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What is the Day of Pentecost About and Why is it Important?

Pentecost Sunday this year is on May 24th. The Day of Pentecost is revealed in Scripture in Acts 2. Pentecost is known frequently as, “The Birthday of the Church.” On the Day of Pentecost came the descent of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost came fifty days after Jesus’ resurrection and ten days after Jesus’ ascension. My message on Pentecost is titled, “Pentecost Sunday: What is the Day of Pentecost About?” from Acts 2:1-13.

We are in the time of the Christian calendar year in between Easter and Pentecost. We look back at Easter and we look forward to Pentecost. We’re told in Acts 2:1, “When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.” Like the disciples in Acts 2, we too gather together and thank God for the coming of His Holy Spirit upon us.

When we consider the contrast between Easter and Pentecost, Easter is light. Pentecost is fire. We’re told in Acts 2:3, “They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.” Fire is an important nature phenomenon in salvation history. Fire points to transforming power from the Holy Spirit. God’s wrath was revealed on Jesus, so we could experience God’s love. The fire and wrath came on Jesus, so we could have God’s Holy Spirit.

We also see the contrasts between Easter and Pentecost in that Easter fulfills the departure from Egypt. Pentecost fulfills the glory descending into the Tabernacle. Easter remembers a historical event. Pentecost points to a personal event. Easter is the victory of the Son over death. Pentecost is the victory of the Spirit who gives life. Easter is the triumph of Jesus over death. Pentecost is the triumph that brings abundant life. Easter is the resurrection working in Jesus as the Son of God. Pentecost is the resurrection turned loose in the church on every believer.

At Easter, God shows his power. At Pentecost, God shares His power on each one of us. We see in Acts 2:4-12, a universal message for all people. Different groups of people from different nations were all able to hear in their own language on the Day of Pentecost. Pentecost brought everyone together. In Acts 2, they all spoke different languages, but they could understand one another, as God’s judgment came down on Jesus.

Easter proclaims an objective miracle when Jesus rose from the dead. Pentecost promises a subjective miracle in our hearts. Easter secures our redemption; while Pentecost effects our transformation. Easter makes us witnesses in a lost word. Pentecost makes us evidence of the change God has brought into our lives.

Join us and celebrate Pentecost Sunday with us!
Blessings, Pastor Kenny

HAPPY
Birthday

- 1 Larry Pursell
- 3 Cyndi Hackworth
- 4 Marilyn Lemmer
- 7 Fred Dye
- 8 Darlene Coon
- 8 Larry McDonald
- 11 Kent Gwilliams
- 15 Agustin Margary
- 20 Dorothy Grove
- 20 Rick Rozema
- 22 Tammy Anthis
- 22 Linda Schaub
- 27 George Higgins
- 30 Wade Stokes
- 31 Carolyn Syler

HAPPY
Anniversary

- 11 Paul & Audine
Ehrgott
- 22 Mike & Robin
Reilly
- 27 Glen & Martha
Roberts



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



May 7th - Grief Support Group will meet in the fellowship hall at 11:15am and then they will be going to a nearby restaurant. Please see Linda Snyder if you have any questions.

May 10th - Happy Mothers Day

May 12th - Leadership Council Meeting at 6:30pm in fellowship hall

May 17th - Spiritual Birthday Celebration. We will have a carry-in meal after the morning service. Birthday cake will be provided.

May 23rd - Family Game Night from 5-7pm in fellowship hall. Join us for a pot-luck meal, devotion and games. Sign-up sheet is in the lobby. Pizza will be provided.

May 25th - Memorial Day

May 29th & 30th - Ladies Weekend of Fun & Fellowship through crafts, scrapbooking, puzzles & games. The fun starts Friday at 1pm and Saturday at 9am. Bring your favorite craft or just come to visit. See Deb Hepler with any questions.

CWC NEWS
(CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTION)
~ ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME ~

Good Day, Ladies!

Just a thank you for a GREAT YEAR! We are starting a new year with some great ideas & plans.

Beginning with becoming a member of the CWC. Our membership dues need to be turned in this month so don't wait. We are not having our regular meeting this month.

We have plans to have a Spiritual Birthday Celebration on Sunday, May 17th. It will be a carry-in meal and birthday cake will be provided! Come celebrate with us!

Don't forget about our Ladies Weekend of Fun & Fellowship on May 29th & 30th and watch for plans for a ladies luncheon, to be announced.

If you know of anyone that would like to be a vendor at our market in October, we still have spaces available. Please see Doris Covalt with questions.

Many Thanks,
Deborah Hepler

Guatemala MISSIONS TRIP

Join us for this amazing opportunity to minister to the people of Guatemala! We will be building a house with a stove in a village as well of preparing boxed meals and holding a Vacation Bible School!

July 13th - July 18th

Check out the bulletin board in the hallway for more details



The Great Commission
"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." ~Mathew 28:19-20