

Covenant Life

- Our next Gathering is **TODAY at 3pm** 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 Life in the Spirit or Community. Dinner and childcare provided. Come and bring a friend!*
- 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.

This weekend we are celebrating Memorial Day to honor the men and women who died while serving in our military. This might have been a weekend we did not hold a Community Prayer Meeting since so many families travel or have other special events, but this is a very special day for our Church. Today is Pentecost, the birthday of the Church and a day we celebrate receiving the promised power to respond to Jesus' commission.

The Church has different readings for Pentecost but the readings for the 'Mass During the Day' contain my favorite Pentecost passage. Not only is the [First Reading](#) the full story of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit but the [Gospel](#) contains a short passage that is so clear in summarizing Jesus' commissioning message.

The passage begins with an [encounter](#). The disciples were fearful and hiding. Despite years of witnessing miracles, they lacked the faith and confidence to continue Jesus' ministry. Inside a locked room "*Jesus came and stood in their midst*". Wow, I can hardly imagine the jubilation of those men and women who were so lost and confused as they witnessed the defeat of death itself. This was an unexpected [encounter](#) with Jesus, Lord and Savior!

After encouraging them Jesus said, "*As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*" Here Jesus very clearly reminds them of His [mission](#) and our [mission](#). Jesus

showed the depth of His love in completing His mission to redeem us and immediately asks that we join Him. The Father's love is unmistakable, and Jesus joins us in the Father's plan to save all mankind. He sends us!

But He knows us. He knows our frail nature, our fears, the temptations we face from the world, the flesh, and the devil and desires to empower us "Receive the Holy Spirit!" With these words, literally everything changes. It is no longer us but God's power within that empowers us to respond to His commission.

This is what we celebrate today. We are a Mission people, Jesus sent us with His last words and His Holy Spirit provides us the power to respond. This is certainly not a new revelation, but the exhortation is to claim it again boldly today. There is no limit to what God wants to give us. We can all ask for a fresh outpouring of His Holy Spirit today. We can and should want more!

This is how we overcome life's obstacles, this is how we counter the world, the flesh, and the devil in our lives. It is only through His power poured out upon us when we surrender and ask. Let us ask again today! *"Lord send me; Lord give me a fresh outpouring of Your Holy Spirit; Lord give me supernatural love for everyone I will meet today; Lord, I want more; I want more of You. Come Lord Jesus!"*

If possible, join us today at 3pm as we enter His throne room and ask again for a deeper outpouring of His Holy Spirit. Don't miss it.

Let us pray, *"Lord Jesus, I thank You for pouring out on Your Church the abundant graces and gifts of Your most Holy Spirit. At this time, I humbly ask that You remove every obstacle within me that would hinder me from responding freely to the wind of Your Spirit. I want to grow and mature in each gift that You desire to give me, so I may live it out in my daily life. Awaken in me, O Lord, a true and deep love for You, that I may delight You. Come, Holy Spirit, renew me, and sweep through our Community once again, setting us on fire with Your love, so that we are equipped and ready to cooperate with You for the renewal and building up of the Church. We desire to have expectant faith and to be completely yielded to Your will. Jesus, may Your name be glorified on our lips and in our lives. We ask all this through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, the Spouse of the Holy Spirit. Amen."*

God Bless,
David