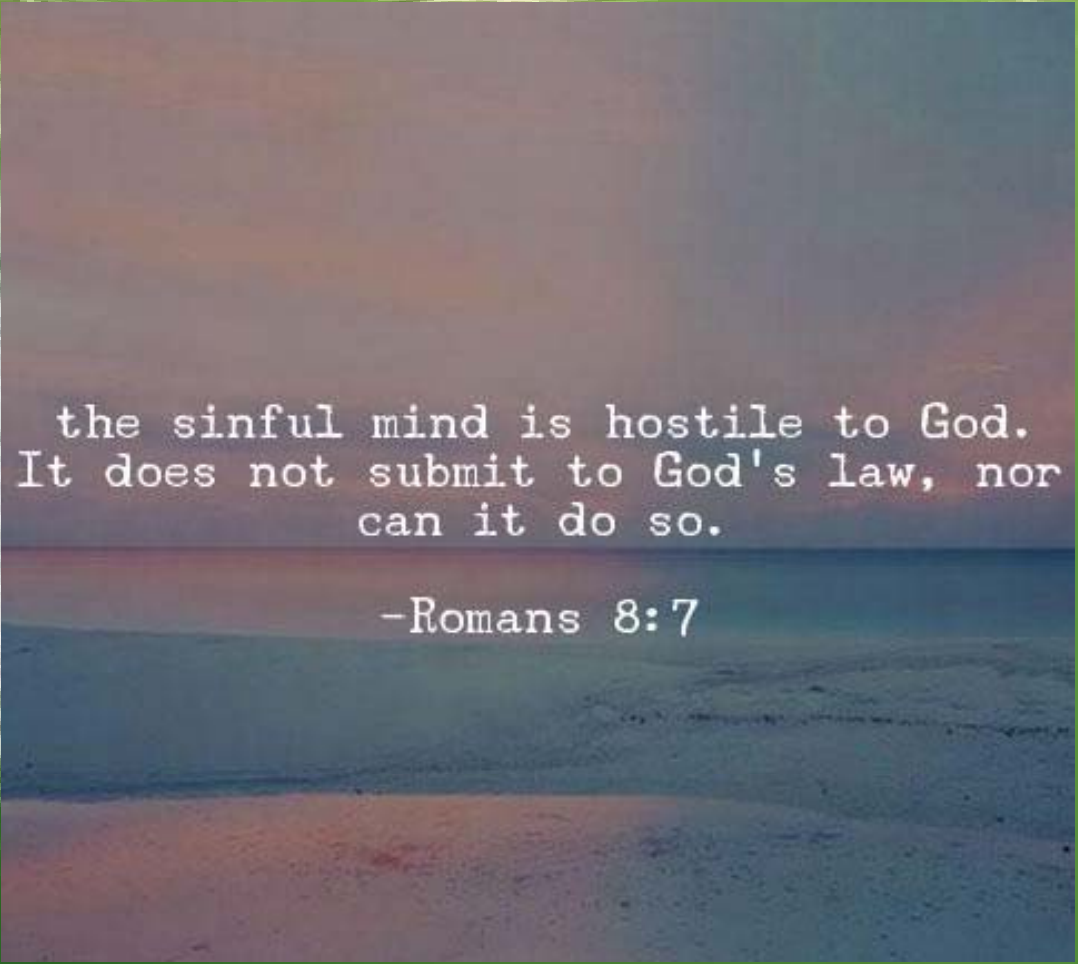

The mind governed by the flesh is death,
but the mind governed by the Spirit
is life and peace.

Romans 8:6

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the sinful mind is hostile to God.
It does not submit to God's law, nor
can it do so.

-Romans 8:7

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2. The sinful mind is hostile to God.

"You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ."

– Romans 8:9; NIV

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3. Let the Spirit dwell in you.

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Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Colossians 3:16 KJV

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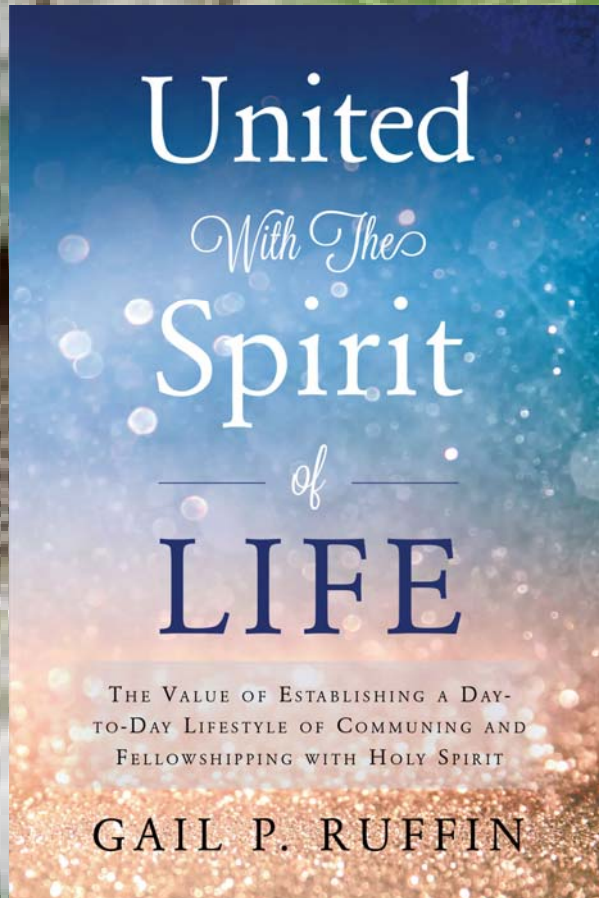
The Lord himself
will fight for you.
Just stay calm

Exodus 14:14

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"United with the Spirit of Life" is a spiritual and practical guideline for everyday living and communing with Holy Spirit.

It is about you making Him welcomed and real in your own life.

It is Holy Spirit who empowers, enables, strengthens, and educates the New Covenant believer to fulfill His God-given purpose. ..."

*Gail P. Ruffin
the co-founder and co-pastor of
Prosperity Christian Center
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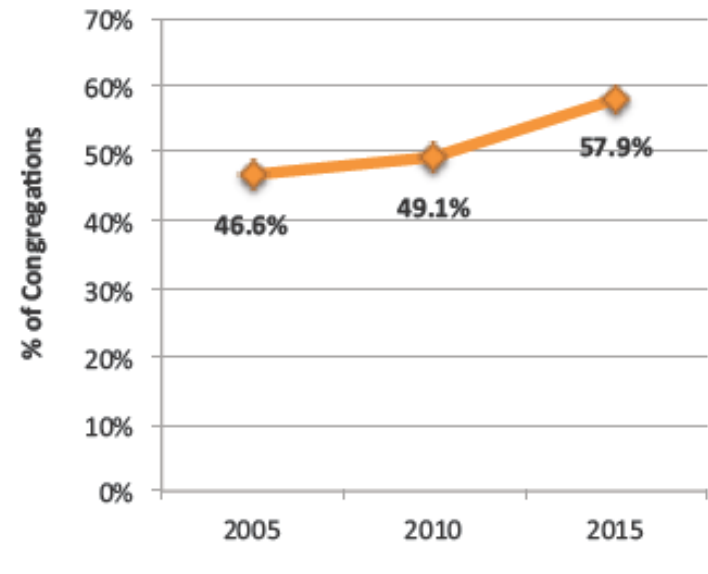
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American Congregations 2015: *Thriving and Surviving*

Figure 1: Increasing Numbers of
Congregations With Less Than 100 in
Weekend Worship Attendance



www.FaithCommunitiesToday.org

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1. *Life through the Spirit*

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NINE REASONS SMALL CHURCHES THRIVE

- 1 SMALL CHURCHES ARE PARTICULARLY AUTHENTIC.
- 2 SMALL CHURCHES STAY CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY AROUND THEM.
- 3 THERE'S ALWAYS TIME FOR PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.
- 4 PEOPLE CAN BUILD GENUINELY LOVING RELATIONSHIPS.
- 5 LAY LEADERS ARE ACTIVE AND READY TO HELP OUT.
- 6 SMALL CHURCHES GIVE THE BIGGEST WELCOME.
- 7 PEOPLE KEEP BELIEVING IN THEIR MINISTRIES, EVEN WITH SMALL NUMBERS.
- 8 PEOPLE ARE IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER'S SPIRITS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- 9 SMALL CHURCHES AREN'T AFRAID TO BREAK THE RULES.

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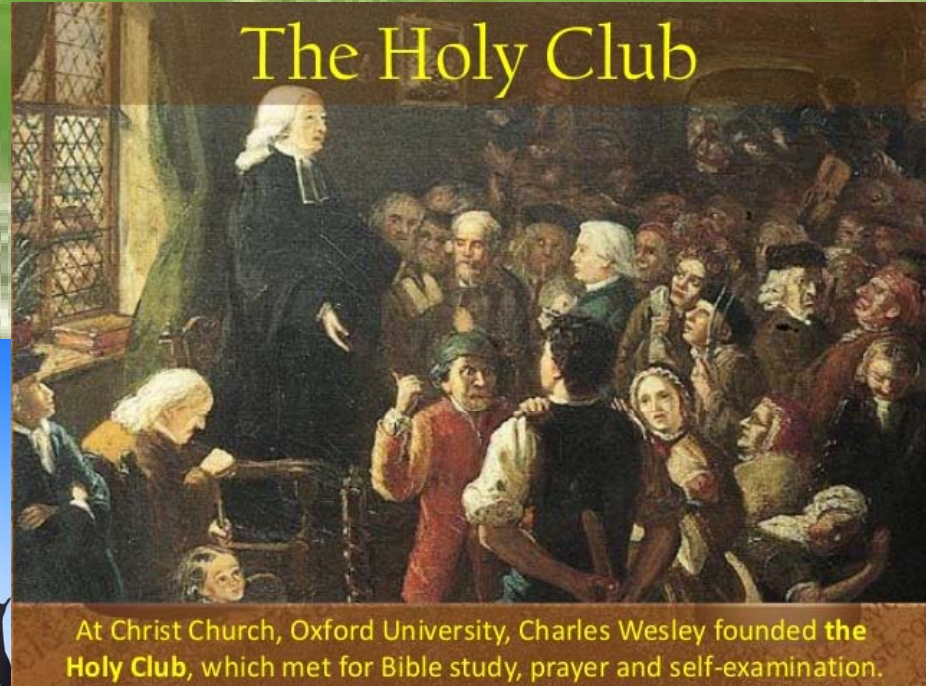


**Making Christ
the Center of
Your Home**

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