

# Let's Get Connected!

## Sunday Mornings

Covenant Café 8:30am (Coffee & grits)

Sunday School—8:45a.m.-9:45a.m.

Pre-Service Prayer—9:45a.m.

Main Event Worship Service 10:00a.m.

## Wednesdays at 6:30pm

"Stewardship" Life Group— Pastor Dave

Youth Group with Pastor Alli

Nursery and Children's Ministry  
provided

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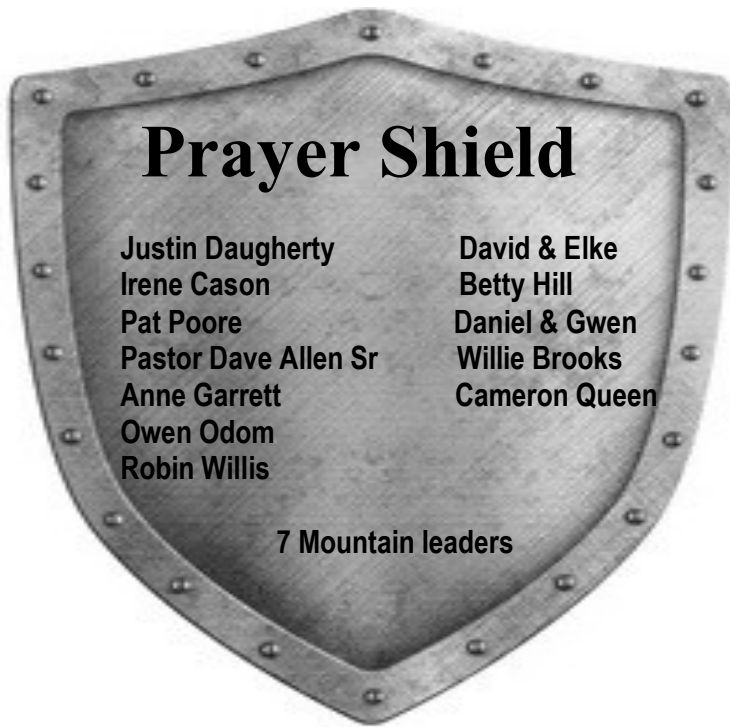


## Reminder!

Don't forget to fill those baby bottles  
with your loose change to support the  
pregnancy center

We're receiving donations through  
Father's Day, June 19th





## Wednesday Nights...

### Life Group

Led by Pastor Dave  
Room 8 at 6:30p.m

*Youth Group &  
Children's Ministry  
Provided*

## Verse of the Week

"I will give you a new heart and out a new Spirit within you;  
I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you  
a heart of flesh." -Ezekiel 36:26 NKJV



# Happy Birthday

**Sharon Archey 6-8**

**Thomas Quattlebaum 6-11**

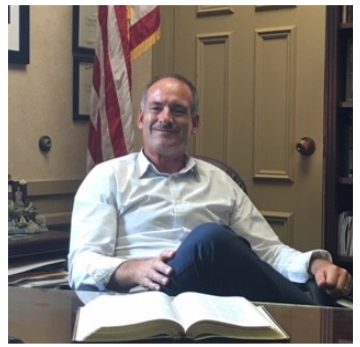
**Mary Lynn Willis 6-13**



# From the Desk of Pastor Dave

## Stay Connected to the Lord!

<sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." - Acts 1:8 NKJV



Last Saturday was the start of the Feast of Pentecost which lasted til sundown on Sunday. I believe that Pentecost is as significant event and festival as Christmas and Resurrection Sunday. We looked at hearing the voice of the Lord, and some of the scriptural reasons for speaking in tongues. Holy Spirit's presence was evident during the Sunday worship service. It was great to see so many people respond to the altar call to receive a touch from the Lord. As one person said after service, "I feel so refreshed having gone to church today."

Let's look at just a portion of Sunday's message and the how we can hear the voice of the Lord.... It's important to know that God is always speaking to us. It's just a matter of opening your spiritual ears to hear Him. If you desire to improve your ability to hear God, there are at least three things you can do. These are basics but yet fundamental.

### #1: Hear the Holy Spirit when you Focus on the Word.

One of the most effective ways to improve your ability to hear the Holy Spirit is by focusing on God's Word. In **John 15:7**, Jesus said, *"But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!"*

How do you know when you have been focusing enough on the Word? Holy Spirit talks to you through it! He directs your thoughts as you go about your day. He brings it to your mind when challenges arise, and He helps you know what to do. You focus on the Word by spending time in it. You can't just read it casually every now and then. You must be diligent to read your Bible and reflect on it daily and then follow through and obey it. Treat it like the priceless treasure it is.

### #2: Hear the Holy Spirit when you Listen to God's people.

Holy Spirit isn't only speaking to you; He's speaking to all of God's people. Sometimes those people have received a message from the Lord for the church, like when the Lord spoke through the Apostles. Other times, the Holy Spirit uses those people to share a special message specifically for you. By listening to trusted Spirit-led friends, church leaders and family members, you can hear Holy Spirit's direction. That doesn't mean you should listen to every person who believes that God has something to say to you. Make sure those people are Spirit-led. This is why It's important to be choosy about the friends that

you associate with. Anytime you receive guidance or counsel, it's smart to make sure it's in keeping with the Bible. God won't give advice that violates His Word.

### #3: Hear the Holy Spirit when you Listen in Prayer.

Do you find yourself doing all the talking in your prayer time with the Lord? If you don't quiet yourself and listen, how will you ever hear what the Holy Spirit is speaking to your heart? When you pray, spend some time praising God for His goodness and thanking Him for all He has done for you (Psalm 100:4). Then ask Him for what you need.

### #4: Keep a prayer journal.

This is another great way to identify the Holy Spirit's voice. Write down what you've asked the Lord for and the Lord's answers. He has answered those prayers. Write the thoughts He brings to your mind. As you put this into practice, you'll begin to understand how Holy Spirit works in and through you. You'll begin to hear and through Him clearly. (and read) His answers. The Holy Spirit is talking. It's up to you to hear Him clearly.

#### Scriptural references:

Acts 1:8  
John 15:7  
Psalm 100:4  
Philippians 4:13  
Mark 16:17  
1 Corinthians 14:2  
John 14:16-17  
Romans 8:26  
Romans 8:27  
Acts 2:4  
Acts 10:46

By putting these keys into practice, you'll improve your ability to hear Holy Spirit, and you'll have the joy of living a Spirit-led life. One more thing I want to share with you...

### #5. Pray in the Spirit (in tongues).

When you pray in the Spirit, this form of communication opens up avenues for Holy Spirit to speak to you and encourage you, because you are in direct contact with God. It's your own private language with Him that no one else understands. It is a sharing of intimacy between just you and Him. God has given the Church a divine, supernatural means of communication with Him that is so power-packed, we would be missing out if we prayed in our own natural language alone. *"He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself"* —**1 Corinthians 14:4**. Praying in tongues will ignite a fire within you to stir up the dynamite power of the Holy Ghost inside you.