

Covenant Life

- The Community Coordinators are excited to announce that we will start again to have in-person Community Gatherings. Our next will be prayer meeting on March 28th at 4pm in the MSM gym. We are also planning to meet April 11th. We will follow CDC guidelines and expect our Gathering will look much like attending a local church. Specifics were sent out via a separate email.
- Your ongoing financial support is sincerely appreciated. Please donate online [here](#) or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, Tx 75222.

Reflection - Last week I shared a message from the first day of the Charismatic Leaders Fellowship meeting that I attended in Augusta GA. Today I would like to share about the second day of the conference.

James Monk shared about the opportunities and challenges facing Young Adults and what we can do to support them. Young Adults today face so many confusions and challenges that are unprecedented. His challenge was a call to specifically ask young people to become followers of Jesus Christ. Being a disciple of Christ requires both a personal relationship and a choice. He stressed that discipleship begins at home and how important it is that parents build a vibrant Christian home life. He ended with an exhortation to build relationships with our youth and young adults. A personal relationship with Jesus and the call to discipleship are hard for a young person to accept if their only interaction is an hour or two a week with a youth leader. A healthy Christian environment for our youth requires trusting relationships with mentors and other sisters and brothers in the Lord.

Randy Clark's presentation was both a call to Christian Unity and an exhortation to follow the Holy Spirit. He shared on Jesus' prayer in John 17 and on the Holy Spirit's descent upon the Gentiles in Acts 15. We must set aside our views of the past, present, and future and seek out what the Holy Spirit is doing today so we can adjust our 'theology' to the work of the Spirit. He gave many testimonies of how God is answering prayers for healing and ended with a powerful quote: "More people will be healed if more people are praying for healing." This was a personal

and communal exhortation to be more active in praying for one another and anyone we meet that is in need.

Mary Healy ended the day sharing about unity and the call to pray for healing. She gave her personal testimony regarding meeting and serving with Randy Clark and the book on healing that they co-authored. Regarding Christian Unity, Mary shared about the need to create a 'culture of honor'. If we seek to honor everyone by everything we do and say we prevent the evil one from creating division. Her exhortation was to both affirm the Christian tradition that each person belongs to and affirm their Community connection. While exhorting everyone to be "bridge builders" in support of Christian Unity, she reminded us that bridges get walked on...so we must be mindful of the challenges we face.

I share these messages of hope, unity, and healing not just because of the conference but also because of the importance of these messages if we are to respond to the Gospel message today. For God did so love the world that He sent His only begotten Son. Not to condemn it but to love it and heal it and unite it with Himself. This must be our mission. To love the young and young at heart. To love those from our faith tradition and those who are not. To be open to the full power of the Holy Spirit at work in us that God heals through our prayers. These are all ways that we cooperate with God's love for us and His people. Let us take these words to prayer and allow the Holy Spirit to reveal a practical way that we can incorporate them into our life.

Let us pray "Heavenly Father, if I have done or said anything that has created or fostered division, I am sorry. I recognize the great love that You have shown me in sending Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. Help me to be open to grow Your kingdom by being a witness to all You call unto Yourself especially young people, those of other faith traditions, and those hurting or suffering. It is my desire to be an example of Your love. Give me the ability and courage to speak out for You and love them as You love them. Use me as an instrument of Your healing power and give me the confidence and courage to pray for anyone I see in need. I love You and rededicate my life to You. Amen."

God bless,
David