

# NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

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## PENTECOST POWER

Walking in the Power of the Holy Spirit

MAY 2026  
BIBLE STUDY HANDOUT

**TUESDAYS - 12 PM**

**May 5, 12, 19, 26**

**WEDNESDAYS - 6 PM**

**May 6, 13, 20, 27**

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## *A Word of Encouragement to Strengthen Your Spirit*

This month may you be intentional in pursuing a deeper relationship and understanding in the role of The Holy Spirit. As we approach **Pentecost Sunday – May 24**, remember this is more than a moment—it is a movement of power meant to shape our daily lives. Pentecost marks the fulfillment of God’s promise through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2), empowering us not by human strength, but by His divine presence. As Jesus declared in Acts 1:8, we are filled with power to live boldly and be His witnesses.

This same Spirit dwells within us (Romans 8:11), guiding, strengthening, and transforming us as we walk in Him (Galatians 5:16; John 14:16–17). Therefore, do not limit the Holy Spirit to a season—embrace Him as a lifestyle.

As we reflect on the sacrifices Christ made for us, let us also consider the sacrifices we are called to make for His Kingdom—giving our time, our gifts, and our whole hearts in service to Him. I encourage you to remain committed this month by faithfully attending Spring Revival (May 12-13) Bible Study and Morning Manna – and allowing God to strengthen and renew you daily.

Press toward the mark (Philippians 3:14) with renewed passion. Get involved in ministry, and come expecting God to move during our Spring Revival and upcoming events—not only in the church, but in every area of your life.

Let this be a season of evangelism and discipleship. Share the goodness of the Lord and stand firm in your faith. Do not grow weary in well-doing (Galatians 6:9), for God is faithful.

May this season ignite in us a lasting fire, and together may we move in unity, faith, and determination—trusting God to provide as we work toward the burning of our church mortgage as a testimony of His provision and our obedience.

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**Pentecost Power – Walking in the Holy Spirit**

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## Lesson 1: The Promise of the Holy Spirit

### Key Scriptures

- Acts 1:4–8
- Joel 2:28–29
- John 14:16–17

### For Our Growth

God promised the Holy Spirit long before Pentecost. Jesus affirmed that the Spirit would come as a Helper, Teacher, and Empowerer.

- The Holy Spirit is a **promise from the Father**, not an afterthought.
- He is a **Person**, not just a force.
- His coming brings **power for purpose**—to be witnesses.

### Illustration

Like a phone without a battery cannot function, believers without the Holy Spirit cannot operate in spiritual effectiveness.

### Discussion Questions

- Why was it important for the disciples to wait for the Spirit?
- What does it mean that the Spirit is our Helper?
- How does this promise still apply today?

### Application

- Pray daily acknowledging the Holy Spirit's presence.
- Begin to depend on Him in decision-making.

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# Lesson 2: The Experience of Pentecost Power

## Key Scriptures

- Acts 2:1–4
- Acts 2:16–18
- Luke 24:49

## For Our Growth

Pentecost was the fulfillment of God’s promise, marking the birth of the Church and the release of supernatural power.

- The Spirit came **suddenly and powerfully**.
- The filling of the Spirit produces **boldness and spiritual evidence**.
- Pentecost was not just an event—it’s an **ongoing experience**.

## Illustration

Like wind filling sails on a boat, the Spirit empowers movement and direction.

## Discussion Questions

- What were the visible signs of Pentecost?
- How did the disciples change after receiving the Spirit?
- What does being “filled” look like today?

## Application

- Ask God to fill you afresh with His Spirit.
- Be open to how the Spirit expresses Himself in your life.

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# Lesson 3: Walking in the Spirit Daily

## Key Scriptures

- Galatians 5:16–25
- Romans 8:1–14
- Ephesians 5:18

## For Our Growth

Receiving the Spirit is the beginning—walking in the Spirit is a daily lifestyle.

- Walking in the Spirit means **yielding to His control**.
- The Spirit produces **fruit**, not just gifts.
- There is a constant **battle between flesh and Spirit**.

## Illustration

Like a GPS, the Holy Spirit gives direction—but you must follow His guidance to reach the destination.

## Discussion Questions

- What is the difference between works of the flesh and fruit of the Spirit?
- How can we stay sensitive to the Spirit's leading?
- What areas of your life need surrender?

## Application

- Practice daily surrender through prayer and obedience.
- Identify one area to intentionally follow the Spirit this week.

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# Lesson 4: Living in the Power and Purpose of the Spirit

## Key Scriptures

- Acts 4:31
- 1 Corinthians 12:4–11
- 2 Timothy 1:7

## For Our Growth

The Holy Spirit empowers believers for ministry, boldness, and spiritual impact.

- The Spirit gives **boldness to speak and act**.
- Spiritual gifts are given for **building others up**.
- The Spirit empowers us to overcome **fear and limitation**.

## Illustration

Like electricity powering a building, the Spirit energizes every part of a believer's life for purpose.

## Discussion Questions

- What spiritual gifts do you see in your life?
- How can you use your gifts to serve others?
- What fears has the Spirit helped you overcome?

## Application

- Step out in faith in an area God is prompting you.
- Serve someone this week using your spiritual gifts.

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## Closing Reflection for the Series

- What has changed in your understanding of the Holy Spirit?
- How have you experienced His power personally?
- What next step is God calling you to take?





*Church Mission Statement*

New Hope Baptist Church seeks to be a Biblical Ministry of excellence designed to encourage life transformation through our threefold purpose; to Evangelize, Edify and Equip the whole person to serve the community and reach the world for Jesus Christ. We strive to be compassionate in our love, excellent in our service, Holy in our living and passionate and reverent in our worship.

*Church Vision Statement*

We are "A Church Transforming the lives of people by preaching, teaching, and living God's Word."



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