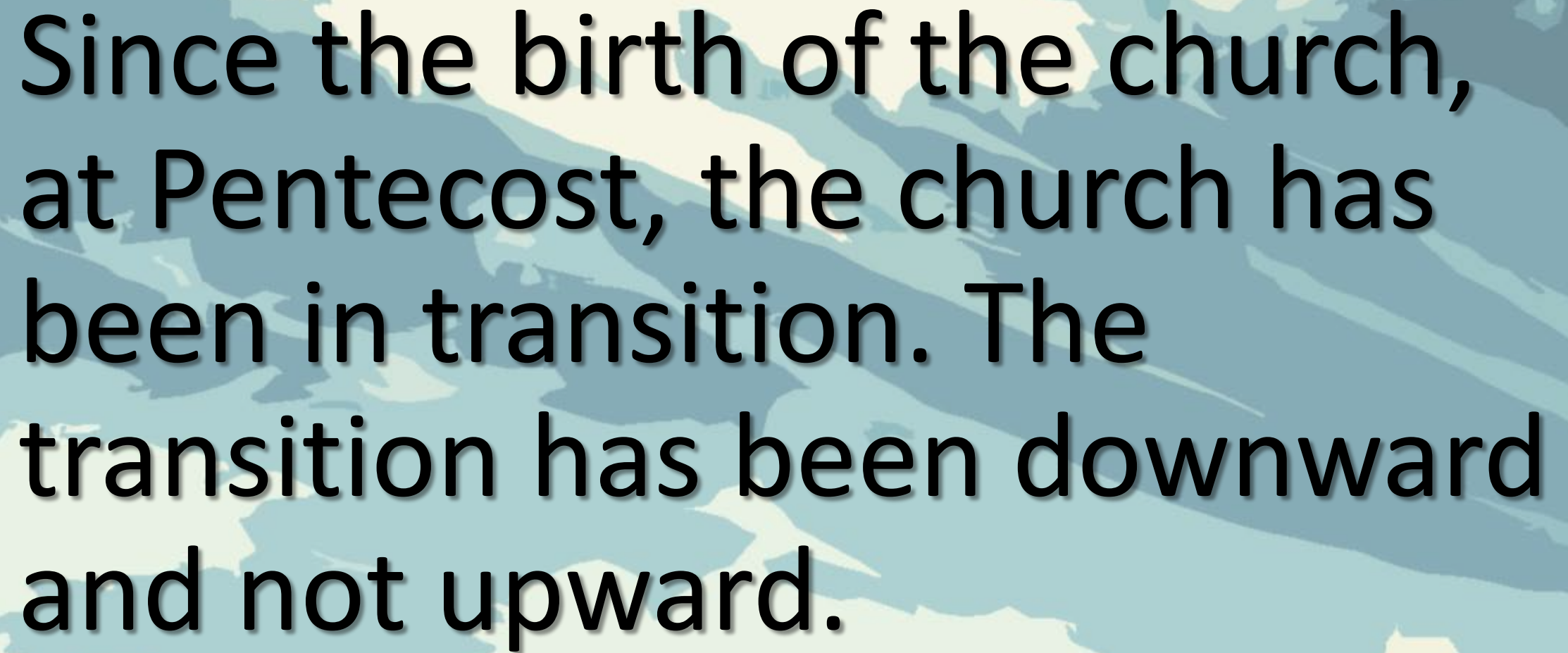




“Gone is the Wind”

Acts 2:1-13, 37-38



Since the birth of the church,
at Pentecost, the church has
been in transition. The
transition has been downward
and not upward.

SBC Totals:

Year

Baptisms

2009

349,737

2014

305,301

2018

246,737

Alabama SBC churches (2018)

- Population: 4,887,871
- No. congregations: 3,265
- Baptisms: 12,615 (2018) 17,355 (2014) 21,416 (2009)
- Percentage decrease from 2017: 6.20%



What has happened?

What is happening?

What can we do to stop the trend?



GONE IS THE WIND OF:

I. Freedom - (2:1-4)

A. Church was began by Jews who were bound by laws and traditions

B. When the spirit came He

1. Filled the place - (vv.1-2)

2. Filled the people - (vv.3-4)


C. We are bound by labels,
personal preference and fear.

(II. Tim. 1:7) “For God hath not
given us the spirit of fear; but of
power, and of love, and of a
sound mind.”



GONE IS THE WIND OF:

II. Amazement (2:5-13)



A. They were there for the “Feast of the Weeks” – the second of three annual festivals.

B. They were amazed by the

i. Unprecedented – (2:5-6)

Never happened before

ii. Unexplainable (2:7,12)

“Galileans” – “What meaneth this?”

iii. Unexpected – (2:8-12)

“Hear we every man in our own
tongue...”



C. We are no longer amazed,
astonished or overwhelmed.

GONE IS THE WIND OF:

III. Conviction and repentance - (2:37-38)

A. “Pricked in their heart” – (2:37)

The word opened their hearts and they saw the sin and wickedness in them

B. “Repent” – (2:38)

“Change directions”

C. Hearts no longer opened by the word – guilt no longer experienced – repentance no longer made. Keep on sinning.