

# ☆ Shepherd's Voice ☆

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### The Minister's Musings

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## What is the THIRD Most Important Day in the Christian Calendar?

When people are asked the question, “What are the three most important days in the Christian year?” they often manage to come up with **Easter** and usually **Christmas**, but often struggle with the third. In some ways one might see why: should it be **Good Friday** or **Ash Wednesday**, both very significant days? Perhaps **Ascension Day**? Well any of those answers would be wrong, as the third most important day in the year for Christians is **Pentecost**.

Pentecost was the Jewish festival of Shavuot, the Festival of Weeks, commemorating the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. It was to keep that feast that the Apostles and so many others were in Jerusalem at the time God sent the Holy Spirit in all of His power to breathe life into the early Church and its leaders.

The word Pentecost is a Greek word and means the fiftieth day. This feast was celebrated fifty days after the Passover and we keep it fifty days after Easter. It completes and concludes our celebration of Easter.

The giving of the Holy Spirit was something Jesus promised would happen. He said He had to leave the Apostles and His friends so that another could come to remain forever. That other one was the Holy Spirit of God; the Third Person of the Godhead, and with the Holy Spirit came change, and the birth of the Christian Church..

That change from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant, and the ongoing ministry of the Holy Spirit gave life and strength to the the Apostles and continues to strengthen and guide the Church today.

Pentecost this year is Sunday, June 4.

And, for the record, the **FIRST** is Easter; the **SECOND** is Christmas; and the **FOURTH** is Mother's Day.

**I will pour out my Spirit  
upon all flesh,**

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your  
young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Acts 2:17



COME  
**HOLY SPIRIT**  
FILL THE HEARTS  
OF YOUR FAITHFUL  
AND KINDLE IN THEM  
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.  
SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT  
AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED  
AND YOU SHALL RENEW  
THE FACE OF THE  
EARTH.  
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# Jennifer Hurn

## International Ministry



Jesus's final words to his disciples before ascending to heaven included a lofty commission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of ALL NATIONS." It is a missionary responsibility the Church continues still carries: to share the message of the Gospel to every tribe, tongue, and nation!

For centuries we have sent missionaries to the Nations. But in today's global world, we don't need to go much farther than our neighborhood to see that the Nations have gathered here!

The United States is home to over 1,000,000 international students and visiting scholars. In fact, education is among one of America's top exports! The world's most influential students are sitting on U.S. college campuses right now; and, it's no stretch of the imagination to predict that many of the world's next business, political, and academic leaders will emerge from this elite group.

These brilliant students have the potential to change the world. But who is influencing these key leaders?

Bridges International is a Christian nonprofit that seeks to love and serve international students, introducing them to Christ, building them in their faith, and sending them as ambassadors for Christ to their own nations! Jenny Hurn serves with Bridges in San Francisco Bay Area. With campuses like Stanford, UC Berkeley, San Jose State, and San Francisco State, God is moving in the Bay, through international students, to accomplish his amazingly Great Commission!

To hear more about what God is doing through international student ministry please email her at: [jennifer.hurn@bridgesinternational.com](mailto:jennifer.hurn@bridgesinternational.com)

NOTE: Jennifer is Bro. Archie's Granddaughter. She spent 2 years working with university students in CHINA with CRU before joining Bridges.