



“The Spirit’s Role in the Trinity”

April 27-28, 2011, are days I will never forget. That was when terrible thunderstorms and tornadoes were all over the southeast. Some 350 tornadoes scarred the landscape. There were 321 people killed during this period, with 316 of those deaths coming on April 27 alone. I remember the storms that hit Knoxville that day. Our power was out for three days. I went out and bought a generator so we wouldn't lose all the food in our freezer. When the power goes off, you notice. You can't do business as usual.

Here is a question I want you to ponder. If for some reason the power of the Holy Spirit was turned off, would anyone notice? If the power of the Holy Spirit were to leave your church, would it just be business as usual? A.W Tozer, wrote: “If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, ninety-five percent of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference. If the Holy Spirit had withdrawn from the New Testament church, ninety-five percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference.”

As you read through the book of Acts in the New Testament, you see how the early church was totally dependent on the power of the Holy Spirit. Acts could accurately be titled: The Acts of the Holy Spirit. So here is the question again I want you to ponder: If the Holy Spirit were to leave, would you even notice? It is not enough to study the Holy Spirit, but to encounter the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament the word for Spirit is *ruach*: breath, wind, spirit. In the New Testament, the word for Spirit is *pneuma*. Both words have at their root “wind”. Wind is a word to help us understand the Holy Spirit: “The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit” (John 3:8).

In Acts 2, the coming of the Holy Spirit is described like a mighty rush of wind that fell upon them. Wind is non-physical but also tangible. You can feel it and see its effect. The Holy Spirit is like this. This image also makes people uncomfortable. Wind can't be contained. We like to contain things, like God. Wind can't be caught or boxed up. It blows where it pleases and makes us uncomfortable.

I love to sail. My uncle and cousin had a sail boat. Each summer, growing up, I would go sailing several times. Sailing is fun as long as you have something very important – the wind. But that same wind can be frustrating because it blows when and where it wants. The job of the sail is to catch the wind. You have these little tails on the sail that alert you as to which way the wind is blowing so you can tack, using the wind. A good prayer we could pray is this: “Lord, help me catch the Spirit like wind in a sail.”

The world doesn't understand the Holy Spirit, but the world can see the effect it has in our lives, our marriages, our children, our actions and attitudes. Here is the issue: Our tendency is to think of the Holy Spirit as a “what” rather than a “who”. We speak of the Holy Spirit as an “it” rather than a “he”. Unless we understand these things, we will not understand the role the Holy Spirit wants to play in our lives. You can know the Holy Spirit as a friend, not just a force or an essence.

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Welcome

We pray you will be encouraged and uplifted
as we join together in worship.

Guest Information

- There is a **staffed nursery** available for children under age 2. There is also a **parent/child training room** at the rear of the auditorium.
- An optional **children's worship** is available for ages 3 to 8 during morning worship. Children will be dismissed before the sermon. Please pick up your child after worship
- If you are visiting, **please complete a visitor card** so we have a record of your attendance.

Weekly Meeting Times

Sundays:
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays:
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Statistics

	weekly budget	\$4,062
Mar 3	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	140	\$6,471

Arlington Family Pages

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See our prayer request insert for the most current prayer list. Please contact the office for updates, changes, and/or deletions.

Please take a moment to pick up a card (or two) to mail this week from the **Caring Cards Ministry Table**



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Coming Up...

- **Home church**, tonight at 6 pm.
- **Hope Central/Just Lead**, tomorrow from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- **Senior Servants** Bible study and lunch, this Tues., March 12, 11 a.m.
- **Ladies Brunch/Prayer Group**, this Sat., March 16, 10:30 a.m.
- **Connection night**, Sun., March 17, 5 p.m. We will get to know three more of our Arlington members. Please bring finger foods to share afterwards.
- **Men's breakfast** at Shoney's, Thurs., March 21, at 8:30 a.m.
- **Fourth Sunday Fellowship**, March 24, after morning worship. Please bring extra food to share. All visitors are invited to join us for lunch and we will have the campus minister and several college students joining us from the UT Christian Student Center.
- **Teens and families will go bowling** after our fourth Sunday fellowship meal, March 24. We will bowl down the road at Strike and Spare Fountain Lanes.
- **Area Wide Senior Rally** at the Karns COC, Saturday, March 30, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up on the board. Lunch is provided.
- **Celebration of the Arts**, Sunday, March 31, 5 p.m. Please bring finger foods to share afterwards. Our theme: peace. Please let Alan Groves know if you can present something that night.



Family Matters

Sermon Topics Today

Sunday Morning:

The Holy Spirit

#1: *The Spirit's Role in the Trinity*

Sunday Night:

Home Church 6 p.m.

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

Jedidiah & Jonathan Cavin
Caleb Brackney, Pat Ramsey
Joe Croteau, David Giles
Bob DeWitt

Opening Prayer: Ray Buttrey
Preside at Table: Casey Owens
Greeters: B Pruett & D Chapman
Nursery: Niki & Lexi Price
Security: R Weldon & P Ramsey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS

Mar 11 Lyle Randall
Mar 12 Brandon Owens
Mar 13 Robin Burns
Mar 17 Paula Buttrey



Happy Birthday!!



Family News



We rejoice with the Hunter-Burbano family.

Dominica Miranda Hunter-Burbano made her grand entrance this past Tuesday, weighing 6 lb. 7 oz. and 20 inches long. Liliana and Dominica are doing great and big sister, Gabriela, is thrilled.



Come join us for Yoga every Tuesday night from 7 to 8 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Cost is \$8 per session. See Teresa Combs for details.



Sue Donaldson has a new address. Please update your directory:

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100 West Fifth Avenue, #111
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Dann Chapman also has a new cell phone number: (865) 323-3907