



Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 19, 2013

Christian Education - 9:30 am

Morning Celebration - 10:45 am



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THIS WEEK AT GREATER WORKS:

Saturday, May 19

9:30

Elder Kevron Tynes joins us for our morning Pentecost Celebration

Noon

Pastor Ernie Stevens & Bright Ways Ministries joins us for our afternoon Pentecost Celebration.

Tuesday, May 21

Prayer 6:30 pm

Discipleship Training 7:30 pm

Marketplace Survival Strategies – Lesson #6. Please join us as this dynamic class continues.

Wednesday, May 22

GWM Fast 8am - 2 pm

Friday, May 24 7:30 pm

Seventh Day Adventist Prayer

Saturday, May 25 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

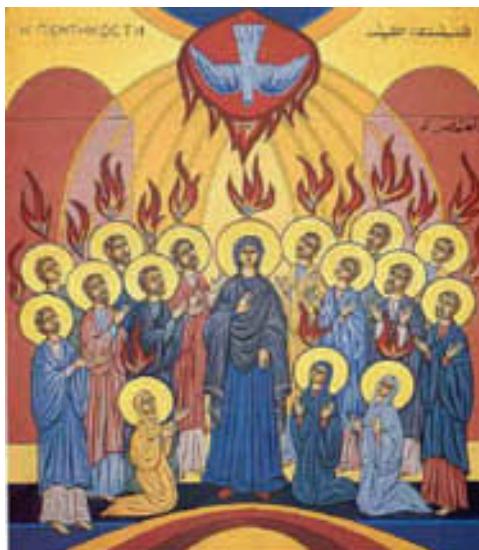
Seventh Day Adventist Worship Celebration

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GWM:

Monday, May 27 Memorial Day

Most banks, government offices and many business will be closed.

Please call before you go.



Please Remember in Prayer....

Pastor C. Mark Avery & Family	The GWM Families
Frank Tinnin	Irene Bryant
Joanne Sharpless	Ruth Thompson
Brother Richard Davis	Paul Keith
Sister Catherine Warren	Brother Earl Nelson
Sister Catherine Jones	Judy Boddy
André Cruz	Anica Cruz
Sister Sharon Norton	James Bowman
Jenn Brice & Sons	Pam McAllister
Sister Connie Atley	Cheryl March
Carper McMillan, Jr.	Richard Shepherd
Maria Rodriguez	Deacon Everett Butcher
Jordan Smith-Smallwood	The Kells Family
Andy & Annamaria Renner	Pete & Tacie Himelright
Phillip Brison	Bishop & First Lady Joseph Scott and Family
Sara Bozzini	Jonathan Hall



Intercessory Prayer
Brother Frank Hammond



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Third Diocese
Bishop William Todd, Diocesan



Assignment of Overseer Elect C. Mark Avery

Living Vine Apostolic Church, Philadelphia, PA
Universal Move of God Ministries, Rockville, Center, NY
Touch of the Master's Hand Ministry, New Castle, DE
End-Time Harvest Ministries, Philadelphia, PA

Come, Holy Spirit,



fill the hearts of your
faithful and kindle in
them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit,
and they shall be created.
And You shall renew
the face of the earth.

Pentecost

Pentecost is not as well-known or as popular as the Christmas and Easter, though it commemorates a watershed event in Christian history. In many ways, Pentecost is the birthday of the church.

What is Pentecost? For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Thus, from an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. Thus Pentecost is the church's birthday.

What does the word "Pentecost" mean? The English word "Pentecost" is a transliteration of the Greek word pentekostos, which means "fifty." It comes from the ancient Christian expression pentekoste hemera, which means "fiftieth day."

But Christians did not invent the phrase "fiftieth day." Rather, they borrowed it from Greek-speaking Jews who used the phrase to refer to a Jewish holiday. This holiday was known as the Festival of Weeks, or, more simply, Weeks (Shavuot in Hebrew). This name comes from an expression in Leviticus 23:16, which instructs people to count seven weeks or "fifty days" from the end of Passover to the beginning of the next holiday (pentekonta hemeras in the ancient Greek translation of the Hebrew Scripture).

Shavuot was the second great feast in Israel's yearly cycle of holy days. It was originally a harvest festival (Exod 23:16), but, in time, turned into a day to commemorate the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. This day became especially significant for Christians because, seven weeks after the resurrection of Jesus, during the Jewish celebration of Shavuot/Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon his first followers, thus empowering them for their mission and gathering them together as a church.

What actually happened on that day of Pentecost? This event is recorded in the New Testament book known as The Acts of the Apostles. Chapter 2 begins, "And when the day of Pentecost [ten hemeran tes pentekostes] had come, [the first followers of Jesus] were all together in one place" (2:1). All of a sudden, a sound came from heaven, like a strong wind, filling the house where the people had gathered. Something like tongues of fire rested on their heads. "

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May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Apr 28 Evangelist Charlene Henneghan	Apr 29	Apr 30 6:30 pm - Prayer 7:30 pm - Discipleship Training	1 8 am - 2 pm - GWM Fast	2	3 7:30 pm - 7th Day Adventist Prayer	4 8 am - 6 pm - 7th Day Adventist Weekly Celebration
5 Cinco de Mayo 	6 National Nurses Day 	7 6:30 pm - Prayer 7:30 pm - Discipleship Training	8 8 am - 2 pm - GWM Fast Victory in Europe Day 	9	10 7:30 pm - 7th Day Adventist Prayer Military Spouses Day	11 8 am - 6 pm - 7th Day Adventist Weekly Celebration
12 Mother's Day	13	14 6:30 pm - Prayer 7:30 pm - Discipleship Training	15 8 am - 2 pm - GWM Fast	16	17 7:30 pm - 7th Day Adventist Prayer	18 8 am - 6 pm - 7th Day Adventist Weekly Celebration
19 - Pentecost! 9:30 am - Minister Kevron Tynes 12:00 - Elder Ernie Stevens	20	21 6:30 pm - Prayer 7:30 pm - Discipleship Training	22 8 am - 2 pm - GWM Fast	23	24 7:30 pm - 7th Day Adventist Prayer	25 8 am - 6 pm - 7th Day Adventist Weekly Celebration
26 Shepherd's Care Donation due AM service Sally Ride Day 	27 Memorial Day 	28 6:30 pm - Prayer 7:30 pm - Discipleship Training	29 8 am - 2 pm - GWM Fast	30	31 7:30 pm - 7th Day Adventist Prayer	

Upcoming Events:

May 16-19: Christ Haven 30th Anniversary

July 23-27: W.A.R. 18th Annual Convocation.

Songs for Praise & Worship

Yahweh

All the glory belongs to you
All the glory belongs to you, Oh God. (rpt 4x)
Hal, Le, Lu, Jah (rpt 3x)
Yahweh, Yahweh be praised (rpt 2x)
All the glory belongs to you
All the glory belongs to you, Oh God. (rpt 4x)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, (rpt 2x)
Yahweh, Yahweh be praised (rpt 2x)

Break Every Chain

There is power in the name of Jesus (x3)

To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain.
To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain.

There's an army rising up (x3)

To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain.
To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain.

I hear the chains falling

Lord You are Awesome

Lord, you are awesome (x4)

If wasn't for your love
Wasn't for your grace
I don't where I'd be without you

Lord, you are awesome (x4)

You are awesome (x4)
There's nobody like you Lord (x4)

You're Awesome (x4)



Notes:



Pentecost

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And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak" (2:4). (Notice the tongues of fire on the heads of the people in the painting by Restout.)

The languages spoken by the early Christians were intelligible (not other worldly) and were heard by thousands of Jewish pilgrims who had come to Jerusalem to celebrate Shavuot. The content of the miraculous messages had to do with God's mighty works (2:11). Many who heard these messages in their own languages were amazed, though others thought the Christians were just drunk (2:12).

At some point, Peter, one of the leading followers of Jesus, stood up and preached his first sermon. He interpreted the events of that morning in light of a prophecy of the Hebrew prophet Joel. In that text, God promised to pour out his Spirit on all flesh, empowering diverse people to exercise divine power. This would be a sign of the coming "day of the Lord" (Acts 2:16-21; Joel 2:28-32).

Peter went on to explain that Jesus had been raised and had poured out the Spirit in fulfillment of God's promise through Joel (2:32-33). When the crowd asked what they should do, Peter urged them to turn their lives around and be baptized in the name of Jesus. Then they would be forgiven and would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (2:37-39). Acts reports that about 3,000 people were added to the church that day (2:41). Not a bad response to Peter's first sermon!

From: What is Pentecost? Why Does It Matter?

by Rev. Dr. Mark D. Roberts

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/markdroberts/series/what-is-pentecost-why-does-it-matter/>





Pentecost

Acts 2:2

When the day of Pentecost came they were all together in one place. All of a sudden there was a mighty rushing wind that came in and filled the whole house. Then there appeared a tongue of fire over there heads. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Other men that didn't speak there language heard them in their own language. They were astonished and wondered how this could be. Its the Holy Ghost that gives power like this. It was being poured out on them.



Schedule of Services

Effective 02/03/13

Sunday	Christian Education (September to May)	9:30 am
	Sanctuary Prayer & Morning Celebration	10:45 am
	Evening Service (2 nd & 4 th Sundays, unless noted for special events)	4:00 pm
Tuesday	Prayer Discipleship Training (1st to 3rd Tuesday - June to August)	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
	Leadership Training (4 th Tuesday)	7:30 pm
Wednesday	GWM Fast Day	
Friday	Midnight Cry (when announced)	12 - 1 am



Vision Statement

A kingdom centered ministry that transforms lives.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide an atmosphere where God is glorified, members are edified, and our community is ministered to spiritually and educationally and enriched through the experience of abundant life.

Weather Cancellations

In case of inclement weather, call the church 610-444-5581. Once the recording comes on, press 3 to listen for any cancellations and updates.