

LIFE in the SPIRIT SEMINAR

**St. Augustine Church
1716 Anderson Pike
Signal Mountain, TN 37377**

Friday, May 10, 2024

- 6:30 pm - Check-in & Registration
- 7:00 pm - Introductions & Worship
- 7:30 pm - 1st Session: God's Love

Saturday, May 11, 2024

- 8:30 am - Check-in & Light Breakfast
- 8:45 am - Praise & Worship
- 9:15 am - 2nd Session: Salvation
- 10:00 am - Break
- 10:15 am - 3rd Session: The New Life
- 11:00 am - Break
- 11:15 am - 4th Session: Receiving God's Gift
- 12:00 pm - Lunch (provided by KOC) & Personal Prayer
- 1:30 pm - Praise & Worship
- 2:00 pm - 5th Session: Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- 3:30 pm - 6th Session: Transformation & Growth
- 4:30 pm - End of Seminar
- 5:30 pm - Vigil Mass

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In order to plan wisely and to ensure we order enough food and materials; it is important that you register early. As an incentive, we offer a \$10 discount to anyone who registers before **March 15**. Simply fill out the bottom of this form, attach your check or cash and turn in or mail it to the parish office.

REGISTRATION:

Name(s) of Those Attending: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Cost: \$30 per person or \$40 per family (those 15 years of age and older).

What is a Life in the Spirit Seminar?

It is an opportunity to draw closer to God, especially to the person of the Holy Spirit. The Seminar helps those who attend grasp, with an adult understanding, our Sacrament of Confirmation and how necessary it is to living a full and abundant life in Christ.

Confirmation is the least understood Sacrament; the Holy Spirit is the least understood Person of the Blessed Trinity. A Life in the Spirit Seminar can help us to, *"...stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give you a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control."* (2 Tim 1:6-7)

What could be better than having Jesus with us here on earth? Yet, Jesus Himself told the apostles, the night before He died for us, that it was better that He go. *"For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you (John 16:7). When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will glorify me because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."* (John 16:14) *"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name-he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."* (John 25-26)

The Spirit comes to us bearing incredible gifts. Gifts that enable us to live an effective and powerful life, not on our own strength, but by allowing the Spirit to work through us. The Lord wants you to desire the spiritual gifts, because he wants to give you power to serve him in an effective way. But he wants you to know that the aim of the Christian life is to love God and to love one another. That must be the center of our concern. *"Make love your aim, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts."* (1 Cor 14:1)

Preparation for the Life in the Spirit:

Directly before Jesus ascends into heaven, he commissions his apostles to go into the whole world, but then tells them, *"...not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."* (Acts 1:4) Even after spending 3 years learning from Jesus, the best rabbi ever, and being sent on healing and teaching mission trips, in Jesus' authority, the apostles needed something more to be fully equipped. Jesus told them to wait until they received the "promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit". And so, they prayed together with our Blessed Mother for 9 days, until they were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Prayer is the best preparation. Pray for the Holy Spirit to come upon you, to be open to receive all that God has for you, to ask for more, to desire more, to be fully equipped. for your vocation, your mission in life. Ask Mary, our gentle Mother, and spouse of the Holy Spirit, to intercede for you.

"Come Holy Spirit, come into my life and baptize me in your Spirit."