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**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Celebration Program & Dinner**  
**4-7PM**

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Celebration Service**  
**9AM**

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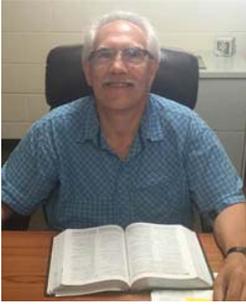
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## “You Shall Receive Power ....”



The Bible speaks of a power that eclipses the most potent weapon, the strongest river, the largest atomic explosion, and the potential of the human brain. It's the wonder working power of God. The power that can change a life, calm a soul, set a captive free, and change the world.

The word often translated *power* in the New Testament is *dynamis*; we get *dynamite* from *that word*. The inventor of dynamite, Alfred Nobel, found a way to take a volatile substance nitroglycerin, and make it stable. The *dynamic* of God makes a volatile life stable by infusing His followers with the capacity to do His powerful work in the world.

Our omnipotent God, through the Holy Spirit, wants to give us more power.

God's power given to His people will make politicians jealous, will amaze the naturalist, will bewilder the scientist, and will overwhelm the executive. Each day God wants to give you and me, common, ordinary people, as we are, His power to accomplish His work.

When the Spirit descended upon the disciples at Pentecost and took control of the believers' lives, His presence had an immediate effect, then and now.

**Human frailties are transformed into supernatural gifts and abilities.** From the moment the Holy Spirit arrived, nothing about the disciples remained the same. When His power fell upon them, they spoke in another language. From their lips flowed words they had never spoken before in languages they had never learned. These once frightened, unsure, timid, confused men never again evidenced such inadequacies.

**Fearful reluctance is transformed into bold confidence.** Before Jesus' resurrection, these same disciples were afraid of being found by the Jews so they hid secretly behind closed doors. They were frozen in fear. But that was then. Now they poured into the public streets of Jerusalem preaching Christ and urging total strangers to repent and to believe in Jesus. Even the authorities and their attackers noticed the difference in these men. *“When they saw the courage of Peter and John ... they took note that these men had been with Jesus” (Acts 4:13 NIV)*. While they did not look any differently physically, nor had they taken crash courses that made them cultured and sophisticated, they were different. They were changed men.

**Bitter suffering is transformed into joyful perseverance.** Now bold in their witness and strong in their stand these early disciples felt the sting of Pharisaical blows. In an effort to squelch their preaching the Pharisees ordered Peter and John flogged. *“They ... had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go” (Acts 5:40 NIV)*. The Jewish leaders must have thought that the flogging would shut them up for good. *“The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ” (Acts 5:40-42 NIV)*. The Amplified Bible says they were *“dignified by the indignity.”* The flogging, the warning, and the threat merely fueled the fire of their determination. In fact, they left rejoicing. Joy filled their hearts. The wimps had become warriors.

I heard about a technologically-challenged guy who called the computer hotline with a computer problem. First question from the other end: *“Is your computer plugged in?”*

If we want to see the power of God work in our lives, we must be plugged in. Here's how—

**P**ray for His power. We do not have because we do not ask.

**O**bey His instructions. The power of God's Spirit comes in direct proportion to our obedience.

**W**orship His majesty. Worship is the pathway of connecting with God. Remember the early disciples were recognized as having been with Jesus.

**E**xpect His blessings. We must believe that God will do what He has promised.

**R**ejoice in His service. Rejoicing in God in spite of our circumstances is a sure indication that we know that God is in control.

Glad to be Your Pastor!

*Pastor Tim*

## Cornerstone Early Education Center by *Christina Robinson*, CEEC Director

*Our school's vision is to raise up a generation that takes the light of God into the world. We will strive to develop our students spiritually, academically, emotionally, and physically, preparing them for their life journey.*

In the month of April CEEC students learned about spring, new life, and receiving a new heart from Jesus Christ, the *Shining Stars* led by Ms. Angel and Ms. Beth made the Resurrection Rolls, following the recipe listed on CEEC's newsletter for April. As they were making it, the students were each given a marshmallow, which represented the body of Jesus who died for our sins. Jesus' friends then came to take the body and prepared him with oil and spices for burial. So the students took their marshmallow, rolled it in melted butter and cinnamon sugar and just as Jesus' friends wrapped Jesus' body in a special cloth, they wrapped their marshmallow in a crescent roll, then placing it on parchment paper to bake for 10-12 minutes. Jesus was buried for three days in the tomb. An angel appeared to one of Jesus' friends and told her that Jesus was alive! The crescent rolls that the students made were also done and when they opened the roll, the marshmallow had melted thus, it was empty just like the tomb of Jesus. The *Shining Stars* praised Jesus that He was alive! It was such an enjoyable activity for the students to do as they learned about the Resurrection story!

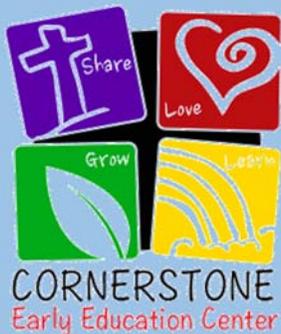
Our First Friday held on April 5<sup>th</sup> brought 27 alumni and soon to graduate CEEC students to attend and learn about the Resurrection of Jesus. The 4 teams enjoyed playing the games that were in connection to the Resurrection. And, all enjoyed their fellowship with friends while they ate the delicious pizza.

Our Exhibition Basketball Game was played on April 2<sup>nd</sup> with parents attending. All students got to play and utilize their dribbling, running, and scoring points for their teams as the parents, staff, and coaches cheered them on to victory!

The *Dove Class* and the *Shining Star Class* did their class Community Service with the seniors at the Plaza on April 11<sup>th</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup> respectively. Being it was the Easter Season, the *Doves* sang three songs-*Jesus Loves Me, Follow Jesus, the ABC Song*. They shared crackers and fellowshiped with them afterwards. The *Shining Stars* began their visit with a song of resurrection- *God's Not Dead* as well as *Lord I lift Your Name on High* followed by their farewells to the seniors since it was their last visit before graduation. Many will miss this fellowship with the seniors and CEEC hopes they'll find another community service to do once they are in Kindergarten.

Thanks to the parents of CEEC students, each class got to hunt for eggs and received many surprises! One student, Ashton Goo from the *Dove class*, was so tickled pink with finding eggs that she raved how this was the best Easter Egg Hunt she ever attended! Kudos to all parents and staff who made the Easter Egg Hunt memorable for all our students!

Our Preschool Orientation for the new incoming students for Summer Session and/or 2019-20 School Year was held on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Students and parents were welcomed to CEEC with a summary of the Handbook distributed, an introduction of CEEC staff, and a visit to their child's assigned classroom.



**Preschool Graduation**  
**Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**4PM**



*Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.*

*Proverbs 31:30*

A bouquet of vibrant pink peonies is positioned on the left side of the image. To its right is a cream-colored card with a pink ribbon tied around it. The card features the text "Happy Mother's Day!" written in a cursive, pink font.

*Happy  
Mother's  
Day!*

**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 PM**

**4 Year-Old-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (completed)**

**Register 2 ways:**

1. Complete a registration form on Sunday mornings
2. Online at: [www.cornerstonemililani.com](http://www.cornerstonemililani.com)

**Training on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**9-11 a.m.**

**We ask those helping with our VBS**  
**to attend this training.**

**Craft Supplies Needed:**

- Paper Towel Rolls (empty)
- Large Paper Bags

