

Announcements!

Weekly Bible Study We invite each of you to attend the mid-week Bible Study, held upstairs each Tuesday evening beginning at 6 pm. We encourage you to attend these vital and exciting studies!

Children's Church Children's Church is available upstairs on the 2nd-5th Sundays starting at 11:00 am. Ages 2-10 are welcome to attend. Please sign your children in and out. A snack is served. Please pick up your children promptly after services. ALL DONATIONS ARE WELCOMED. If you are interested in serving in Children's Church, please see Sarita Agee.

Words of Wisdom: Strange...

Strange how we set our clocks to arise at 4:00a.m. or 5:00a.m. to be at the job by 8:00a.m., yet when Sunday comes, we can't get to church by 11:00 a.m. to praise the one who gave us the jobs!

Strange how we call God our Father and Jesus our brother, but find it hard to introduce them to our family.

Strange how small our sins seem, but how big "their" sins are.

Strange how we demand justice for others, but expect mercy from God.

Strange how much difficulty some have learning the gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is to understand and explain the latest gossip about someone else.

Strange how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have any difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.

Strange how we are so quick to take directions from a total stranger when we are lost, but are hesitant to take God's direction for our lives.

Strange how so many church goers sing "Standing on the Promises" but all they do is sit on the premises.

Strange how people want God to answer their prayers, but refuse to listen to His counsel.

Strange how we sing about heaven, but live only for today.

Strange how people think they are going to Heaven but don't think there is a Hell.

Strange how it is okay to blame God for evil and suffering in the world, but it is not necessary to thank Him for what is good and pleasant.

Strange how when something goes wrong, we cry, "Lord, why me?" but when something goes right, we think "Hey, it must be me!"

Oh wait...maybe all this isn't so "strange" after all.



Welcome to the



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Vision Statement:



*Enhancing Our Knowledge of Jesus Christ,
Empowering All Believers for Ministry, and
Encouraging Continuous Dedication to the Lord.*

Order of Services

Fellowship | Refreshments – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Services – 11:00 a.m.

Announcements & Recognition of Visitors

Call to Worship: Scripture Reading & Prayer

Tithes and Offerings; Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise and Worship Selections

Sermon

Invitation to Christ

Benediction

Pentecost...

Taken from <https://www.christianity.com/jesus/early-church-history/pentecost/where-did-pentecost-come-from.html>

If you go back and read the Old Testament, you will discover that Pentecost was one of the Jewish feast days. Only they didn't call it Pentecost. That's the Greek name. The Jews called it the Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks. It is mentioned five places in the first five books—in Exodus 23, Exodus 24, Leviticus 16, Numbers 28, and Deuteronomy 16. It was the celebration of the beginning of the early weeks of harvest. In Palestine there were two harvests each year. The early harvest came during the months of May and June; the final harvest came in the Fall. Pentecost was the celebration of the beginning of the early wheat harvest, which meant that Pentecost always fell sometime during the middle of the month of May or sometimes in early June.

There were several festivals, celebrations, or observances that took place before Pentecost. There was Passover, there was Unleavened Bread, and there was the Feast of Firstfruits. The Feast of Firstfruits was the celebration of the beginning of the barley harvest. Here's the way you figured out the date of Pentecost. According to the Old Testament, you would go to the day of the celebration of Firstfruits, and beginning with that day, you would count off 50 days. The fiftieth day would be the Day of Pentecost. So Firstfruits is the beginning of the barley harvest and Pentecost the celebration of the beginning of the wheat harvest. Since it was always 50 days after Firstfruits, and since 50 days equals seven weeks, it always came a "week of weeks" later. Therefore, they either called it the Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks.

Read the Rest Online!

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