"The Holy Spirit-Empowered Church" Associate Pastor-Beck Payne May 26th, 2021

One of our greatest privileges as believers is our adoption into the family of God - The opportunity to be a part of the Body and Bride of Jesus Christ - The Church.

The Church is the central figure within the Kingdom of God.

Scriptures: Acts 20:28 (NLT); Ephesians 3:1-11 (NLT)

Six Truths about Christ and His Church

- 1. Christ died for His Church.
- 2. Christ is the Head of His Church.
- 3. Christ will build His Church.
- 4. Christ is coming back for His Church.
- 5. Christ continues His work through the mission of His Church. Scripture: John 14:9-17 (NLT)
- 6. Christ is the Holy Spirit baptizer from whom the Church receives her power.

Scriptures: Luke 24:44-49 (NLT); Acts 1:1-4,8 (NLT); Acts 2:1-4 (NLT); Acts 2:41-47 (NLT); Acts 4:32-37 (NLT)

A Holy Spirit-Empowered Church is a Church...

- upon whom the Holy Spirit has breathed.
- full of transformed believers Jesus Christ.
- where the teachings of Christ are lived out and disciples are being made.
- where the Holy Spirit is producing fruit in the lives of these transformed believers.
- whose members are walking in the holiness and fear of God.
- that is a covenant community of believers.
- of contributors not consumers.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-16 (NLT)

- full of the love of Jesus Christ.
 - Scripture: John 13:35 (NLT); I. John 3:18 (NLT)
- who boldly proclaims the truth.
 Scripture: (I. Timothy 3:15) (NLT)

The Holy Spirit is who empowers the Church to "be" and "do" what the Church is to "become and accomplish"!

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NLT)