

Sisters and Brothers, let us join all the nations to praise God! 05/22/2022

Covenant Life

- Our next in-person prayer meeting will be on Pentecost, Sunday June 5th at 4pm in the MSM gym - We will have a flexible, extended time of prayer and praise at the beginning of the gathering and we will have the opportunity at the end for everyone to be prayed with for a release of the gifts of the Holy Spirit! Please help spread the word and bring someone with you.
 - In June, we will meet on the 1st and 4th Sundays, June 5th and 26th
 - In July, we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, July 10th and 24th
- On Saturday June 11th Fr. Michal Markiewicz will lead our Day of Renewal from 9am to 2pm at MSM. Lunch will be provided.
- We are founding member of the North American Network of Charismatic Covenant Communities. I have attached our new Spring 2022 newsletter to this email for your enjoyment. More information about NAN can be found [here](#), more information about the referenced conference including videos can be found [here](#), and past newsletters can be found [here](#).
- 2022 is a year to refresh our covenant commitment. A simplified version is here: [Covenant Recommitment](#). Please review and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the area He wants to recommit to. Chris Coxon shared about [Praise and Worship](#) and John Wagner shared about [Daily Prayer and Scripture Reading](#), and Mike Wagner shared on [Conforming our lives to Jesus & drawing others to Him](#).
- If you were unable to attend our last prayer meeting, you can listen to the audio [here](#), and read the Word Gift summary [here](#) or 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.

Little miracles. What a joy it is when we see the hand of God in our lives. This is the single most significant impact of the Charismatic Renewal on my life...enabling me to see God as real, not just a historical figure but alive and caring for me daily. A personal relationship with God the Father, Jesus Christ His Son, and the continual inspiration of the Holy Spirit are what sets Christians on fire apart. If we have faith and eyes to see, we will encounter Him regularly.

The Gospel reading today was one of those small miraculous touches for me. It started when Sharon Harmon, who was scheduled to give the sharing on the

Covenant last Sunday, switched with Mike, who was scheduled for the next one. It seemed like no big deal, everyone agreed to the swap. Then, during this past Monday's coordinator call, when we realized that our next Gathering was Pentecost, one of the coordinators suggested we have a special exhortation regarding an outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the Gathering. Great idea, right? Yes, but the Holy Spirit had already provided for us with the prior agreed to swap. See, Sharon's sharing is on "Earnestly desiring to receive and exercise the Spiritual Gifts". This is the attitude that we want everyone to come to the next Gathering with. So, on Sunday June 5th when we gather for our Pentecost Gathering we will have the real opportunity to be prayed with for a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit and Sharon will be sharing on earnestly desiring to receive and exercise the Spiritual Gifts...too much of a 'coincidence' to ignore.

Now today, as I was reflecting on the reading, the [Gospel](#) provided me the spiritual icing on the cake. As I read the opening verses *"Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me."* I recalled Mike's sharing from last Sunday on *being His disciples by conforming our lives to Jesus, drawing others to Him.* Mike's exhortation and Jesus' clear words here are to love Him and keep His Word. This is how we become His disciples and conform our lives to Him...loving Him and keeping His Word! This is also how we draw others to Him. This is His eternal command to love Him, conform our lives to Him, and go make disciples by drawing other to Him.

The little miracle was magnified in the next verses *"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."* I clearly saw in these words the promise of Pentecost and the empowering to live Jesus' exhortation through the power of the Holy Spirit. See the little miracle? I am convinced that the Holy Spirit wanted Mike's sharing to precede Sharon's. First, He effected it through the schedule issues. Then, to reveal Himself in a small way, the Gospel ordered Jesus' exhortation today to keep His Word before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Thank You God for making Yourself known and enabling us to have a personal relationship with You, the God of the universe!

Let us pray, *"We thank You God for revealing Yourself to us and for giving us the faith to recognize You, the eyes to see You, and the inspiration of Your Word to guide us. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us so that we can both conform our lives to You and earnestly desire to receive and exercise the Spiritual Gifts!"*

God Bless,
David