

**Second Baptist Church of Doylestown**  
**40 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING**  
**DAY 2 – May 8, 2017**

## **Don't Let The Fire Go Out**

*"Why is the house of God neglected?"*

*Then I called them together and stationed them at their posts. Nehemiah 13:11*

When the Olympics came to America several years ago, part of the experience was to see the Olympic flame. For every Olympics, a flame is lit from the eternal Olympic flame in Greece and then carried to wherever the Olympic games are being held. The flame made its way to Atlanta for the opening ceremonies by traveling all over America first.

Volunteers and heroes from all over America carried torches holding the flame from place to place. While the flame was passing through Jackson, Mississippi, Harley Sheffield had the honor of carrying it on his bicycle. As he was crossing the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, the expansion gate caused the tire on his bike to blow. The torch popped out of its holder, fell onto the bridge, and broke into pieces. The Olympic flame was extinguished.

Sheffield was horrified. They would have to go all the way back to Greece and start over again! He would go down in history as the man who allowed the flame to go out! His panic was unnecessary because a "mother flame," along with a replacement torch, was present in a trailing van. Thus he could resume his duty, and the Olympic flame traveled onward.

This story provides a great illustration of our walk with God. Too many times we stumble and allow our flame to go out. If your flame has been doused, there is not a "mother flame" to restore it, but there is a "Father flame" who stands ready to light your torch today; and He will keep it lit.

**Prayer Focus:** Pray that God will light our spiritual torches with the oil of the Holy Spirit. Pray that we will always be on fire for the Lord. Ask God to make your spiritual flame burn brighter (increase your faith). Scripture tells how He can enable you to restore, rekindle, or resume your spiritual flame and in doing so give Him glory.