

Power (Pentecostal Power), Chapter 1

Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon Series verse:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

—Ephesians 1:3

Memory Verse:

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

—Ephesians 1:18-19

A letter from Prison.

Many refer to Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon as Prison epistles, since they were written during Paul's imprisonment, (Eph. 3:1, Phil. 1:7, Col. 4:10, and Philemon 9).

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In Christ, a jail cell can be a worship sanctuary, Acts 16

A cistern, can be a place of salvation, Joseph's life was spared. Gen. 37:28

A desert a place to hear God from a burning bush. Exodus 3

A fish's belly a place to pray, and be given a new beginning. Jonah 2

A lion's den a place of angelic visitation. Daniel 6

Ephesians prayers: 1:16-19 and 3:14-19.

Notice the request of the prayer in the memory verse:

Eyes of your (our) heart may be enlightened, so you (we) will know...

- Hope of His Calling
- Riches of the glory of His Inheritance
- Surpassing Greatness of His Power toward us.

1. H _____ of His Calling

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval.

—Hebrews 11:1

Hope and faith are connected.

Future is sure. God wins and won't be defeated.

Joshua 1:6, 9, "Be strong and courageous."

Judges 7:16, Gideon, even a chicken-hearted judge found courage.

Jeremiah 29:11 passage gives us such faith and comfort.

2. Riches of the Glory of His I _____

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

—Ephesians 1:3

Matthew 28:18, All authority given to Christ.

Ephesians 1:3, Blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ.

Romans 8:17, If children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

Ephesians 1:20, seated at God's right hand.

Use your little, Sunday school, child-like imagination.

- Where is God the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit?
- Where are you?

Except you become like a little child, cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven.

3. Surpassing Greatness of His P_____ toward us.

What is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. —Ephesians 1:19

Multiple words for strength, power, authority.

Ephesians 1:21

Ephesians 6:12

Power of Ephesians 1:19, *dunamis*: (miraculous) power, might, strength

God's ability, God given ability.

Acts 1:8, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.

Philippians 4:13, I can do all things through Christ.

Application: Psalm 139:7-12, *"Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.*

You sought strength, and God gave you difficulties to make you strong. You asked for wisdom; God gave you problems to solve. You needed courage but received dangers to overcome. You prayed for love, and God brought troubled people into your life to care for. Even in difficulties, God is there answering your prayers.

It doesn't matter where you are, what your circumstances are: God is there.

In your persecution, God is there.

In your big decisions, Christ is there.

In your daily drudgery, the Holy Spirit is with you.

In your health, mental health, sickness, addictions, struggles, God's power is there.

2 Timothy 1:12, Romans 8:37-39

Let us join together praying Ephesians 1:16-19 for ourselves and those around us.

Pray with me. 7 weeks of uninterrupted prayer, testimonies July 17.

"[I] do not cease giving thanks for _____, while making mention of _____ in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to _____ a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of _____'s heart may be enlightened, so that _____ will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward _____ who believe" (Ephesians 1:16-19).

WELCOME!

Please fill out the information below and mark appropriate boxes. Place the completed card in the offering plate or as directed.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I ATTENDED WORSHIP TODAY AS A:

- 1st time visitor
- Visitor
- Friend/Regular Attender
- Member

SERVICE ATTENDED:

- Sunday—8:30 AM
- Sunday—11:00 AM

MY DECISION:

- I'm committing my life to Jesus
- I recommitted my life to Jesus
- I desire to be baptized
- I desire to become a member

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION:

- on Small Group/Bible Studies
- on Children's Ministries
- on Youth Ministries
- on Music Ministries

I WOULD LIKE:

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

- 8:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE (OMC)
- 2-8 pm Private party (OMC)
- 3-6 pm Spanish Church (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm "Sharing With You" on Channel 9

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022

- 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting (YR)

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting (Panera)
- 6:30 pm Church-Wide Evening of Prayer
- 6:30 pm Wheelchair Group (OMC)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022

- 6:00 pm EMERGE Youth (YR)

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022—OFFICE CLOSED

- 9 pm-12 am Spanish Church (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

- 9 am Soup Make & Take (Kitchen)

PLEASE PRAY FOR & SEND AN ENCOURAGING NOTE TO:

Shut-In of the Month:

LaWanda Felton, Forest Hills Personal Care Home, 313 Humbert Road, Sidman, PA 15955

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS: APRIL 24, 2022

8:30: 143 11:00: 141 TOTAL: 284

General Fund Update:

\$7,826.76

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS CONTINUED FAITHFULNESS!

**Sunday, June 5, 2022
8:30 AM 11:00 AM**



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**Pastor Randy Bain, Senior Pastor
Pastor Jeremy Barkley, Associate Pastor**



Making passionate and compassionate followers of Jesus Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Message

This morning we start a new sermon series, *Ephesians: A Letter from Prison*. Pastor Randy's sermon this Pentecost Sunday is titled, *Power*.

Emerge youth information

- ◆ If you are at the 8:30 service this morning... All students entering 7th grade and beyond should join us for A Family Affair Sunday School at 10:15am in the Youth Room.
- ◆ Summer Kick Off: Wednesday June 8th at 6pm. Bring a dry change of clothes.

Church-Wide evening of prayer

The Lord is our strength and our redeemer, oh how we need to seek Him, especially in this time. Join our church family for a time of corporate prayer this Tuesday, June 7, at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Collecting for New Day summer camp

As in past years, the Missions Team will be collecting items for New Day's summer camp program. The items include: individually packaged muffins, snack cakes, and chips; granola bars, pop tarts, fruit snacks, and small bottles of water. The last day for collection will be June 26. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Vacation Bible School—June 20-24

This summer, spark imagination and kick creativity into high gear at Spark Studios! This summer, kids will learn that God's creativity didn't stop in Genesis. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim, and transform us. Kids will have fun while learning that we are His workmanship (Eph. 2:10) and a masterpiece in process.

VBS will be held at Roxbury Park and Luray Park

Register today at www.oaklandonline.org/events

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Summer Church-Wide Small Group

Join us starting on Monday, June 13th at 6:30pm here at the church for a 7-week church wide small group, *Find Your People* (Building Deep Community in a Lonely World) by Jennie Allen. Each week we'll watch a video teaching, have discussion on what we learned from the study guide that we've read throughout the week, and split up into groups to have meaningful conversations about life and friendship. Sign-up by June 5th to receive your book at our first group meeting. You can sign up at any Ministry Table or by scanning the QR Code. See Chelsey Novak, Teach Captain, with any questions.



Golf outing/fundraiser for Camp Allegheny...

Saturday, June 11th at the Somerset Country Club. Registration & lunch from 12-1:30 pm. There will be prizes and sponsorship opportunities. Information flyers are available on the Ministry Tables.

Learn Biblical Hebrew

The Johnstown District School of Biblical Language is pleased to offer basic instruction in Biblical Hebrew to pastors, church members, and neighbors during the coming academic year, September 2022 to May 2023. Classes will be held here at Oakland Church on Tuesday mornings at 10 am, beginning September 13, 2022. Instructor will be Dr. David Stains, who has taught this course a number of times. *The cost is normally \$300, but because we are the host church, Dr. Stains is offering this course free of charge to the Oakland Church Family.* and pastors should be eligible for scholarship from the Conference's Continuing Ed program. To register and/or questions please contact Rev. David Stains at 814.792.8394.

TO OUR GUESTS

FIRST TIME VISITORS: We invite you to stop at our VISITOR CENTER (in the lobby) to choose a gift from the Welcome Table.

LOST & FOUND BOX is in the lower Ferg Street Lobby if you misplaced an item.

NURSERY

8:30: children 3 & under AVAILABLE

11:00: children 2 & under AVAILABLE

Room 104 during all our Services

8:30 KIDS CHURCH AVAILABLE

following the Children's Sermon in the Large Group Room for CHILDREN AGE 3- GRADE 4

11:00 KIDS CHURCH AVAILABLE

following the Children's Sermon for Age 3-K in Room 108

1st-4th Grade in New Large Group Rm

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

OaklandKids Sunday School 10:00-10:45

PreK-K in Room 105

1st-2nd Grade in Room 107

3rd-4th Grade in Room 111

5th-6th Grade Crossroads: Crossroads Rm

Prayer requests will be prayed for by church staff & placed on the Prayer Chain.

To place a prayer request on the Prayer Line, please call the church office at 269-3678 or email oumc@atlanticbb.net

Congratulations

Class of 2022

HIGH SCHOOL

Elias Ball is graduating from Penn Cambria High School. He will be attending West Virginia University Honors College for Chemistry.

Zachary Barkley graduated from Windber Area High School. He plans to work and enroll in a university or school for worship with a double major in Sports Management in the Spring of 2023.

Kasmira Mack is graduating from Johnstown Christian School. She will attend Liberty University majoring in Sports Management.

Gabby McGeary is graduating from Johnstown Christian School. She will attend Mount Aloysius College in the Nursing Program.

Connor Pulliam graduated from Windber Area High School. He will attend IUP to major in Business and minor in ACTS.

Grace Ressler is graduating from Johnstown Christian School. She will attend the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, majoring in Elementary Education.

COLLEGE

Brianna Lynne Bray graduated from Washington and Jefferson College with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She has been accepted to two grad programs: Capella University for a Master's of Psychology in Applied Behavioral Analysis with a specialization in Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Mercyhurst University's Master of Special Education and Applied Disabilities Program with the option to obtain certifications in both Applied Behavioral Analysis and Autism. Brianna will be making her final decision in the near future.

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