



COVENANT LIFE

MINISTERIAL ORGANIZATION

newsletter

GOD'S REQUIREMENT: REPENTANCE

Pastor Gordon Peterson

Text: Acts 2:38 (NKJV)

"Then Peter said to them, '**REPENT**, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins ...'"

In a recent survey, people who regularly attend church were asked to articulate what the word "repentance" meant to them. The majority of those who participated in the survey stated they believed the word "repentance" meant one or more of the following:

1. To "feel" sorry about something one did or failed to do.
2. To "feel" remorseful about some act and to ask for forgiveness for it.
3. To walk forward in a church service to formally ask Jesus into one's heart.

Although these answers are interesting, none of them is correct!

The word "repent" is a very important word in the New Testament. It was first used in Matt. 3:2, Mark 1:4 and Luke 3:3 where John the Baptist preached: repentance!

Matthew 3:2 (NKJV)

"... and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!'"

John's Ministry was literally launched with that one word "repent". According to his preaching, the only way to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven was through repentance!

Jesus, too, began His public ministry by beckoning His listeners to "repent" as stated in Matthew 4:17.

MATTHEW 4:17 (NKJV)

"From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, 'repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.'"

Peter also began his preaching ministry speaking about repentance.

ACTS 2:38 (NKJV)

"Then Peter said to them, 'repent', and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins."

Peter understood that repentance is the only way to truly be delivered from the kingdom of darkness and to emerge spiritually reborn and filled with the life of God.

Real repentance is very different from remorse. Yet "feelings" of remorse for a past action was one of the most frequent definitions given by people who were a part of the aforementioned survey.

The Greek word for "remorse" in the New Testament is different than the word for "repent". The word used for "remorse" gives a picture of someone, like Judas, who was consumed with remorse, guilt or regret, but it seldom refers to someone moved to change.

The Greek word for "repent" is much more. It first and foremost meant a change of mind, and it represents the call to turn or to change one's attitudes and ways. This word "repent" gives the image of a person changing from top to bottom — a total transformation wholly affecting every part of a person's life. It reflects a turn, a change of direction, a new course, and a completely altered view of life and behavior.

This is not the same as a fleeting sorrow for past actions, but a solid, decision of the mind to take a new direction, to turn about-face and to revise the pattern of one's life. Emotions may accompany repentance, but are not required to repent.

Real repentance is a mental choice to leave a life of sin, flesh, and selfishness, and to turn toward God with all of one's heart and mind in order to follow Jesus.

As you grow in your walk with God, the Holy Spirit will continue to reveal things in your life that need to change. Be quick to repent and quick to change!

Let's all pray that we will be a part of the Third Great Awakening in the United States of America!



Pastors Gordon & Nancy Peterson

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CLMO Breakfast and Workshops - Saturday, November 14, 2020

You are invited and encouraged to attend the upcoming CLMO Breakfast & Workshops to be held Saturday, November 14, 2020, from 9:00 am to noon.

We will start the morning out with a healthy breakfast served at 9:00 a.m. During the breakfast there will be the opportunity to have fellowship and networking around the tables.

After brief announcements, everyone will be dismissed to attend two of the four workshops offered. You choose between Workshop 1 & 2, and then, during the next session, choose between Workshop 3 & 4.

Tickets are available for \$ 12 each. Please let Pastor Nancy Peterson know that you will be attending by calling/texting her at 612-281-3644 or emailing her at g2npeterson@yahoo.com.

Workshop I: 9:45 am - 10:45 am - How to Perform a Spiritual Wedding **Pastors Gordon & Nancy Peterson**

Pastors Gordon and Nancy are in charge of weddings at Spiritual Life Church. Pastor Nancy has been the Wedding Coordinator for the church for many years. This workshop will cover all aspects of performing a Christian wedding. Included will be handouts you may take home, ideas for counseling materials and principles that will help you to realize your part in making a wedding both memorable and spiritual for the couple.

Workshop 2: 9:45 am - 10:45 am - "You Can Do Deliverance Too!" **Rev. Shirley Applebee**

Rev. Shirley is the Head of the Deliverance Team at Spiritual Life Church. She has many years of experience in teaching and working with deliverance. She will teach you principles of deliverance that will give you the confidence to step out in this important area.

Workshop 3: 11:00 am to Noon - "How to Conduct a Funeral". **Pastor Joseph Fornara**

When someone connected to Spiritual Life Church passes away, Pastor Joe is often the minister who helps the family. Pastor Joe will cover all aspects of a funeral from the first call from the family to the church ... to the graveside service. He will instruct with regard to all areas of the clergy person's duties for a funeral.

Workshop 4: 11:00 am to Noon - "How to Pastor a Multicultural Church". **Pastor Judy Fornara**

As Senior Pastor of Spiritual Life Church, Pastor Judy Fornara has learned many principles of what goes into a dynamic multicultural church. She will share experiences and lessons that she has learned in building and sustaining a growing church.

This series of Workshops will give you instruction in several areas that will allow you to become a more able and fit minister of the Lord Jesus. The Bible says in 2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV) - *"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*

Tickets are \$ 12 and will be on sale before and after services at Spiritual Life Church.
C/D's will be available for sale after the Seminar.

Welcome to New CLMO Members

Thursday, October 8, 2020, Covenant Life Ministerial Organization held a Licensing and Ordination Service at Spiritual Life Church in Brooklyn Center, MN. We were privileged to have Pastor Joseph Fornara, Vice-President of CLMO be the speaker for the evening. Thank you, Pastor Joe!

The following people were received into the ministerial organization:

Licensed Chaplains: *Gladys Aryce, Leo B. Brosius, John T. Schank and Rennell D. Schank.*

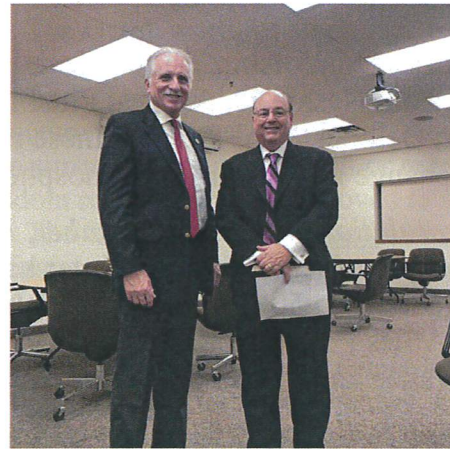
Licensed Ministers: *Loran R. Epp, Elizabeth A. James, Aaron M. Jones and Luis E. Uvalle.*

Ordained Ministers: *John P. Avedisian, Bryan A. Bassett, Darrell A. Erdmann and Darryl M. Webb.*

It is always a pleasure and privilege to be a part of a service where we pray over people who are making a new commitment to follow the Lord and take a new step in their Christian life and service. Please remember our new members and their ministries in prayer.



*Rev. Aaron Jones and
Shanita Jones*



*Rev. John Avedisian and
Pastor Joseph Fornara*

4th Quarter Chaplain's Meeting: Friday, December 4th



The next Chaplain's Meeting will be Friday, December 4th at 7:00 pm at Spiritual Life Church.

Last year it was suggested that at each Chaplain's meeting, we focus on a specific topic of need, have a teaching regarding that subject, and follow up with a discussion as to how we can minister to that particular need.

Last quarter's meeting focused on the subject of "grief" and everyone said that the meeting and material covered was very helpful! This quarter's meeting will focus on homosexuality, and will feature a DVD that Pastor Nancy brought back from The Ark/Creation Museum: "Born Gay: The Truth About Biology and Sexuality" by Dr. Georgia Purdom.

This informative DVD will help to equip you to be able to talk/minister to children, teens and adults who are questioning their sexuality, or who are involved in a homosexual lifestyle. The DVD approaches the subject from a Biblical viewpoint: God made two sexes: male and female.

Following the teaching and discussion there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments. If you would like to bring an appetizer or dessert, please text or call Pastor Nancy Peterson (612-281-3644).

It's Time for Some Good News!

- **CLMO Pastor Charles Karuku** started a 40 day fast this spring, and on day 39, George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis, MN. The Lord told Pastor Karuku to go down to the place where George Floyd died and have worship services ... so he did, and "Riots to Revival" began!

Pastor Karuku and his wife, Lindsay, have been interviewed by many Christian Media including TBN, CBN, God TV and others. Sean Feucht, a prominent song writer and worship leader from California, was visiting Minneapolis, and went down to the George Floyd Memorial where Pastor Karuku was holding meetings. Within a few weeks they joined forces and traveled to cities where rioting and unrest was happening: New York City, New Jersey, Seattle, Portland, Denver, Sacramento, Minneapolis, Kenosha, Madison, Milwaukee, Chicago, Cleveland and others. They have been holding "Let Us Worship" rallies, proclaiming the Lordship of Jesus over each city! Thousands of people came to the various rallies. There were hundreds of salvations, water baptisms, healings and deliverances! It has become the beginning of the "Third Great Awakening in the United States of America!"



Pastor Charles and Lindsey Karuku

More "Let Us Worship" rallies were in Ft. Worth, Dallas, Kerrville, Nashville, Kansas City, Charleston, Nashville, Atlanta, Pittsburg and they culminated on THE MALL in Washington, DC, on October 25th! Pray for these rallies to bring a great harvest into the Kingdom of God and a change in the spiritual atmosphere in the United States of America!

- **Congratulations to CLMO member, Rev. Christine Darg**, The Jerusalem Channel's co-founder and presenter has been named in the first annual list of Israel's Top 50 Christian Allies. Included in the list, prepared by the Israel Allies Foundation, are well-known pastors and evangelists such as John Hagee and former US presidential candidate Gov. Mike Huckabee.



Rev. Christine Darg

- **Chaplain Sally Smasal** and her husband were visiting the Billy Graham Library and Museum, in Charlotte, NC, and gave the following testimony: "While my husband, Jim and I were in Charlotte, on Monday, July 27, we made a visit to the Billy Graham Library. When we arrived at the security gate, Jim mentioned that I was a Chaplain from Minnesota. I have taken pledges for KTIS, rocked babies in the NICU at Children's Hospital and I have done some hospice care with my dog, Emily. The security officer said 'you need to talk to Scott'. He indicated he would call up to the library to let them know we were coming to see Scott.

When we arrived at the Library, we asked to see Scott. He was not available, but his secretary came to visit us. After we talked, she said, 'you need to talk to Scott'. As Jim and I were looking around the Billy Graham Library, Scott and his secretary found us. I was able to talk to Scott Holmquist, Executive Director of the Billy Graham Library. I shared with him stories of what I had done as a Chaplain, and Scott asked me to join the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team. I was so excited! I'm in the process of doing the online training for the Rapid Response Team."

A Note from Pastor Nancy: It's amazing what God can do ... even on vacation! For those of you who have not heard of the Rapid Response Team, they are Chaplains that are asked to go and bring "emotional and spiritual care for those affected by man-made or natural disasters." Congratulations Sally!

- **Spiritual Life Bible College/Seminary** are offering classes on-line as well as in person. For more information, contact Pastor Nancy Sky at 763-560-7221 Monday - Friday.