

LIVING LIFE ABUNDANTLY

A Message from Pastor Bob

Sunday November 8, 2009

Good morning and welcome to Abundant Life. We are glad that you chose to worship with us. If this is your first time at Abundant Life we would like to ask you to complete the guest card in the information packet you received and place it in the offering plate or leave it at the Information Center in the church lobby as you leave today. Thank you in advance!

Today in our message I am planning to share part two of the message "**Born in Power, Anointed to Serve.**" Throughout the Book of Acts we read about the birth of the Church in Acts 2 on the Day of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that took place that day and the following days, the Church was truly born in power and it was not a power that was intended for a limited time, but a power that the church was to walk in for all generations. The Church was born in power and anointed to serve.

We tend to focus either on the power or on the service, but the Book of Acts is clear that the power makes the service dynamically and supernaturally effective. We, the Church of Jesus Christ have been anointed, set aside for a purpose, to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit as we serve one another and the world around us.

Today we are going to look at how the Church has been set aside to serve God and our fellow man. In particular we are to going talk about how we have been anointed to serve those who need God the most, those who are without God in their lives and those who have been marginalized and even cast off from the mainstream of church and ministry.

As we observe, Peter, John, Paul and the ministry of others in the early Church minister in those early days we see them serving in the power of the anointing of the Holy Spirit, I believe that in these days of ministry and service we need to the same power of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives and ministries as we serve the world around us. We live in a world that is looking for a supernatural display. We can give it to them through the power of the Holy Spirit that has been made available to us through God's anointing of the Holy Spirit. That anointing equips us to serve those around us with God's love and His power to deliver.

Born in Power and Anointed to Serve!

Blessings,-

Pastor Bob

Community Service Coupon Books

We have Community Service Coupon Books for sale for \$20 each, \$10 will go toward the building project. Take a few to sale and buy one for yourself! The books provide great discounts for dining and more.

Wednesday Night Live!

November 11 from 6-8pm. Dinner will be served from 6-6:30pm and the service will take place in the sanctuary from 7-8pm. Dinner is \$3/person or \$10 for a family of four or more! Dinner menu – homemade chicken potpie – corn dogs for anyone who doesn't like potpie!

A.L.O.F.T. Reminders

- If you or your family are interested in going to The Biltmore House on Nov 21st please see Lisa Hardwick **TODAY** to get your ticket for the group rate of \$38. Regular price is \$54. We must have at least 13 going to get the group rate.
- Craft Night, November 19th. Give your money to Melodie Smith or Jean Radford no later than **TODAY**.
- Cookie Exchange will be December 1st at Malou Nicklow's home. We can meet at the church and carpool. Make your favorite holiday cookies to share (homemade only please!). Our gift exchange will be with picture frames no more than \$15. Add a Prayer, Scripture or Word of Encouragement that is just from you to a fellow Sister in Christ! You will be just a blessed as the woman receiving your frame!

On Sunday, Nov 22, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Pastor Bob is planning to celebrate the holiday with a Thanksgiving message and he needs some help!

Will you help out? Here is how:

- 1) Write or email a testimony about a meaningful time in your life that you are thankful for God's work, it can be humorous or serious, and from any time in your life – The goal is to share Thanksgiving testimonies from people in our congregation on this day. If possible he would like to share your name if he shares your story- but if you would prefer to remain anonymous, your request will be honored.
- 2) Please realize that he may not be able to use all the testimonies, but he needs you to be willing to share your story
- 3) All stories are needed by Sunday Nov 15th. Thanks!

Upcoming Fall Event - November

Nov 11 th :	Wednesday Nite Live: Dinner at 6pm and service at 7pm
Nov 13 th & 14 th :	Leadership Retreat at Camp Courtney
Nov 18 th :	Church Council Meeting
Nov 19 th :	Ladies Craft Night
Nov 22 nd :	Harvest Offering
Nov 25 th :	NO MIDWEEK SERVICE – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Nov 29 th :	1 st Sunday of Advent
Nov 29 th :	Guest Speaker, Rev. Virgil Lemings