SPRING GREEN COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Our mission is to help people **COME** to know Jesus as Savior, **GROW** in a relationship with Him, and **LIVE** their lives for Him.

God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Series: **A Different Way to Live - Jesus, Grace, and an Unoffended Life**

Sermon Title: **Filled to Live Differently**

Scripture: **Ephesians 5:15-21**

Speaker: **Pastor Kendall Harger**

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Sermon Notes
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Filled to Live Differently

Big Idea

The more we allow the Holy Spirit to fill and lead our lives, the less room we give anger, bitterness, resentment, and offense to control us.

Ephesians 5:15-21

1. Living differently requires more than trying harder.

We know we're supposed to forgive, but we hold on to the hurt. We know we're supposed to love, but we get irritated.

Galatians 5:16 - Let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

2. Being filled with the Spirit means allowing the Spirit to influence everything.

Ephesians 5:18 – Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit

3. The evidence of a Spirit-filled life shows up in how we treat people.

Look at what Paul says immediately following Ephesians 5:18.

Ephesians 5:19-21 – singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

4. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to respond differently.

The disciples were repeatedly filled with the Holy Spirit.

In Acts, we see the Holy Spirit filling believers for particular moments of empowerment, boldness, proclamation, and joy.

In Ephesians 5, Paul commands believers to live continually under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Sermon Reflection & Application

Icebreaker

If your emotional "fuel tank" had a gauge, what tends to fill it back up when life starts running you on empty?

Questions

1. How does the thought that you cannot overcome the sinful nature by simply trying harder within the sinful nature, challenge the way you have approached personal growth and character change in the past?

2. What practical habits or attitudes in your daily life either open you up to or resist the filling of the Holy Spirit?

3. What does it mean to you personally to yield to the Holy Spirit? What does that look like in a normal day?

4. Ephesians 5:19-21 connects being filled with the Spirit to worship, gratitude, and mutual submission. Why do you think Paul links those things together? What does gratitude have to do with being unoffended?

5. Read Galatians 5:22-23 ...the exact qualities we need when someone offends us. Which fruit do you find most present in your life right now? Which feels most absent?

6. What does it look like practically to "walk by the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16) in a moment of conflict or offense?

7. The sermon drew a distinction between the Spirit empowering us for specific moments and the Spirit influencing our everyday lives. Why do we need both? Which one do you tend to lean on more?

8. The closing of the sermon asked this question: "What's filling me right now?" If you answered that question honestly today, what would your answer be?

Applications

1. Daily Yielding Prayer: Each morning this week, begin your day with a simple prayer asking the Holy Spirit to fill and lead you. Do not make it complicated. Even a few honest sentences surrendering your day, your reactions, and your relationships to His influence is a meaningful starting point.

2. Pause and Ask: When you feel offended, irritated, or reactive this week, practice stopping before you respond and asking one question: "What is filling me right now?" Use that pause as an invitation for the Holy Spirit to redirect your response.