

- Purpose of the message today – development of discernment and overcoming the natural aversion for apparent foolishness regarding the things of God
- What is Weird?
  - Strange, odd, bizarre
  - A relative term – one person’s weird is another person’s normal (eccentric)

**The Weird Day of Pentecost – Acts 2**

- Audio/Visual
  - Sound of a mighty windstorm
  - Appearance of tongues of fire settled on each
  - Everyone present filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages (tongues)
- Others in the crowd
  - They’re drunk
- Peter’s explanation
  - Prophetic word fulfilled – Joel – In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people
- Isaiah 28:11 (NASB 95) — 11 Indeed, He will speak to this people Through stammering lips and a foreign tongue,
- 1 Corinthians 14:21
- 1 Corinthians 14:10
- 1 Corinthians 13:1 ...all the languages of earth and of angels...

**What makes unknown tongues weird?**

- 1 Corinthians 14:14 ...I don’t understand what I am saying.
- 1 Corinthians 2:14 ...It all sounds foolish to them and they can’t understand it

**Spiritual or Natural minded**

- Romans 12:2 ...but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think...
- Spiritual people still naturally minded Example Acts 12
  - The church – “You’re out of your mind.”

**Weird church with weird people...**

- Own it with understanding why people come to that conclusion
- Acts 2:39

**Tongues as prayer or tongues as speaking to God’s people – the details of 1 Corinthians 14**

- Desire the special abilities the Spirit gives

**Prayer**

- Speaking by the power of the Spirit only to God – all mysterious (weird)
- Strengthened personally
- My spirit is praying – but I don’t understand
- Speaking of the wonderful things God has done (Acts 2:11)
- 1 Corinthians 14:15 (AMP) ...I will pray/sing with my spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will also pray/sing [intelligently] with my mind and understanding;
- Conclusion
  - Pray and sing in both understanding and the Spirit
  - Don’t forbid speaking in tongues

**Speaking to others**

- Needs interpretation (Not translation)
- To strengthen the whole church
- God speaking to his people
- A sign for unbelievers
- Conclusion
  - Evaluate what is said – the Spirit bears witness
  - If no interpreter, keep silent and speak to God privately
  - Take turns - everything done in order, to benefit all
  - God is a God of order
  - Be mature in your understanding of these things

**The Occasions of all speaking, singing in other tongues**

- Day of Pentecost (Acts 2)
  - But a sign for people of different languages
- Peter at Cornelius’ Household (Acts 10)
  - Gentiles speaking in other tongues
  - All people there spoke the same language
  - A sign (evidence) for the believing Jews
- Paul with the Ephesians (Acts 19)
  - They spoke in tongues and prophesied
  - All people there spoke the same language

**The Occasion at PFC**

- Let’s lift our voices and praise/worship God
- We will pray/sing with our understanding
- We will pray/sing in the spirit