

Covenant Life

- Our next Gathering will be next Sunday, May 28th as we gather to celebrate Pentecost!
 - We will have an extended time of Praise and Worship and an opportunity for everyone to be prayed with for a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit!
 - *Afterwards we will have a **Meet and Greet** for those who would like to hear more about the Charismatic Renewal or Covenant Community. Dinner and childcare provided. Help spread the word and bring a friend! See announcement below.*
 - Prepare by daily praying the attached Pentecost Novena.
- Visit our [Jubilee web page](#) to enjoy content from our 50th Anniversary!
- If you were unable to attend our last prayer meeting, you can listen to the audio [here](#), read the Word Gift summary [here](#), and the transcript [here](#).
- 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.

We live in exciting times...both Church calendar wise and in present times. Church calendar wise we are approaching the end of the Easter season and are walking in the steps of the early disciples who are heeding Jesus' words to 'wait and pray' for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Present times wise we are excited about the power of the Holy Spirit being manifest in our day. Every Sunday Gathering, we experience the Holy Spirit speaking to us and answering our prayers. We hear of events such as Asbury where unexplainable outpourings are happening. Just this weekend a dozen from CCGD attended the Encounter Ministry Conference at St. Ann's parish in Coppell and experienced a marvelous outpouring of His Holy Spirit on the hundreds that attended. God is Good!

In the [First Reading](#) Luke tells Jesus' ascension story with emphasis on waiting for the power of the Holy Spirit. Three years of formation and miraculous experiences were not enough. Not for His disciples and not for us. Regardless of our life's experiences, how much we were formed or not, how much we have witnessed miracles or not, nothing will enable us to respond to what Jesus is about

to ask of us without His Spirit. Jesus is very clear with His disciples, and with us. Wait. Do not go it alone. "Be baptized with the Holy Spirit"!

I attended an ecumenical panel Friday after lunch. I am not a comfortable speaker so I knew the two questions that would be posed to the panel and prepared remarks. I had my notes typed in front of me. As it happened, the moderator posed a different question when he came to me. Tapping into the power of His Spirit I closed my eyes, turned to the Lord, and began to share what His Spirit provided. This is the power of the Holy Spirit. He acts in ways beyond human ability. He provides the words to say, He provides the answers to prayer. He shows up when we call upon Him.

This happened boldly and powerfully this weekend during the Encounter conference as well. Numerous stories of physical healing were reported on Friday night including those from our Community. Numerous manifestations were evident throughout the room on Saturday night as prayers for outpouring of His Holy Spirit laid many people out. This is how the Holy Spirit works when we surrender and rely on His power rather than our own abilities.

The second half of the First Reading and the [Gospel](#) give the punch line for why we receive the Holy Spirit. Mission. He personally commissions us to Go, Share, Tell...Be His Witnesses! We are being sent to all the world to share His Good News! What makes our response possible is the power of His Spirit. We can read in the early chapters of the Acts of the Apostles the amazing transformation of Peter. The scriptures suggest a total transformation of power, courage, and supernatural words. The same is true for us. God wants to give us more. More of Him. More of Him to empower our ability to respond to Jesus' commission.

Fortunately, we live in awesome times where He is being made manifest and this coming Sunday, starting at 3pm we can enter His throne room and ask again for a deeper outpouring of His Holy Spirit. Don't miss it.

Let us pray, *"Jesus, I hear Your words to wait. I am waiting on You. Prepare my heart to receive Your Holy Spirit in a new and deeper way this Pentecost. Come Lord Jesus. Come Holy Spirit. I am Yours!"*

God Bless,
David