

**Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain
who build it...** Psalm 127:1a

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening
Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening
St. John's Parish House
75 East Main St. South Pottstown 7:00 pm

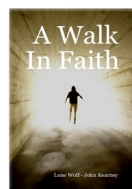
Announcements:

New Choices/New Options Free Career Development Program

This is a FREE intensive Career Counseling, Personal Growth, Job Readiness, and Computer Training program for those preparing to return to work due to life circumstances or looking to improve their opportunities in the job market. The program is open to single parents, displaced homemakers, and people in transition. Childcare reimbursement available. Program Services include: Computer Training - Skill and Interest Assessments - Job Placement Assistance - Self-Esteem Development - Peer Support - Career Testing - Job Search Skills - Resume Writing - Interviewing Skills - Career Counseling. If interested please contact Pastor Kork.



We have a new published Author among us. We have just published **John Kearney's** first book, "A Walk In Faith." Please see the church office to order your own copy of this excellent book. And please congratulate John on a job well done—for God's glory!



Your Prayer Reminders:

We are always collecting items for the Women's Center. Please bring small soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, washrags, towels, lotions, disposable razors, large plastic zip lock bags, etc., to Tabernacle for blessing others in need.

Thank you for your prayers while we address the growing problem of homelessness here in Pottstown. We are hosting the shelter in the Parish House this month and still looking for volunteers for this ministry. This collaborative is called **The Ministries at MAIN Street.** To volunteer please see Pastor Kork.

Our Mayor has asked us to pray and fast...

In another ministry appeal—who would enter into a fast of corporate agreement for Pottstown from January 1 until February 9. Much victory was commanded by the nation of Israel as they proclaimed corporate fasting. Our fast times will be from noon until 4 pm daily for maximum participation. Consider this in prayer. The lent season will be the next 'corporate opportunity'. This is a Lighthouse of prayer initiative. *Sharon Valentine-Thomas*

Please continue to remember Melvin in your prayers. He is recovering and we are confident that he will be coming home for good, very soon.

Zenona is in the hospital in Fort Washington, PA. Please pray as to how you can help her in her struggles. And also remember Mother Edythe who is struggling with pain in her knees.

Your Prayer Notes:

**Next week... psalm 29, isaiah 43 .1-7,
luke 3 .15-17, 21-22, & acts 8 .14-17**



**"He restores my soul . . .
surely goodness and mercy will follow me" Psalm 23**



**"[Peter and John] went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."
act 8 .15-17**

**the Spirit & the Elements
living with Him in name, or in the Way...?**



**The Week of January 7th, 2007
Our Mission**

To pursue God's heart and mission of building a worshipful faith community within the Pottstown area, through good works and home churches; recognizing Jesus as King of the universe, and worshiping Him privately and publicly because He is worthy.

[Worship]

psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. 3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. 7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. 9 The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" 10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. 11 May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Please also read **isaiah 43 .1-7,**
& **luke 3 .15-17, 21-22**

Meditation:

"When you pass
through the waters, I
will be with you; and
through the rivers,
they shall not
overwhelm you;
when you walk
through fire you shall
not be burned, and
the flame shall not
consume you."

(isa. 43.2)

But, "He will baptize
you with the Holy
Spirit and fire."

(lk. 3 .16b)

[The Scripture]

acts 8 .14-17

14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit 16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.



Your Notes:

[Think & Pray...]

Reflection: Isn't it interesting that John swears that Jesus baptizes us with the identical elements that our Isaiah passage identifies as dangers (*isa 43.2*). Notice that as we live with Jesus though, the "waters" of our lives that threaten to overwhelm us, and the "fires" that threaten to consume us, become the right of passage, by which we are refined and made able to approach the world as God does; to truly serve Him and one another.

Consider: