



# And Also With You

MID-APRIL 2016

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## APRIL

### SUNDAYS

**10:00 am**  
Worship  
(nursery provided)  
**6:30 pm**  
The Union's  
Worship Service

### MONDAYS

**10:45AM**  
INTERCESSORS  
706-897-6381  
**6:30pm**-Graham  
Cooke Group-  
Information: 455-  
5940

### WEDNESDAYS

**10:30 am**  
Women's Bible  
Study-Information:  
990.2973

### FRIDAYS

**8:15 am**  
Men's Group-  
Information:  
751-5266

## CHALICE BEARERS

**April 17**  
Maggie Rockett  
Susan Jones

**April 24**  
Kitty Barksdale  
Janic Terry

**May 1**  
Bob and Jane  
Grafe

**May 8**  
Mother's Day  
Jan Bogue  
Becky Johnson

## Windmills and Old Wine Skins



The Rev. M. Scott Davis

Recently, I asked the Lord for a word. He showed me a windmill with its large, lumbering blades used to catch the wind that turned the pumps that either reclaimed land

from the sea and/or turned the mill that crushed grain into flour. I asked the Lord what this meant, and He reminded me that the real feat to windmills lay in the ability of the top portion of the windmill to rotate 360 degrees. This allowed the windmill to maximize the wind's power on its sails. Early windmills did not have this particular mechanism and therefore could only hope that the wind would blow from a single direction most of the time.

One of the symbols for the Holy Spirit is wind. The disciples hear the sound of a mighty, rushing wind on Pentecost morning. The wind of the Spirit is blowing, and like the cloud that leads Israel throughout the Wilderness, it moves from the direction that God directs for that particular moment in time.

The message of the windmill could not be clearer. God wants believers to be like windmills that can turn at a moments notice when the wind of the Spirit shifts. This is the problem with the old wine skin church and old wine skin believers. They are static, hoping that the wind of God will blow *their* way and yet are aimed in only one direction—the direction from

which the wind blew last. New wine believers, however, discern shifts in the wind's direction and adjust accordingly so that they might fully benefit from the things that God is doing *today*. They rejoice in moves of God in the past as well as prepare to change directions the moment God's wind shifts...and it will!

Windmills rotate in order to maximize the wind's velocity. This is, however, only one of the windmill's functions. As the windmill faces the wind, its arms rotate, generating power that helps those around it. The power might be used to pump water that reclaims land from the sea, or the power may generate electricity as a renewable source of energy. It may also operate a mill that grinds wheat into flour. A new wine skin believer, like the windmill, has the potential to generate God's power, reclaim others from foreign environments, and/or help to spiritually

feed those who are hungry for more of God.

This sounds neat and tidy on paper yet is a bit messier in reality. If the cloud is constantly moving and the direction of the wind is continually changing then we can gain no security

from relating to God in *just* one way—from *just* one direction. This is the long and short of the Christian life. The message imbedded in the picture is that God's wind is unpredictable, changing directions at a moment's notice.

Institutional Christianity, like institutional Judaism of Jesus's day, seldom changes directions at a moment's notice.



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This is why Jesus and the religious officials are always at odds with one another. In John 3:8, the Lord tells Nicodemus, *"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."*

The power generated in the Christian life comes from direct focus on Jesus and kingdom living. The more direct exposure to the Savior, the greater the blessing.

Sunflowers, like windmills, illustrate the same idea. There are entire fields of sunflowers that literally follow the sun throughout the day in order to maximize its benefits. This, too, is the secret to our life in Christ. It is not denominationalism or institutionalism but direct contact with the Holy Spirit, exposure to God's Word, and significant interaction with other believers that generates God's power in our lives.

The power, of course, lies in the wind. Our job is to search for the direction that it is blowing and capture it. It is then that the maximum benefit is generated, resulting in Holy Ghost power that reclaims others from captive environments, and feeds them with the bread of life. These are the benefits from an active windmill and they are the benefits that come from an active Christian who catches the wind of the Spirit as well.

Blessings, Scott +



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Sunday's Sermons are being recorded. All you need is a smart phone, ipad, or computer. To request Sunday's sermon, email: [frscott@davis@aol.com](mailto:frscott@davis@aol.com) or go to [VisitGrace.net](http://VisitGrace.net)



2016 First Quarter Financials

Income	\$ 52,579
Expense	\$ 50,172
Net	\$ 2,407



Russell Grigsby from Austin, Texas, will be the guest preacher on April 17. He will also be available for healing prayer following the service.

Russell and Scott have been prayer partners and friends for thirty years. Russell has his degrees from Baylor University and SMU. He is a business man who is also involved in ministry. He is married and has four adult children.



Kairos Prison Ministry  
April 21-24  
Fountain Prison

Chris Jones will be participating in the upcoming Kairos weekend. This is an evangelistic weekend that takes place in one of Alabama's prisons. It is ministry to inmates who have little hope and is a weekend where light shines out of darkness. Kairos needs your help in two ways:  
Cookies & Prayer! (and lots of both)  
Cookie Deadline: Wednesday, April 20. Questions call 990-2973.  
Prayer Deadline: Without ceasing!

Late April Birthdays



16 Eddie Bals

25 Beverly Terry

27 Patricia Goldsby