

Holy Spirit Conference ... Intimacy with Holy Spirit!

Rev. James M. Erle, (Pastor Jim) was raised in New York City. He grew up in a Presbyterian Christian household. At the age of 16 God called him to ministry when Dr. David H. C. Read,



Minister of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church at a Good Friday Service during prayer at the altar, laid hands on him and said: "Jesus, says, follow me and I will make you a fisher of men." At 18 he married his wife Jean and will celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary in November. They have two daughters and three grandsons.

Jean Erle was brought up in a Lutheran Christian household and has been ministering alongside Pastor Jim from the beginning. She has been a teacher in Christian schools for over 35 years. Currently she teaches kindergarten at Westminster Catawba Christian School. She has been anointed by God for musical ministry and currently plays the keyboard through the Holy Spirit for the pre-service worship, meditation and prayer time at Cornerstone Family Worship Center in York, SC where she and Pastor Jim serve. This music sets the tone for Holy Spirit ministry and service times.

Jim joined Resurrection Lutheran Church during the Charismatic movement where he became Youth Pastor, Vice President of the Church Council, Deacon, and Elder. In 1993 he and Jean felt a move of the Holy Spirit saying that there was more for them to learn and to do. They then went to Evangel Church, an Assemblies of God Church in Long Island City N.Y. and there received full water baptism and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

During this time at Evangel, Jim and Jean became involved with another couple and formed Silent Cry Ministries. This started as a home group formed by the other couple and became a full blown evangelistic outreach and ministry to hurt and abused women. They ministered alongside churches with special events and crusades in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

In the midst of this, while at his office in lower Manhattan, Pastor Jim witnessed the events of September 11, 2001, first hand. The prompting of the Holy Spirit was so strong that he left his secular job and joined the New York School of Urban Ministry. He received his Chaplaincy with the United Chaplains State of New York and also became ordained with the Assemblies of God International Fellowship.

In January 2005 Jim and Jean and the ministry of Silent Cry in answer to an invitation went on a mission trip to Ghana Africa. There they were able to preach and minister in several crusades and schools, start a women's ministry, plant a church, see miracles signs and wonders and even go to a village which had never seen a white man before and have 1,100 people come to Christ in one day.

In 2006 after the home going of his mother, Pastor Jim clearly heard the voice of God tell him: "Go to South Carolina and feed my children." Not knowing what the Lord had planned, Pastor Jim obeyed. He came to Cornerstone Family Worship Center in March of 2007. In November 2008 Pastor Jim transferred his credentials to the Assemblies of God and was voted in as the Sr. Pastor. Prophetic and healing teams were trained and formed and mighty moves of the Holy Spirit including words of knowledge and healing are not unusual during service.

Currently the church has a food pantry ministry that serves food to 3,000 people per month and not one person leaves without personal prayer. Also they are a Premier site for the Benefit Bank of South Carolina assisting people to sign up for financial assistance. Cornerstone messages are aired on WAVO radio 1150 AM Sundays at 9:30 AM adding 40,000 + souls reached for Jesus each Sunday. Jim feels honored and privileged to be the Sr. Pastor of Cornerstone and looks forward to many years of service as the Lord permits. *"I give all honor and glory to the Father through Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit that enables us to do above and beyond anything we as human beings could imagine. Not for my glory but for the glory of God"Pastor Jim.*