

Holy Spirit Continues to Send Revival Waves Out From Kansas Pentecostal Church

The Kansas revival of 1901 under Charles Parham ignited the Pentecostal Movement which spread to Houston, Texas. From there, it spread to Bonnie Brae Street and Azusa Street in Los Angeles under William Seymour beginning in 1906, where Charisma author and evangelist Verna Hall Linzey of Coffeyville, Kansas preached a revival in 2012.

From Los Angeles, it went worldwide. But the flames of the Kansas revival have never died out in the past 121 years, nor has it died out in neighboring Tulsa, Oklahoma to the south.

In a recent interview with Rev. Don Martin, who is the current and sixth pastor of the 100-year-old Metro Pentecostal Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma, which is one of the two oldest Pentecostal churches in Tulsa, he said that Metro Pentecostal Church was established in 1922 as the First Pentecostal Church of Garden City, Oklahoma, under the leadership of Pastor Arthur T. Duck. Today, it is located on 51st Street in Tulsa.

Of special note, Rev. Martin traced the Pentecostal revival today in Tulsa to the tent revival under Charles Parham in Tulsa in August 1908, which he said was the first Pentecostal work in Tulsa.

Rev. Martin hosted the Centennial Celebration of Metro on Sunday afternoon, August 28, 2022. It was packed with about 400 Spirit-filled Pentecostals worshiping under the power of the Holy Spirit. It was a life changing experience with ecstatic utterances and the Shekinah glory all over the congregation. Even the guard, who had on his person an open carry revolver, was swaying under the Spirit in the balcony.

Meanwhile, Coffeyville continues reeling under the Holy Spirit with healings from cancer, blindness and the lame walking. On July 10-11, 2022, a visitation of the Holy Spirit did wonders at First Assembly of God in Coffeyville. Coffeyville First Assembly was the first Pentecostal work in Coffeyville in the early 1920s. "How do you put in human words an experience about the presence of the Holy Spirit which produces the fullness of joy?" said Gary Close, pastor of Word of Faith Church of Coffeyville. The speakers, Pastors Steve and Valerie Griffith of New Beginnings Family Church of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, "were gifts from heaven," said Rev. Close. "Bondages were broken, bitterness was released, hips mended and testimonies abounded of a lady who was healed of cancer after one pastor in attendance prayed for her at a grocery store prior to the service."

On July 24, 2022 at the 11:00 am Sunday service at Emmanuel Chapel in South Coffeyville, "Debby Phillips was in a wheelchair. She was prayed for, walked about 15 steps without pain and then was slain in the Spirit for about 30 minutes," said Sister Cheryl Feltner, wife of the pastor, James Feltner. The assistant pastor, Steven Meek, was in the congregation with a very bad back. "When he stood up, he realized he was healed and has not had any pain since," she added.

The youth minister was slain in the Spirit four times. Then Pastor James Feltner was knocked out on the carpet just behind the pulpit by the Holy Spirit for the last 20 minutes of the service. And a woman in the parking lot was instantly delivered from a migraine when she walked in the presence of one of the guest speakers.

Evangelist Robert Newton returned to Emmanuel Chapel in South Coffeyville on August 14, 2022 where sinners and mainline Protestants joined in from Independence and Coffeyville, Kansas, and Tahlequah, Nowata and Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and were saved, filled with the Holy Spirit as confirmed by speaking in tongues and slain in the Spirit. Meanwhile, a

Southern Baptist who was visiting First United Methodist Church of Coffeyville was filled with the Spirit and spoke in tongues quietly, and said, "The First United Methodist Church of Coffeyville continues to experience renewal with uplifted hands in praise. And the Spirit's refreshing has begun to take hold on the United Methodist Church in nearby Edna, Kansas."

Like Tulsa, the Pentecostal revival in Coffeyville traces its roots to Charles Parham. In the Fall of 1905, Parham moved his headquarters from Topeka, Kansas to Houston, Texas to start another Bible college. This was where William J. Seymour got the baptism with the Holy Spirit as confirmed by speaking in tongues. By the fall of 1906 Parham was conducting a revival in Zion City, Illinois where F.F. Bosworth got the baptism with the Holy Spirit as confirmed by speaking in tongues. Bosworth then began his own Pentecostal ministry, characterized as a healing ministry.

By 1910, Bosworth started his own church and ministry headquarters in Dallas, Texas. In 1914 he was at Hot Springs, Arkansas and helped establish the General Council of the Assemblies of God and became one of its first directors. Francis L. Doyle, Verna Hall Linzey's step-father, was also a co-founder of the denomination. Rev. Doyle pastored the Pentecostal church in Coffeyville, Kansas and brought it into the Assemblies of God in 1928 where the Hall Family attended, including Franklin Hall.

In the 1920s, P. C. Nelson, a Baptist minister and master linguist of biblical languages, who became a personal friend of Francis Doyle and mentor of Verna Linzey, went to Bosworth's church in Dallas to investigate the Pentecostal doctrine, and he got the baptism with the Holy Spirit as confirmed by speaking in tongues. 1927, Nelson established Southwestern Bible School in Enid, Oklahoma with a strong biblical language program.

Nelson and his ministry team preached revivals in Coffeyville

and the surrounding region in the 1920s and 1930s. On the way back to Enid, they would go through Coffeyville and often stop by the home of Verna Hall (Linzey) when she was a girl. Her step-father and mother, Francis and Alice Doyle, would allow her and Franklin along with their siblings to sit around the table to hear them talk about the Pentecostal revivals they conducted over the weekend. This was why Verna was stirred by the Holy Spirit to eventually go to Southwestern Bible School, where she mastered Hebrew, Latin and Greek and was trained to be an evangelist. In her 90s, with her skills in biblical languages, she was invited to be on the translation committee of the Modern English Version Bible, published by Charisma, which was presented to Her Majesty Elizabeth II at Windsor Castle in 2016, six months before Verna passed away.

What is happening in Coffeyville was prophesied by Oral Roberts of Tulsa who got his start in ministry after being impacted by the ministry of Franklin Hall of Coffeyville, who became the father of the Latter Rain Movement in America and was Verna's eldest brother. Oral prophesied while flying over Coffeyville, "Right there! A mighty move of the Holy Spirit will take place."

The Coffeyville-Tulsa basin continues to serve as a spring for the waters of the Pentecostal Movement in the region. {eo}

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