



## June 2024 News

# Pentecost

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#### Look for us:



## “for through Him [Jesus] we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.” Eph 2:18 NASB

Three major events are universally celebrated by the Church: Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. These three events, the birth of Christ the Savior into a lowly cattle stall, His triumph over sin and death, then joyous Resurrection from the dead. Then, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the hearts of His ‘friends’ and the many wondrous gifts which followed.

SO many gifts! The word of knowledge and the word of wisdom telling us what to do with that knowledge. The gift of supernatural faith and the gift of healing along with the working of miracles that cannot be explained except for God’s intervention. Prophecy and the discerning of spirits, the gift of tongues, and also the ability to interpret those tongues.

Other kinds of gifts: the gift of serving, willingness to do all for the sake of the Kingdom. The gift of teaching, explaining the mysteries of God in a way that others may understand. One of my favorites is the gift of encouragement: lifting the spirits of others so that they continue their journey and not lose hope. OH! Many times the Lord has sent that gift to us to enable us to persevere in the life and ministry to which He has called us. The gift of giving which is the lifeblood of the Kingdom and the ministry, whether it be in tithes and

offerings or in time and resources. Giving is the outflowing of the love of God through us, just as God so loved the world that He gave us Jesus.

The gift of faithful leadership cannot be undervalued. For it has been faithful leaders that the Lord has placed in our lives who have fed us, trained us, encouraged us, and released us equipped for the work of the ministry so that we could go forward and do likewise for others; and so the Kingdom grows and prospers.

Finally the gift of mercy. The ability through the grace of God to see others not as they are but as what they can be with the Lord’s help. This gift comes with a promise: blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. (See Matt 5:7)

Three events which changed the world forever. Without Christmas there could not be an Easter. And without Easter there could not be a Pentecost. Just as Jesus came to be the Savior of the world, so did He fulfill His promise not leave us as orphans.

When the Holy Spirit of the living God comes in power to indwell us, we know for certain that we are never alone again.



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DEBBIE ECKER

## On A Personal Note ...



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Dan and I are looking forward to a nice summer season of sunshine, summer rains and showers, as well as taking drives to some of our favorite spots like Ohio Pyle to sit by the river reading out loud from a book on church history, current culture trends, politics or one from one of favorite missionary authors, E Stanley Jones. This time of year is special. Enjoy!

## Spirit all ...



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DAN ECKER

One of the many promises that we have since that *first* Pentecost until now is a Last Days outpouring of the Holy Spirit said to occur *“upon all flesh”* that has the potential of affecting every single person on planet earth when it comes! (See Acts 2:17-21; Joel 2:28)

What started off as *“I am sending upon you the promise of the Father”* (Luke 24:49) that was made and took place during that 40 day period between His Resurrection and His ascension when *“He presented Himself alive”* (Acts 1:3) was only the beginning of what God had in mind as an outpouring of Holy Spirit Presence that was meant for everyone to receive. (See Luke 24:49; Acts 1:3-8; Acts 2:39) In the Greek, Hebrew and in English - *“all flesh”* means *“all flesh”*.

You see, this promised outpouring was intended to occur in every generation until He returns to the earth. (See Acts 2:17; Joel 2:28; Acts 2:39) So ... let us begin to see other people differently. To see them as those of whom God is touching by His Spirit! He is coming!

## Revive Scotland Last Month ...

This past month we had the privilege of sending me (Dan) and Jim McCollum from Covenant Church of Pittsburgh to participate in Revive Scotland in the Hawick district of the border area of southern Scotland. God is moving!

Over the past three years, Revive Scotland [*an evangelistic revival ministry led by Rob McArthur, Pastor of River Church in Banff, Scotland*] have been sweeping the country from north to south with evangelistic outreaches in small towns and rural areas with many coming to Christ! Praise God!



## Dayspring Church Thailand ...

It is always a privilege to travel and minister in the Dayspring Church, Thailand.

Founded by Rev. Dr. Anthony Perkins (Tony) and his wife Rev. Dr. Patti Rose Perkins Dayspring Church Thailand, has become a spiritual home for many over the past 30 plus years! A remarkable testimony of the faithfulness of God in a nation that desperately needs Jesus!

With a strong core of growing disciples, leaders are being raised up and ready to go!



## Prayer Points

**“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Matt 6:33 NKJ**

**Kingdom First!**

1. Pray for our Global Training Platforms in Thailand, & Myanmar this year!
2. For our Care For Kingdom Families Projects: REAP: and the FWF in Thailand, during the 2nd quarter of 2024.
3. Ministry plans to unfold for all of Firstlight to be strategically placed in 2024 and beyond! \*projects, \*people, \*places, \*increased funding!
4. For God to arise in all that we do!