



Covenant Life Church

Newsletter #13

Walking in the Spirit

Dear CLC Family and Friends,

Announcements

Updates

CLC Summer Break- Covenant Life Church will take a two week summer break from church activities beginning **June 29th** through **July 12th**. During these two weeks we will only have Sunday church services at 2:30pm via live FaceBook on July 5th and 12th. All other activities and services are cancelled - **we will NOT** have Monday Night Discipleship Class, Tuesday Prayer Tabernacle, Friday night Table Talk or Sunday Prophetic Class. We will resume all activities on July 13th (Monday Discipleship Class) at 8pm via live Facebook. Prayer Tabernacle resumes July 14th; Table Talk resumes on July 17th and Prophetic Class will resume via Zoom on July 19th.

In conjunction with the Summer Break, **the CLC Newsletter will be suspended for two weeks**. The newsletter will resume after July 12th. However, we will be emailing information and updates regarding upcoming conferences and events.

On **Saturday, July 18**, Covenant Life Church will host its first virtual "**Prophetic Prayer Conference**". The conference will begin at 8am, with a dial in morning prayer, from 9am - 12noon there will be teaching sessions via Zoom, and from 2:00 - 5:30pm, families will be able to sign up for ministry via the dial-in conference call line. More information, including how to register is forthcoming.

Save the date, **July 25th** for an event with **CLC Women's Group**.

Reminders: Church Services

Beginning on Father's Day, June 21, we will be returning to the church sanctuary for Sunday services only. However, we will continue to live stream the services via Facebook. To view our services on FACEBOOK, **please "Like" us on FACEBOOK at Covenant Life Church.** <https://facebook.com/covenantlife4>

The Virginia Governor announced Phase I of the reopening of Virginia beginning on May 29. However, due to the impact of the virus, our host church requested that we continue to limit

attendance to 10 people during Phase I of the reopening. Consequently, beginning June 21 until Phase II begins, we will only have the necessary CLC staff and worship team in the sanctuary to conduct the Sunday service.

For the next two weeks, we will only have Sunday Church Service via Facebook Live at 2:30pm, all other services will resume starting July 13th.

- Monday Night Discipleship Class at 8:00m vial Facebook Live
- Tuesday **Prayer Tabernacle** at 7:30 PM: The dial in number for the Tuesday night Prayer Tabernacle is: 712-775-7270; access code: 221090.
- Friday Night **Table Talk/School of the Holy Spirit** at 7:30 PM via Facebook Live
- Sunday **Prophetic Class** at 1-2 PM via Zoom
 - Join Zoom
Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85255245878?pwd=Mk16bUZhNGFTMU5HVk0vOUJXMjF3QT09>
Meeting ID: 852 5524 5878
Password: 3846
 - Dial by your location
+1 253 215 8782 US
+1 301 715 8592 US
Meeting ID: 852 5524 5878
Password: 3846

Ways to Give:

We appreciate your faithfulness in attending services through Facebook and your generous donations to the church. We thank you advance for your continued support of Covenant Life Church. The following are ways you can pay tithes or make a donation:

- **One-time or Recurring Donations:** Through **BREEZE** you can enable one-time giving or recurring donations using the link <https://covenantlifechurch.breezechms.com>
- **Paypal, ACH or Credit Card Donations:** Through **BREEZE** you can give using PayPal, ACH or Credit Card at the link <https://covenantlifechurch.breezechms.com>
- **TEXT TO GIVE:** You can give by texting the number: **(616) 326-3171**
- **Mail:** You can mail in your donation to: **CLC, P.O. Box 1262, Springfield, VA 22151**

From the Desk of Apostles Jeff & Dr. Linda Herbert

Walking in the Spirit

This is an exciting time in the Kingdom of God where God is moving upon the earth in a new

way, and we are going to see His Glory revealed. God told Moses in Numbers 14:21, "As truly as I live, All the earth will be filled with the Glory of the Lord." Just as God showed Himself strong to the Israelite, we are also in a time where God is showing Himself strong on behalf of those who love and serve Him. Moses was faithful and obedient to God and God did great things through Moses. Psalms 103:7 says that God, "made known His ways unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel. Because Moses was faithful to God, God showed His acts to the children of Israel. In the same way, God is moving upon us in these last days to show us His ways and His acts to those who are faithful and obedient.

The only way the devil can stop us is through weakness in the flesh. In order for the devil to work destruction in our lives, he must work through our flesh to deceive us. But Jesus died on the cross to break the power of sin and deception over us. Second Corinthians 2:14 says, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumph [as trophies of Christ's victory] and through us spreads and makes evident the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere" (AMP).

We must learn to walk in the Spirit to not be controlled by the flesh. We must practice faithfulness by denying ourselves, our desires, our flesh, our personal interests – all so that we can follow the leading of the Spirit of God. Mark 8:24 says, "Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me" (NIV).

Our flesh is opposed to the Spirit and we much deny the desires of the flesh. Ephesians 4:17-24 says, "I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in Him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness (NIV).

Scripture declares that we are either walking in the natural (the flesh) or walking in the spiritual. The Word tells us in Mark 4:18-19 that the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches and the lusts of other things enter into our heart and choke the Word. Romans 8:4-15, and Galatians 6:7-8 explains that if we sow to the spirit (by walking in the spirit), we will reap life and peace, but if we sow to the flesh (by walking in the flesh) we will reap corruption and death. Do you want peace, joy, health, prosperity, healing and all the blessings of God? If so, we must sow to the Spirit and overcome the flesh.

So, how do we walk in the Spirit (sow to the spirit) and overcome the flesh? One way is through prayer and practicing righteousness. Jesus said in Matthew 26:40-44, "Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Jesus taught that prayer and communion with God strengthens us to

overcome temptation. As we spend time with God, He strengthens us to lay aside every sin (Hebrews 12:1).

If we are in sin, it is because we have believed a lie of the devil and ignored the promptings of our spirit to pray and lay aside the sin. When we believe the lie of the devil, then we begin to practice sin. And, whatever you practice will become a habit. The way to overcome sin is to repent and begin again to obey the Spirit. We must renew our mind and practice holiness, not sin. By renewing our mind with God's Word, we will begin to practice thinking godly thoughts and yielding to the Spirit. As we practice thinking godly thoughts and yielding to the Spirit, we will begin to act godly. Whatever we practice becomes habit. Then, when temptation comes, we will have more strength by the Spirit to respond in a godly manner because we have been practicing godly thoughts and actions.

Thus, walking in the Spirit is yielding to the things of the Spirit. As we spend time in the Word and prayer, our human spirit strengthens and it becomes easier to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:26 also tells us that by praying in the Holy Spirit (speaking in tongues) we can overcome the weakness of the flesh and walk in the Spirit. Romans 8:26 says, "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God" (NIV).

Consequently, when we pray in tongues, the Holy Spirit makes intercession for us according to the perfect will of God. This type of prayer cannot be understood or overcome by the devil! And this prayer is unlimited because it is God, the Holy Spirit, interceding for us, through our human spirit, to the Father God – for our benefit. What a great and awesome blessing it is to have the Holy Spirit helping us to overcome all weakness of the flesh. Ephesians 3:16 says that we are strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man. As we pray in tongues, He strengthens and helps us to overcome.

In conclusion, to walk in the spirit, we must practice faithfulness to God, follow the Word of God, pray, practice righteousness, and obey the leading of the Holy Spirit. In short, we must allow God to lead in our life.

We encourage you today to walk in the Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you deny yourself, crucify your flesh and follow Him. If you surrender to Him and give Him control of your life, He will lead you into all truth and He will bring you into the fullness of God's blessing for you.