

For your notes:

Meeting Times
Sunday mornings: 9:30 am to 11:00 am (*sometimes longer!*)
Sunday evenings: 6 pm to 7:30 pm
Mighty Kid's Church: 10:00 to 11:00 am (downstairs)
Sunday evenings: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Tuesday Bible Studies - Fortnightly at Doug & Margaret Anderson's home 7:00 PM
Wednesday Night Meetings - Weekly at Kathy Elms' home 7:30 PM

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Welcome to Ormiston Christian Faith Church!

This morning Pastor Paul completes the series "You Don't Have What It Takes!" Tonight Pastor Tony Ingram will run the meeting.

News



- **Fellowship lunch:** Next Sunday (March 1st) after the morning meeting we will be enjoying a fellowship lunch together. Feel free to bring a main and/or desert as we enjoy time around the table in fellowship!
- **Guest speaker:** Also next week Pastor Peter & Ann Sutcliffe return to continue their ministry in our church. Peter's teaching is always well-received and if you have missed any meetings, many are available or soon to be available on DVD.
- **Volunteer register:** is about to close, we've extended it to this week. Next week the roster will be published. There will still be spaces for those who want to get involved in the running of the church. Thanks!
- **New camera platform:** You will have noticed this morning that we have a new platform to elevate the camera and allow us a better angle to capture footage of the ministry. Many thanks to Martin and David and some help from David's neighbour Matt for the big effort on Saturday to make this platform. It's not finished yet, but it's already serviceable. Don't forget, DVD's of our ministry are available by order at the modest price of \$6 (to cover costs) and they will soon be available free of charge streamed from our web site.
- **Sunday nights:** We had an excellent time last Sunday evening just sharing about the Glory of God, and how we can practice His presence. Then we had a time of prayer together and ministry for those in need of God's power. I encourage you to come on Sunday evening if you're after an interactive meeting where we spend time waiting on God and in His presence. Also, if you need some breakthrough ministry, it's the perfect time to let others minister to you in a relaxed and safe atmosphere.

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To be pleasing to God . . .

Jesus never intended Christian ministry to depend on a person's natural abilities. Scripture is clear that He has equipped His followers by the anointing of the Holy Spirit to minister with supernatural power.

Sadly, a lot of churches in our day lack any hint of supernatural power, and seem more focused on keeping people happy and making them feel good about themselves. There's nothing wrong with being happy and feeling good about yourself, but there's more to the Christian life than self-satisfaction.

Years ago I knew a man who was doing something wrong, and he knew it but didn't want to change the way he was living. Another person approached me and said "I know it's not right, but don't you think God wants him to be happy?" My reply was pretty simple: "Yes God wants him to be happy. The question is: do you get your happiness from things that don't please God?" I never got an answer.

I often remember that and challenge myself with "is what I want to do something that would please God?" I don't live my life in fear of God's judgement, but I do want to live my life in such a way that my motivation is to please my God. I already have His favour, but I want Him to delight in my life: in my choices, my behaviour, my attitudes, my relationships.

Pastor Peter Sutcliffe has been speaking to us on the importance of character. I agree whole heartedly. If we are seeking to carry the supernatural power of God—that same power that Jesus promised we would have—we should live our lives in a way that brings honour to God. Scripture calls it being a "clean vessel". (*2 Timothy 2:21*)

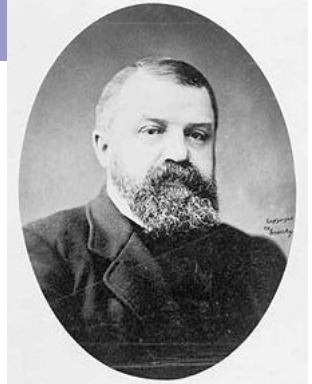
To use the analogy of ourselves as vessels, trying to live a Christian life without character is like trying to carry precious liquid in a vessel that is cracked, chipped and broken. It may get you part of the way, but sooner or later you will lose what you had. Our motives are important, and speak to the depth of our character before God. I want to be a vessel that can carry the supernatural presence of God without drip, spill or waste!

- Pastor Paul



Sharing a life's story:

Dwight L. Moody And his encounter with the Holy Spirit



Over a century ago, the ministry of Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899) shook the United States of America and England in a way that continues to vibrate mankind to this day. What changed an ordinary man into one of the great voices in Christian history? Moody himself gives the explanation:

"I began to cry as never before for a greater blessing from God. The hunger increased; I really felt that I did not want to live any longer. I kept on crying out to God all the time that He would fill me with His Spirit. Well, one day in the city of New York --- oh!, what a day, I cannot describe it! I seldom refer to it. It is almost too sacred an experience to name. The Apostle Paul had an experience of which he never spoke for fourteen years. It was when God transformed his life. I can only say, God revealed Himself to me and I had such an experience of His love that I had to ask Him to stay His hand."

Moody's baptism with the Spirit was so overwhelming, so filling with the glory of heaven, that he felt he would be physically crushed there on the streets of New York. Moody's cry, "God --- stay Your hand!", is not unusual for those upon whom the power of the Spirit has fallen. Many Old Testament saints as well as Saul of Tarsus in the New Testament literally fell to the ground when the power of God came upon them. Strange as it seems to some, that manifestation of the Spirit still occurs today.

On that historic day, Dwight L. Moody left the spot as a new man - a new minister - and a true New Testament evangelist. What God did for him, He will do for us also who, " ... cry as never before ... hunger ... do not want to live" without being "filled with the Spirit". Jesus said, "Ask and you shall receive." If we drop our religious objection and receive everything God has! Believe me, you will like the change!

This is what Dwight Moody said about himself:

"Someday you will read in the papers that D. L. Moody of East Northfield is dead. Don't you believe a word of it! At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now; I shall have gone up higher, that is all, out of this old clay tenement into a house that is immortal - a body that death cannot touch, that sin cannot taint; a body fashioned like unto His glorious body. "I was born of the flesh in 1837. I was born of the Spirit in 1856. That which is born of the flesh may die. That which is born of the Spirit will live forever."

- Dwight Lyman Moody