## Covenant Life

- Our next Gathering will be our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee next weekend. A schedule of events is attached to this letter. Our next public prayer meeting will be Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> which will be our <u>only Gathering in April</u> due to Mother's Day. Please pray for our Gatherings, be open to the spiritual gifts, and come ready to share (or email words to <u>info@GodsDelight.org</u>).
- Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee
  - o If you have not RSVP'd, please click HERE so we have a lunch count.
  - Young Adult Reunion for all ever involved in Young Adults or Singles. Join us for dinner (individual pay) on Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm (after the Jubilee events) at Charco Broiler restaurant 413 Jefferson, Dallas (near Bishop Arts). menu Please RSVP quickly, so we know if we have enough people for the private room to: Tracy (Martin) Rosaschi 972-815-3978 or <a href="mailto:tmrose19@msn.com">tmrose19@msn.com</a> or Ed Cabrera 972-424-3885.
  - o Ordered shirts will be distributed on Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Jubilee.
- If you were unable to attend our last prayer meeting, you can listen to the audio <a href="here">here</a>, read the Word Gift summary <a href="here">here</a>, and the transcript <a href="here">here</a>.
- Your ongoing financial support to the Community is sincerely appreciated. Please donate online here or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, Tx 75222.
- NOVENA: We continue Jubilee preparation with a nine-week novena asking what God has for us. Try to spend quality time daily praying and reflecting, attentive to prophetic words. We want the Lord to reveal His plan for us, individually and as a Community. This week's topic is Covenant. Each day this week is a new invitation from the Lord to turn to Him. If you know someone who is without email, please print a copy and visit them so we can be united in seeking our Lord. Please continue prayers for Gretchen and the Jubilee team.

In the <u>First Reading</u> today we hear the story of God using Samuel to anoint David. The story built my faith because God provided Samuel the wisdom to follow His will and not act on his own intuition. Stories such as these remind me of God's tremendous love for me, and you, and how He is at work intervening in our lives to draw us to Him. It is through His Holy Spirit that we can respond to His call and discern between our good ideas and His divine will, as Samuel did. We also have confidence that God's Holy Spirit has rushed upon each of us, and continues to,

just as it did David. The psalms convey David's special relationship with God and his constant desire for the Lord to be his shepherd and want nothing else. This is particularly true in today's <u>Responsorial Psalm</u> that we have all read and heard so many times and are blessed by.

The verse in the <u>Gospel</u> today that caught my attention was verse four where Jesus states "We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work." He does not say "I have to do" but rather "We have to do". He is including you and I and challenging us to do the works we are charged with while there is still time. What is He asking each of us to do today?

Looking around it is obvious that time is short, whether for the world or us individually, we have no time to waste, the world around us seems to darken at an ever-faster pace. He has called us to be His witnesses and we must respond. Paul, in the <u>Second Reading</u>, provides this exhortation also, "Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light..." This is a wonderful thing; Christ, light of the world, shines His light upon us and we become light in the Lord. His call upon us is to Live as children of the light!

This has been a persistent call for 50 years. Be His delight! Live in the light. Let our light so shine before men that they will see Him in our love for one another and give glory to God. What makes this possible? It is our covenant with God, together. It is our ongoing Yes to Him and our total surrender. It is our loving one another and laying our lives down for one another. This is our light!

This brings us to the final week of our nine-week novena to prepare for our 50th anniversary. Our topic this week is covenant. Let us meditate on our collegial covenant with God and reflect on what God is asking us today to respond to what He is about. Every day is a new day to say Yes!

Let us pray: "Jesus, thank You for the call You placed on my life and for Your Holy Spirit who guides me whenever I turn to You. Anoint me and provide me clear direction today how to follow Your divine will. Give me David's heart to see You as

my shepherd and totally trust You! Be my light and send me a double portion of Your Holy Spirit today that I can live my covenant with You and make my love of my sisters and brothers such a light that I witness Your great love to everyone I meet.

God Bless, David