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*Exalting Jesus Christ! Igniting the Church in the power of the Holy Spirit*

*Under the authority of Scripture as the Word of God*

*Through Prayer, Leadership Development, Congregational Renewal, Mission Outreach*

*So that the Church will be empowered to do all that Christ commands to the glory of God the Father*



## Holy Spirit's Moving—Doing More Than We Can Ask or Imagine!

It didn't take long for the Holy Spirit to move at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Arnprior, ON after Pastor David Hooper attended the *Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit* conference in Ottawa. He wrote to us soon after:

*"So much has happened so fast.*

*The Tuesday following the conference in Ottawa I met with my Elders. I shared some of what had happened at the conference. We decided to have an elders retreat on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. I presented more from the conference. I then stretched them and suggested that we lay hands on each elder to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. They could not get into the chair fast enough. What a privilege to see before your eyes the Holy Spirit changing countenances and freeing people up.*

*Then we talked about Church the next day—Pentecost Sunday. They decided to be available at the front of the Church after service to lay hands on and pray for people to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. About 15 people came forward. I also said that you could ask and receive in your pew. Many stayed after church to be filled.*

*I am so excited. It was because of the Dunamis conference that our Lord had arranged for this to happen. Praise be to Jesus.... My feet have barely touched the ground these past few days. It was incredible to see it happening right before my eyes. It was almost as if they have been waiting for this to happen. Many said it was answers to prayers.*

*Thank you again for the incredible conference! The results are being felt in my church as well as in our local ministerial."*

Recently we spoke to David and learned that there's a new hunger for prayer among the elders. Now all the elders gather for prayer each Sunday before worship. Six weeks ago a lady from the congregation lay on her death bed, unresponsive. After a couple of prayer visits by David and her daughter she woke up and asked for communion. She's now home, saying, "Jesus didn't want her yet—there's more for her to do here. Another woman with nodules on her thyroid received prayer and her doctor is astounded—the nodules have disappeared. The elders have asked for more teaching and equipping on how to pray and listen to the Holy Spirit. They've embarked on a five week adventure of daily prayer exercises and weekly meetings to learn how to pray for one another and the sick.



David Hooper

Praise God! This is but one congregation whose leader attended our *Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit* conference in Ottawa in April, or Vancouver in June. We sense God's excitement—so ready to do more than we can ask or imagine, to see his Church grow in the power of the Holy Spirit!

Pray for those who've attended, for those God is calling to attend our next GTC conference in Guelph, Nov. 9-12, and for discernment as DFC discusses possible future conferences in other parts of the country.

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**Save the Date**

### **March 5, 2016 :DFC's Annual Conference at the Guelph Bible Conference Centre**

Join us for a day of encouragement and practical application as we gather to listen to the Holy Spirit, seek his direction, give and receive ministry, share encouraging stories and consider how to apply scriptural Dunamis principles in our congregational contexts.

Note the date, which is earlier in March than past years. Stay tuned as further details develop.



## DFC in Western Canada

God's sweet Holy Spirit was poured out in Vancouver at our *Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit* event. Half of those who attended were clergy; one church sent nine of its leaders. Here's what some said about their experiences:

*"This conference provided me with a safe place to drop and surrender to God and His plan for my life. I have experienced hearing and feeling the Spirit in a more real way. I look forward to heading home and continuing the dance."* Ashley

*"This conference has had a profound impact on me, my call, my faith, my trust & my full reliance on the leading & empowerment of the Holy Spirit. I have been transformed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit & I look forward with great anticipation of what the Lord will enable through me in the power of the Holy Spirit. I have been equipped in ways that at this point I cannot express; I just know this conference has had a profound effect on me and my approach to ministry will bear fruit according to God's will in His time. Thank you for being willing vessels of God's good & majestic works."* B.H.

*"Restored my soul. Opened my heart again to the possibilities of what God is up to in our churches & renew desire to get in on that activity."* S.V.

*"Restored. Renewed. Refreshed. Re-directed. Reminder – He is in the driver's seat."* Judi

*"I loved being among people who are mostly very open to the Presence of God among us. I most appreciated the debriefing times in which we could locate what God was up to. And the great confirmation God has on his calling of me, is greatly appreciated."* Walt



## God Stretches—and Blesses

As an elder in her Presbyterian church, Beth Stewart's been on a journey of stepping out in faith over the past few years. First she responded to DFC brochures and attended the *Healing Ministry of Jesus* Dunamis Project (fourth in the series) in Guelph. She was so intrigued by the ideas presented in the Gateways make-up sessions that she decided to get on a plane—for the first time—to Edmonton so she could attend *In the Spirit's Power*, the second project in the series.

Her desire to share the teaching with others in her rural Ontario area led to Dunamis Video Course facilitator training and this summer taking the plunge to actually offer the course at her church. When the organist wasn't available, she dusted off her guitar to lead worship and stood in awe as she watched God meet participants as they discussed and prayed together after viewing the video teaching. Sharing Holy Spirit stories was a great encouragement among participants, showing that God uses "ordinary" people in some amazing ways.

Praying for people to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit was a highlight, and when the course ended Beth was asked, "What's next"? A retired minister currently serving as the interim moderator in this small congregation shared her own story as a participant and now includes concepts from Gateways teaching in her preaching.

Praise God for what the Holy Spirit's doing to grow his Church!



## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 9-12, 2015 Growing the Church In the Power of the Holy Spirit—Guelph ON
- Nov. 11-14, 2015 Project IV—*Healing Ministry of Jesus*—Edmonton AB
- March 5, 2016 DFC Annual Conference—Guelph, ON
- April 4-7, 2016 Project I—*Gateways to Empowered Ministry*—Guelph ON
- April 13-16, 2016 Project V—*Equipping for Spiritual Warfare*—Edmonton AB

See DFC website for more information

See Dunamis Institute website —[dunamisinstitute.org](http://dunamisinstitute.org)—for information on USA events close to our border in Bellingham, WA, Alaska and Michigan

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