



# JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

## We are a congregation on a mission!

### June Ministry of the Month:

School supplies for children and teachers through SMI Haiti.

**Bring items through July 24<sup>th</sup>.**



Items Needed Include:

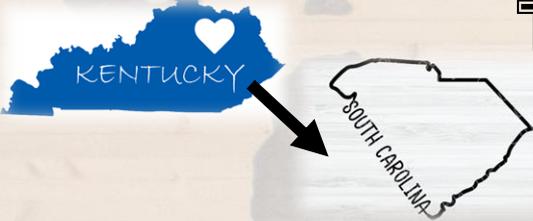
- #2 & colored pencils & erasers
- Washable markers
- Glue sticks
- Safety & regular scissors
- Protractors & rulers
- Staplers & staples
- Calculators
- Classroom games & puzzles



### July Ministry of the Month:



School backpack collection for those who suffered loss during tornadoes. Bring new or gently-used standard-sized backpacks (no wheels) through 7/10.



Join us as we take a mini-mission trip to Mayfield, KY July 14-16 to stuff our backpacks & deliver them to families in need.

### Coming in August...

August Ministry of the Month: NALC Disaster Response flood buckets

Our next Fellowship Meal will be August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Prices' house.

*Want to become a part of Joy? Contact the pastor for more information.*

**We are NOT the mission. Our mission is the Great Commission: **

*“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*

*And behold, I am with you always, to the end of age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)*

This is why we exist - to: **Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus' name.**

# JOY MISSION CHURCH

We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name through worship, fellowship, and discipleship.



## DISCIPLESHIP CORNER

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### **Come, Holy Spirit!**

*<sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.*

*<sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.*

*<sup>4</sup>And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

(Acts 2:2-4)

As we embark on the months-long season of Pentecost, we celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit within Christ's church and within our own lives. We say, "Come, Holy Spirit," but is that really the fervent prayer of our hearts?

The Holy Spirit can come as peacefully as a descending dove, flittering gently down from the sky. But the Holy Spirit can also come in a mighty roaring wind, as flickering flames of fire. Much like a severe, pop-up, summer thunderstorm, the Holy Spirit has the power to unexpectedly rush into our lives and upend things in very unpredictable ways.

Are we willing to invite the Holy Spirit to re-arrange the lawn furniture of our well-ordered lives? Or do we secretly wish for only clear skies with just an occasional dove-like nudge, moving us from one comfortable spot to another?

Let us pray without conditions and without fear: Come, Holy Spirit! Rush into our lives, our congregation, our community and, by your power, upend us from comfort and complacency. Stir us, move us, transform us, and fill us with your fire, that we would be set ablaze to love and serve as you direct. We ask this boldly in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To the glory of God,  
Pastor Paulette



**Where Is God In All of This?**  
How many crosses can you find in this month's newsletter? Where can you see God at work in the world?



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