

Covenant Connection

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER | NEW COVENANT CHURCH THOMASVILLE | JUNE 4, 2019 | PENTECOST SUNDAY EDITION

Guest Speaker



Author, Rick Stanfield

This Sunday

Author of “I Can AND I Will”

Join us for a book signing and covered dish following

Sunday’s service

Sunday Morning

- 7:45 Worship Practice
- 9:00 Adult Sunday School
- Intercessory Prayer—Latasha McCoy
- Living in the Kingdom—Mike Folsom
- Christ Identity—Danny Copeland
- Youth Sunday School—Pastor Alli

Covenant Café 8:30-10:15

Pre-Service Prayer—10:15

- 10:30 Main Event Service

*Children’s Church and Nursery are
provided after worship*

Wednesday Nights

- *Honor’s Reward Life Group*
-Pastor Dave -Room 8 at 6:45pm
- **One Youth Ministry—6:45pm** Pastor Alli
- **After School Youth Program** at 3:00
- **Children’s Ministry—**Loretha Threadcraft

Summer Break begins Thursday, June 6

**HONOR'S
REWARD**
HOW TO ATTRACT GOD'S
FAVOR AND BLESSING

Tonight!
-Will be our last class at 6:45 in
Room 8

**JOHN
BEVERE**

**COLLEGE & CAREER
BEACH RETREAT**

At Santa Rosa Beach, Fla

July 29th -August 1st

\$100.00 per person
\$25.00 non-refundable
Deposit by July 7th



WOMENS RETREAT

SANTA ROSA BEACH
AUGUST 2-4
\$100.00 per person
\$25.00 non-refundable
Deposit by July 7th

**You are invited to an
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
on July 3rd at 6:30pm
in the OASIS**

Bring your favorite topping!

Pastor Dave's Pen

The Importance of Pentecost (*Shavuot*) for Christians...

In Jewish tradition, *Shavuot* commemorates the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. There was a time in history when the focus was on the Feast of First fruits but that has diminished over time.

The story recounted in Acts 2 tells how Jesus disciples were gathered in Jerusalem when a sound like a mighty rushing wind came through their house in the upper room, while something looking like tongues of fire appeared over them.

For Jewish believers in Jesus Christ (Yeshua), *Shavuot* becomes an archetype of what happened seven weeks after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Because of the great power displayed in the upper room at Pentecost, some regard this day as celebrating the advent of the Holy Spirit. Yet that was not quite the case. We read in John 20:22 that the risen Christ breathed on each of the disciples and filled them with the Holy Spirit weeks before Pentecost! The event of Pentecost was the “birthday” of the Church—the welding together of Spirit-filled disciples into one organism—the living body of Christ. At Pentecost, Holy Spirit moved upon each of the disciples to bring about the united story of the Church. Just as the giving of the Law at Sinai formed the “constitution of the spiritual commonwealth of Israel”, so the visible manifestation of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples signaled the “constitution of the spiritual community” of faith in Christ.

Happy
Birthday

Hunter Walton 6-6

Sharon Archey 6-8



In the first case, Israel was brought together by the law (rules of constitution), in the latter, believers in Christ were bonded together not by rules, but by the Holy Spirit within them.

The entire spring religious season of Israel, from Passover to Pentecost, speaks of God’s plan to harvest a holy people for Himself. First, Yeshua died as the perfect, sinless sacrifice. Then, He arose and became the first fruits from the dead as described by the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:20.

Seven weeks after the resurrection, the dynamic manifestation of Holy Spirit among the early Jewish believers became the catalyst for many to put their faith in God’s Messiah. The Jewish pilgrims at Jerusalem who heard and received the good news of salvation joyfully brought it back to their native lands. There, it was received by Gentiles as well as by other Jews, and the Church became established abroad.

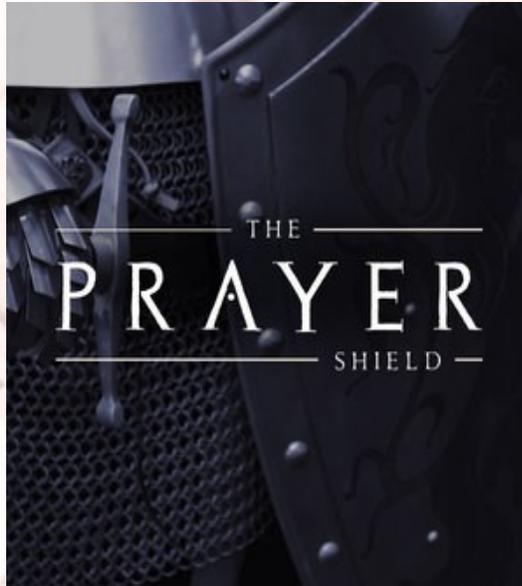
Today, Pentecost should speak to all of us of the sowing of gospel seed and the harvest or *ingathering* of saved souls—redeemed people to become part of the Body of Christ. I believe that God wants a harvest from every tribe and nation. As we celebrate the birthday of the Church, we would do well to consider the fact that our primary purpose is to proclaim the gospel. As we, God’s people, remain faithful to this task, the harvest will grow.

We will celebrate one the three most important Jewish Festivals ... Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. Join us this Sunday and continue to believe for a tremendous harvest of souls for this year. The *Great Commission* is vital to church growth and to the advancement of His Kingdom here on earth.

NCC PRAYER MINISTRY

Let's Pray For....

Shirley Chong
Keith Simmons
Rachel Mobley
Sharon Archey
Dominique Jones
Danny Copeland
V.R. Meeks-Giles
Kimberly Odom
Nancy Stacey
The Rawlings
Chris Scudder
Alex Jones
Pastor David Sr.
Irene Cason
Lyle Quattlebaum
Ashlyn Quattlebaum



**Text Your
Prayer Requests
To The
Prayer Shield at
229-977-0694**

"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

-Mark 11:24 NKJV

Servers Schedule For This Sunday:

Altar Ministry:

Mike and Judy Folsom
Jim and April Walton

Ushers

Daniel Gaines
Joseph Lee

Welcome Center:

Annie Brookes

Greeters:

Mabel Moore