

# Monthly Newsletter

# May 2025

“Pray for Repentance for faith and greater faith”



**COVENANT**  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
*Expanding the Kingdom of God*

## Pastoral Focus

Dr. Earl Grant Jr., Pastor-Teacher

### Ministry Challenge



#### - Mutual Submission -

In a world that often prizes self-promotion and personal rights, Ephesians 5:21 calls us to a deeper, Spirit-filled way of life — one marked by mutual submission. This kind of submission isn't about

weakness or losing your voice; it's about reflecting the humility of Christ, who served and loved sacrificially.

When we submit to one another out of reverence for Christ, we declare that Jesus is Lord not only over our lives but over our relationships. Spirit-filled submission means choosing unity over pride, service over status, and love over control. It's not natural — it's supernatural — empowered by the Spirit living in us. As we yield to God, He empowers us to yield in love to one another.

Let's move forward in joyful surrender to Christ and in humble service to each other.

### Scripture Focus

Ephesians 5:

20. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

21. Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

### Choir Rehearsals (7 pm)

6: Men

13: Mass Choir

20: Youth

27: Mass

### Events

1: National Day of Prayer

3: Senior Saints Meet

11: Balloon Release (Mother's Day)

17: Threads of Love

18: Military Appreciation

### Looking Ahead

- June -

15: Father's Day

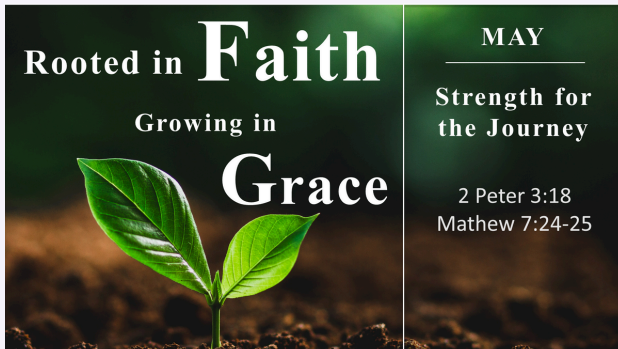
22: Graduation Recognition

24-27: Kids Vacation Bible School

29: Family and Friends Day

# Happening This Month

## Prayer Focus



## Ascension of Jesus 2025 May 29, 2025 in the World

The feast Ascension of Jesus is celebrated in 2025 on May 29. The Ascension of Jesus is the Christian doctrine from the New Testament of the moment when the resurrected Jesus was taken up to heaven in his resurrection body, in the presence of eleven of his Apostles. According to the doctrine, he was returning to his Father and his heavenly throne, and now sits at the right hand of God the Father in heaven. An angel told the watching disciples that Jesus' second coming would take place in the same manner as his ascension. Jesus died circa 30 by Crucifixion at the hands of the Romans.

The Ascension is one of the great feasts in the Christian liturgical calendar, and commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day from Easter day. However, some Roman Catholic provinces have moved the observance to the following Sunday. The feast is one of the ecumenical feasts (i.e., universally celebrated), ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter and Pentecost.

Certain customs were connected with the liturgy of this feast, such as the blessing of beans and grapes after the Commemoration of the Dead in the Canon of the Mass, the blessing of first fruits, afterwards done on Rogation Days, the blessing of a candle, the wearing of mitres by deacon and subdeacon, the extinguishing of the paschal candle, and triumphal processions with torches and banners outside the churches to commemorate the entry of Christ into heaven.

Ref: <https://www.cute-calendar.com/event/ascension-of-jesus/44229.html>

## CCC Events

### ENGAGE MINISTRY

**LINWOOD BRADLEY, POC**  
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At CCC, our commitment to sharing the love of Christ begins with our friends and families and extends far beyond our walls. We've built a strong legacy of mission support through strategic giving, hands-on mission teams, and meaningful ministry partnerships. We actively send and support local and global missions on short-term and long-term assignments. Our local outreach team has served the homeless, partnered with other organizations, and reached into our community with compassion and purpose. And this is just the beginning.

Looking ahead, CCC is dedicated to equipping and resourcing churches around the world. We believe that supporting the global Church is a powerful and attainable way to bring the gospel people all over the world. Our passion is to be on the front lines of fulfilling the Great Commission—until all have heard.

#### OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE BACK

##### FOOD GIVEAWAY

CCC is pleased to partner with River City Community Church to pass out food packs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. The church is located at 16765 Lookout Road, Selma TX 78154. 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

##### HAVEN FOR HOPE

Join us at Haven for Hope, where every helping hand brings hope to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month 1 Haven for Hope Way, SA, TX . 78207 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon

##### Shred Event May 24, 2025

Clear out the clutter and protect your privacy! Join us for our Annual Shred Event, open to CCC members and the entire community, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

## Youth

**COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH 2025 VBS**  
15651 Bulverde Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78247  
**JUNE 24-27**  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
**KIDS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
OPEN TO AGES 4-17  
• OUTDOOR GAMES • SONGS & MORE  
• BIBLE STORIES • MEMORY VERSES • SNACKS  
Contact: Sis. Shekera Mathis or Sis. Kelli Jackson  
REGISTER ONLINE OR IN-PERSON  
MAY 4 - JUNE 8  
COST: \$10 PER CHILD  
T-SHIRT INCLUDED  
WWW.MYCOVENANTCC.COM

## Sunday School Focus



## Paul's Mission to Rome Acts 21-28

## Self-Care



## Local Events



**Sunday, June 15 • 4:30pm CDT**

Cross Mountain Church

24891 Boerne Stage Road San Antonio, TX 78255

Tickets: <https://www.stubhub.com>

<https://www.vividseats.com>

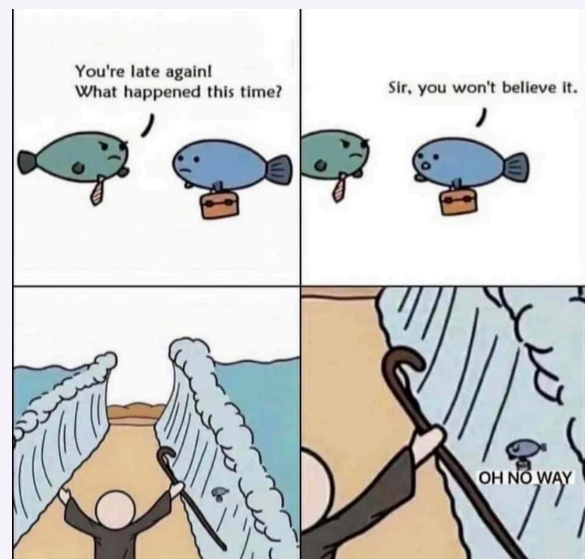
## Mental Awareness

Mental health awareness plays a crucial role in reducing stigma, encouraging early intervention and fostering empathy and understanding. By normalizing conversations around mental health, it nurtures a more compassionate society where individuals feel empowered to seek help, leading to improved mental wellbeing. Key objectives of Mental Health Awareness Month include:

- Educating the public about mental health conditions and their impact.
- Reducing stigma by encouraging open conversations and fostering acceptance.
- Highlighting the importance of early intervention and access to treatment.
- Sharing available mental health resources, including support groups and crisis services.
- Building solidarity and reducing isolation for those facing mental health challenges.
- Advocating for improved mental health policies, increased funding and better access to care.
- Promoting mental wellbeing and self-care practices for overall health.

Ref: <https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/mental-health-awareness-month/>

## Christian Humor





# Covenant Community Church

15651 Bulverde Rd. - San Antonio, Tx 78247



## Purpose

To Expand the Kingdom of God according to the Word of God and empowered by the Spirit of God

## Mission

Born-again believers of Jesus Christ, directed by the Holy Spirit and the Word to expand God's Kingdom locally and globally.

## Priorities



*Engage the world*



*Equip the church*



*Embrace all people*



*Express God's Love*



*Exalt the Lord*



*Elevate our Youth*

## The Path to Salvation

God created us to have a personal relationship with Him, a relationship that was broken by sin. Yet, everyone can restore this relationship through the gift of salvation. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins [to God], he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." You can get started with this prayer:

"Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I commit my life to You as my Lord and Savior and invite You into my heart. This I pray in your Holy name. Amen."

John 3:16

## Learn with Us

### Adult Sunday School (8:45 AM)

#### Sunday Services:

10:00 AM - Sunday Service

#### Wednesday Services:

7:00 PM - Worship and the Word

#### Zoom Link

#### Meeting ID: Passcode

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