



COMING EVENTS

What's coming up in middle school @NCC:

- **Jump 6 • Monday, November 18** Pastor Dan is taking us across the world for the On Location series tonight – we're heading to the Great Pyramids! Bring a friend & some change for checkers! Lower Court 6:30-8:00pm.
- **Vertical Edge • Tuesday, November 19 • Nerf Gun War!!!!** Grab some friends & bring them out for this fun-filled, high energy evening. If you have a nerf gun feel free to bring it, but if you lose your bullets we can't replace them. West Court from 7:00-9:00pm.

VE FALL FREAKOUT!

November 22 – 23, 2019

The VE Fall Freakout is here! We're heading skating at the ARC, then to watch a movie at Cottonwood. Following that we'll be heading to Galaxy Bowl for some middle-of-the-night bowling. Lastly, we're going to head to the pool for a swim! We'll meet back at Northview for an early morning breakfast and then it's time to head home so that you can catch up on all that sleep you missed! There is still room!!!! Register at: northview.org/youth

november 16/17 lesson

Series: What's Church All About

Lesson: The Beginning

Scripture: Acts 1:1-8; 2:1-12,44-47

Key Concept: This lesson provides the historical context for the beginning of the church.

Read **Luke 6:27-7:10**



Think about:

1. Where did the church begin?
2. What do you think the first church service was like?
3. Where do you think they held the first church service?
4. Describe an ideal church; what would it be like?

It is always good to look back at the starting point of something as important as the church. The Christian church has been around for over 2000 years. Throughout those years it has changed quite a bit. By looking back to its beginning, we are able to see the intention of those who started it all. This morning we are going to take a look at the or Salvation Army or any of was a group of Christ-follow making Him known



- We are going to work through various Bible passages to check out the early church.

READ:

A) Acts 1:1-8 (New Living Translation)

† *¹In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. ³During the forty days after his crucifixion, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.*

⁴ Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. ⁵ John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

The Ascension of Jesus

⁶ So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”

⁷ He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 2:1-4 (New Living Translation)

✚ *¹ On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.*

- Jesus baptized the disciples with the Holy Spirit. Jesus had told the disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit as a comforter after He went away. (See **John 14:16, 26.**) This event fulfills that promise. The disciples would no longer have Christ in the flesh to teach and lead them. Instead, they would have the Holy Spirit living right inside them. They would never be out of His presence or away from His power. What does that mean to you?

B) READ Acts 2:5-12 (New Living Translation)

✚ *⁵ At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.*

⁷ They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, ⁸ and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! ⁹ Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!”

¹² They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other.



Pentecost means fiftieth. It is the New Testament name for the Feast of Weeks (**Ex. 34:22-33**), or the Feast of Harvest (**Ex. 23:16**). It was celebrated fifty days after Passover. That's how we know when the church was started after the Passover/Easter.

C) READ Acts 2:44-47 (New Living Translation)

† *⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.*

Here are some excerpts from the Mennonite Brethren Confession of Faith that are part of the foundation of what we believe. These are also core beliefs that are believed by people from many different churches

- ▶ We believe in the one true God, the source of all life, who reigns over all things as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and who lovingly cares for all creation.
- ▶ We believe God saves all people who put their faith in Jesus Christ.
- ▶ We believe Jesus calls people who have experienced the new birth to follow Him in a costly life of service to God.
- ▶ We believe the church is the community called by God through Jesus Christ to live a life of discipleship and witness as empowered by the Holy Spirit. The local church gathers regularly for worship, fellowship and accountability, and to discern, develop and exercise gifts for ministry
- ▶ We believe the mission of the church is to make disciples of all nations by calling people to repent, to be baptized, and to love God and neighbor by sharing the good news and doing acts of love and compassion

(http://www.mbconf.ca/home/products_and_services/resources/theology/confession_of_faith/digest_version/)