



CROWN HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Aaron's Alley

Something Is Coming

And honestly? We don't know what!

We are in the middle of something special right now at Crown Heights Christian Church. If you've been joining us on Sunday mornings for our "*Come, Holy Spirit*" series, you already know what we mean.

Week after week, we've been unpacking one of the most incredible — and honestly, one of the most misunderstood — "persons" of the Trinity. And what we're discovering is reshaping the way

we see God, the way we see ourselves, and the way we see what's possible.

But here's the thing about the Holy Spirit: The Spirit has never been content to stay in a sermon. The Spirit tends to show up in real life, too.

Take a look at Acts 1:8 for a second:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (English Standard Version)

Jesus said these words right before He ascended into heaven. Think about what that moment must have felt like for the disciples. They had walked with Jesus. They had watched Him die. They had seen Him risen. And now He was leaving — again — and telling them to wait for something else, and if you've been with us in this series, you know that Jesus had been telling them what that "something else" was - an "Advocate/Counselor/Helper. The Greek word for that is "Paraclete." Jesus also named this "Advocate" the Spirit of Truth!

Yet, here were Jesus' disciples, standing at the edge of a moment they had absolutely no category of understanding for.

Can you imagine what that must have felt like? They knew something was coming. They believed it was good. But what it would look like, what it would feel like, how it would change them — they had no idea! Not even a little bit. They were holding a promise they couldn't fully picture, trusting a God they knew was faithful, and waiting on something they couldn't yet explain.

Sound familiar?

That's the beauty of where we are in this series right now. We've been learning who the Holy Spirit is — not just a force, not just a feeling, but something altogether more than that. The very presence of God living and moving in and through us. And that changes everything about how we understand God at work in the world today.

Because here's what we know from Acts 1, the disciples waited, just as Jesus asked. And then — Acts 2 is coming, and friends, you do not want to miss it.

Pentecost. Wind. Fire. 

People transformed from the inside out. Peter, who had denied Jesus three times, standing up and preaching with a boldness that turned three thousand hearts toward God in a single afternoon. The church — our church, the church we are a part of — born in a moment that nobody saw coming, sparked by a power that nobody could manufacture.

The Holy Spirit showed up, and nothing was ever the same again.

That is what we are building toward as we close out May together, and we are so excited for what God is doing among us right now. Not just in our study of Scripture, but in our own lives. In our own upper rooms. In the waiting, the praying, the trusting.

And, I believe, the more we know of the Holy Spirit, the more we will begin to see that the same power that transformed a room full of frightened, ordinary people into world-changers is the same Spirit alive in us today.

So come expectant on Sunday(s). Come hungry. Come with your questions, your doubts, and

your hope.

Because if Acts 1 teaches us anything, it's this: when God says something is coming, it's worth showing up for.

We'll see you Sunday. Come, Holy Spirit.

Blessings to you,

Pastor Aaron

Meet JoVaughn Wheat

Exciting things are happening at CHCC.

Last month, the Congregational Council extended an offer to hire a new part-time Associate Minister. His name is JoVaughn Wheat (pictured below).

JoVaughn is an energetic person with over 20 years of ministry experience. He has served in a number of ministry roles, including as a Worship Leader, band member, and lead pastor. He is an outgoing nature, warm spirit, and a buoyant personality. He is really excited to work with us, and he will begin at Crown Heights on May 1. JoVaughn is also a teacher at Kipp OKC College Prep. He has also taught in the Putnam City school system. He and his wife have 4 children.

JoVaughn is originally from North Carolina. Then, he moved to Oklahoma to attend Langston University. He has also attended Mid-America Christian University, where he received a Bachelor's Degree. JoVaughn also has a Master's Degree from Southern Nazarene in Organizational Leadership.

We hope you will take an opportunity to get to know JoVaughn soon!

Here is a little backdrop to our Search Committee:

In October of 2025, a Search Committee was created to find a part-time Associate Minister to help with worship responsibilities and pastoral care and visitations. The committee was made up of Debbie Bell, Ryan DeArman, Craig Ferguson, Nick Hazelrigg, Laurie Ormiston (chairperson), Jill Reynolds (youth), and Jacob Russell. This committee looked at approximately 45 resumes. They filtered those names down to three people they were interested in interviewing. The initial interviews were all virtual meetings in order to ensure all candidates were on equal footing. After those meetings, we met with JoVaughn for an in-person interview. After that, the committee still had a number of questions for him. Our final interview was on a Sunday, when he had an opportunity to worship with us.

After that final interview, we voted and unanimously agreed to ask JoVaughn to join our church's staff. As always, if you have questions you want to ask me, feel free to reach out to me.

Blessings to you,

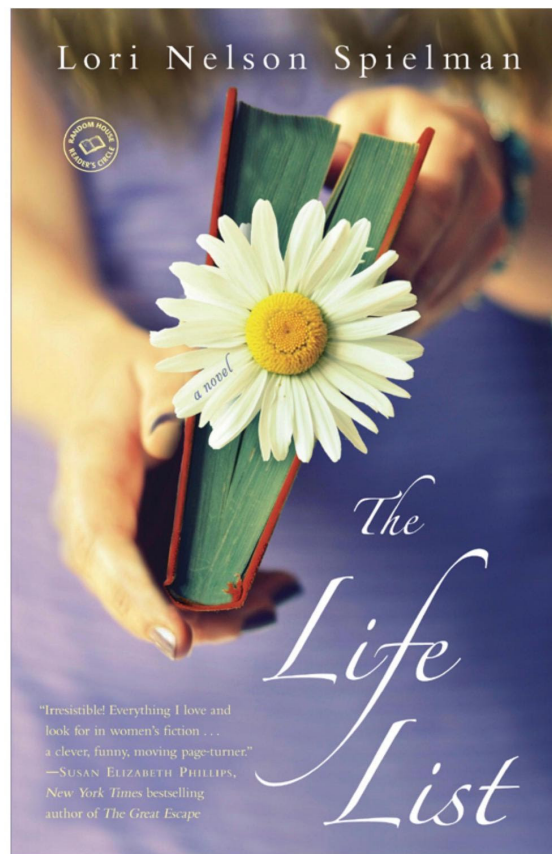
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Rev. JoVaughn Wheat began working with us on Sunday, May 3. If you did not have an opportunity to meet him, I hope you will find time to do so in the coming weeks. He is part-time, so he is not in the office every day. But, if you want to get to know him, we're certain he will find a way to spend some time with you.

<https://crownheights.church/connect/calendar-of-events>

**Book Club - June 7th at 5pm
the book is below,
The Life List, hope you'll join us~
in the church library at 5pm**



**Pack the Pantry is this Sunday
May 10th**



If you have any questions regarding the shower, please reach out to Kate Ferguson (580)484-3030.