



WHEN THE SPIRIT TURNED FEAR INTO COURAGE

When Jesus was arrested, his apostles fled in fear. Peter, shaken and afraid, found himself denying that he even knew Christ. Christ's followers hid in confusion and grief, feeling brokenhearted and hopeless.

Then, on the Jewish Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came mightily upon them. Suddenly, they were empowered. Immediately they were galvanized. Right then and there, they were filled with enormous courage. Boldly, forthrightly, not far from the site of the crucifixion, they began to proclaim that Christ had been raised from the dead and that he was most certainly the long-awaited Messiah.

The fire of the Holy Spirit burned so vividly within them that people from all over came to see and hear what the apostles were claiming. Peter told them the story of Christ as best he could. Then Peter offered his hearers the opportunity of becoming Christ's followers. Amazingly, three thousand people responded to the offer at that very minute (Acts 2:41). We call that event the birthday of the Church.

Suzanne de Dietrich writes this about Pentecost in *Free Men*: "A great wave of faith and love swept through this newborn community. People gave their hearts to God and shared their possessions with their brothers and sisters in Christ. These believers could not keep silent. Their joyful freedom broke down every wall others tried to place around them, and no prison could silence their witness."

The power of God upon them and within them was truly astounding.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

We have all heard, "It takes April Showers to bring May Flowers." Part of this is true— it takes rain to help the flowers bloom.

As you and I are 'flowers' in God's Garden, this becomes a parable. It takes the POWER and LOVE of God's Holy Spirit living in and shining through us, 'to bloom for God'.

The Shine and glow from our hearts show through the expressions in our eyes and on our faces.

People of Faith... Continue to be God's flowers.

Pastor Don Safrit

BIBLE QUIZ

Although the apostle Paul is credited with writing the letter to the Romans, he dictated the message while another believer served as the scribe. Near the end of the letter, that writer briefly identifies himself. Who was it?

- A. Tertius
- B. Timothy
- C. Lucius
- D. Aquila

Answer: A (Romans 16:22)

MAY 10TH - MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Join us on Mother's Day after Worship in the Family Life Center for our Annual Mother's Day Luncheon. All are welcome as we gather for food and fellowship while honoring the women who mean so much to our church family.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- 5/2 12:00pm-6:00pm Assembly Room Reserved (Stephanie Barkley)
- 5/3 **GRADUATES SUNDAY**
4:00pm Middle/High School Youth in Family Life Center
- 5/4 5:30pm Yount Group Meeting at DJ's Restaurant
- 5/5 7:00pm McCombs Group Meeting in Assembly Room
- 5/7 **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**
- 5/9 FLC Reserved (Stewardship)
10:00am-12:00pm Planter Party (Women of Faith) at the Picnic Shelter
- 5/10 **MOTHER'S DAY**
11:30am Mother's Day Luncheon in FLC
11:30am-3:00pm Picnic Shelter Reserved (Bob Rogers)
4:00pm K-5 Youth Meeting in FLC
- 5/14 **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
- 5/17 4:00pm All K-12 Youth in FLC (Thomas Family)
- 5/19 5:30pm Serve Meal at RHM Jeannie's Kitchen (Social Ministry)
- 5/24 **DAY OF PENTECOST**
- 5/25 **MEMORIAL DAY**
- 5/30 9:00am-3:00pm Assembly Room Reserved (Lisa Overcash)
- 5/31 **TRINITY SUNDAY**
9:00am Church Chat

NALC Carolinas Mission Region Annual Convocation: May 1-2 at Christiana Lutheran

WEDNESDAYS – 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27

10:00am – Bible Study / Chapel

6:30pm – Handbells

7:30pm – Choir Practice

SUNDAYS – 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31

9:00am – Refreshments & Fellowship

9:30am – Sunday School

10:30am – Worship



- 3 – Sylvia Barger
7 – Gwen Hudson
8 – Kathy Ingold
12 – Gail Gurley
16 – Boyd Morgan
 Connie Troutman
19 – Holly Williams Moody
21 – Caitlin Rimmer
25 – Dana Ingold
 Pam Alexander
 Joe Petrea
26 – Patsy Harrison
28 – Nora Ann Brooks

ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 – Lane & Traci Bost
19 – Gary & Ginger Smith
29 – Linda & Charles Walker
31 – Pat & Boyd Morgan

FAITH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Family Life Center Reserved

5/18: 7:00am-11:00am

5/19: 7:00am-1:00pm

CUB SCOUTS

Dates: Thursdays – 5/7, 5/14

Times: 7:00pm-8:00pm

WiFFLe

Dates: Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings in FLC

Times: 10:00am-11:00am

**Please email or call the church office if your birthday/anniversary has been missed.*

SPONSORED BY THE
WOMEN OF FAITH

2ND ANNUAL PLANTER PARTY

Bring Your Own Pot or Planter

Join us as Jamie Sheets leads us in creating a pot or planter of flowers that we can enjoy over the summer months! Light snacks, drinks, and enjoyable fellowship will be provided.

SATURDAY, MAY 9 | 10AM-12PM
FAITH LUTHERAN PICNIC SHELTER

COST: \$30
(includes potting soil & plants)

REGISTER:

*Scan the QR code or call the
Faith Lutheran Church Office
at 704-279-2500*



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Spring into Fashion

Sponsored By: Shiloh Women's Guild,
and Lilleigh Jane Clothing

Saturday May 16,
from 11-4 at
Shiloh Reformed
Church of Faith

Tickets \$15 each,
includes Lunch,
Fashion Show, Raffle,
and Guest Speaker

Doors open at 11, lunch is served at 11:30, followed
by Speaker Brooks Zino and Fashion Show

Anyone is welcome to shop the booths from 1-4

Mary Kay ~ Grow With Us NC ~

Handmade By Jess ~ Moments By Emilee ~

Bible Studies With Brooks

Ticket Link





**We DO NOT LIKE Cancer,
NOT ONE BIT!**
So **COME SHOW US** your **TALENT—**
LET'S HAVE A HIT!

Relay's Got Talent!

Join us for a **FUN Talent Show!**



WHERE: May 2

Rowan County Fairgrounds
Salisbury, NC

WHEN: 

Rowan County Fairgrounds
Salisbury, NC



**Crowd Pleaser
Award: TICKET \$1**

★ **SIGN UP TO PERFORM
BY APRIL 24th** ★





May

YOUTH CORNER

YOUTH WILL MEET 4PM TO 5PM:

May 3: Middle/High School Youth (*If no one signs up, Youth will not meet.*)

May 10: K-5 Youth (*If no one signs up, Youth will not meet.*)

May 17: All K-12 Youth Meeting in the Family Life Center (Thomas Family).

May 24: No Youth (Memorial Day Weekend).

Youth Activities will resume in August!

(NO YOUTH MEETINGS DURING THE SUMMER)



Puzzle!

In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verse given for help.



Joash (2 Kings 11:2)	A _____
Obed (Matthew 1:5)	B _____
Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24)	____ C _____
John the disciple (Matthew 4:21)	_____ D ____
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)	__ E _____
Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6)	G _____
Jezreel (Hosea 1:4)	H _____
Esau (Genesis 25:28)	I _____
David (1 Samuel 16:19)	J _____
Jacob (Genesis 25:28)	_____ K ____
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)	__ L _____
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	M _____
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)	_____ N ____
Jesse (Matthew 1:5)	O _____
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	_____ P _____
Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24)	R _____
Isaac (Genesis 21:3)	S _____
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)	_____ T ____
Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1)	____ U ____
Solomon (1 Kings 2:1)	____ V ____
Jesus (Matthew 1:18)	_____ Y
James (Matthew 4:21)	Z _____

Answers: Ahaziah, Boaz, Jacob, Zipporah, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Saul, David, Mary, Zebedee, Elkanah, Moses, Hannah, Obed, Zipporah, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Saul, David, Mary, Zebedee

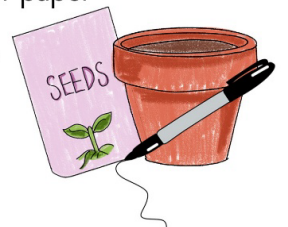
GROWING IN GOD'S word



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



What you do:

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

DATE	TOTAL OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
MARCH 29	\$5,757.00	74 Church Chat, 103 Worship
APRIL 5 - EASTER	\$8,854.00	42 Sunday School, 161 Worship
APRIL 12	\$18,659.00	48 Sunday School, 98 Worship
APRIL 19	\$4,089.04	51 Sunday School, 102 Worship

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

	MAY 3	MAY 10	MAY 17	MAY 24	MAY 31
Acolytes	Leila Roberts, Adam Short	Julianna Sheets, Mia Spinella	Sailor Shoaf, Adam Short	Sydney & Griffin Alderman	
Audio/Broadcast Team	David Alderman, Aaron Smith, Jeff Mills, Jeff Overcash, Caitlin Rimmer				
Children's Church	<i>Children take Communion</i>	Wendi Bradshaw	<i>Children take Communion</i>	Jennifer Alderman	Julie & Sarah Parker
Children's Message	Pastor Don	Lu Gamewell	Tim Williams	<i>Faith Kids Sing</i>	Barbara Moose
Church Sign	Meredyth Fisher & Sally Drew				
Communion Prep.	Donnie Gandy & Barbara Moose				
Fellowship Refreshments	John & Ann Bruce	Jake & Barbara Moose	Choir Members	Tony & Sallie Herrin	<i>Church Chat</i>
Lector	Jamie Sheets	Vicki Meyer	Dwayne Fink	Ken Fink	Pam Alexander
Nursery	Jamie Sheets, Chris Earnhardt	Meredyth Fisher, Lela Brooks	Amanda Meacham, Holly Moody	Carolyn Rogers, Crystal Bradshaw	Stephanie Barkley, Marissa Asbury
Offering Tellers	Vickie Miller, Becky Williams				
Ushers	Trent Bradshaw, CJ Moody, Kenny Fisher, Linda Modlin				
2026 Council Members	Rhonda Alderman, Dwight Bradshaw, Randy Buckwell, Dallas Cobb (<i>Vice President</i>), Chandra Fink, Lisa Laws, Perry McKnight (<i>President</i>), Jake Moose, Laura Peeler (<i>Secretary</i>)				

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