

# LANAKILA NEWS

## SUNDAY

**Ladies Ministry:**  
9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

**Adult Sunday School:**  
9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

**Morning Worship:**  
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Children's Service:**  
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Bible Study:**  
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

**Bible Study:**  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**AWANA:**  
6:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Youth Group:**  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY

**Men's Ministry:**  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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## ONLY ONE LIFE...

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** I marvel at how fast this last year went by. The Apostle James reminds us that life is like a vapor, one minute you see it, the next, it disappears. Dr. Frank Hooge, one of our former pastors and lifeline missionary to the Philippines used to say **"Only one life, will soon be past; only what's done for Christ**

**will last.**" I suppose many of us will sincerely make new year resolutions but somehow they will soon be forgotten. We have good intentions and most of our resolutions are sincere and will benefit us, but somehow we cannot find the resolve or discipline to see them through. As we get older we realize that time is passing us by and perhaps we haven't accomplished everything we set out to do. Maybe that's because we are focused on ourselves and not on the Lord.

We often hear terms like "push the boat out" or "think outside the box" when referring to changing things up, in an attempt to muster enthusiasm or set a new course. However, those terms are more about what we will try to attempt in life rather than what *the Lord* wants us to do. We attempt to delve deep within ourselves to find the desire, the resolve, the energy, and the discipline to follow through. As a result we often fail. How easily we forget Jesus' words, *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you"*? Or Paul's inspired words, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"*?

In the self absorbed, narcissistic, thrill-seeking, self-entertaining, pleasure seeking world we live in, it is any wonder how quickly we lose focus of the Lord, of His teachings, and His example? We live in a world that is all about *us*, when, especially as Christians, it should be about *Him*. So, what does the Lord want you to do *today*, not tomorrow, or next week, or this year? The Lord taught us to *"Take no thought for the morrow,"* and *"give us this day our daily bread."* When you do everything the Lord wants you to do *today*, all the today's will add up into the weeks, months, and years the Lord gives you on this earth, and you will have done what He wants you to do. **Only one life, will soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last.**

## Did you know...

What is Pneumatology?

Pneumatology is the study of God the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, and it answers many important questions about the Holy Spirit such as:

### 1. Who / What is the Holy Spirit?

*Many Christians do not have a Biblical understanding of the Holy Spirit. Pneumatology teaches us that the Holy Spirit is a Person, with a mind, emotions, and will. The Holy Spirit is Jesus' "replacement" on earth (John 14:16-26; 15:26; 16:7).*

### 2. When / How do we receive the Holy Spirit?

*The Holy Spirit is received at the time of our salvation (Romans 8:9), and He permanently indwells every believer in Christ (Ephesians 1:13-14). Pneumatology helps us to understand the Biblical roles of the Holy Spirit in our lives.*

### 3. What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

*The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the work of the Spirit of God that places the believer into union with Christ and into union with all the other believers in the Body of Christ at the moment of salvation.*

### 4. How can we be filled with the Holy Spirit?

*It is important to know the difference between the indwelling and filling of the Spirit. The indwelling of the Spirit is for all believers. The filling of the Holy Spirit happens on a daily basis when we submit to God's will in our lives and are obedient to His Word (Ephesians 5:15-20).*

### 5. Are the miraculous gifts of the Spirit for today?

*The question is not can the Holy Spirit give someone a miraculous gift today? The question is does the Holy Spirit still dispense the miraculous gifts today? The Holy Spirit of God is free to dispense His gifts according to His will (1 Corinthians 12:7-11).*

The study of Pneumatology is extremely beneficial to Christians. Through our Bible reading, we come face to face with the third Person of the Trinity, God Himself in spirit, and we see His very personal and intimate ministry to us. Through Him, we come to know God's love for us "because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Romans 5:5). When we study the ministry of the Holy Spirit we find joy in His role as our Comforter (John 16:7; Acts 9:31) He not only helps and comforts us, but He comes to our rescue when our hearts are so burdened we cannot even pray for relief (Romans 8:26). When we pursue the knowledge of the Holy Spirit we find that He lives within us forever, and He will never to leave or forsake us (John 14:16). All these truths are seared into our hearts and minds when we study Pneumatology.

A good summary verse for Pneumatology is John 16:8-11, "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged." Thank God for revealing His Holy Spirit to us, and for His miraculous ministry in our lives! – Pastor James