

## **Truths in Prayer & Fasting**

Happy New Year in the majestic name of Jesus! I trust all is well with you going into 2025. We are focusing throughout the month of January on **"Truths in Prayer & Fasting."** Isaiah prophesied about the call to prayer and House of Prayer, *"Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people." (Isaiah 56:7)* 

We claim the Word of God that we have designated our territory a house of prayer for all the people. Let us begin the year with a focus on setting time aside to seek the Lord. We thank God for so many answered prayers and continue steadfast in the faith. We pray the Word of God and see results. THE WORD ALWAYS WORKS!

#### **Questions & Answers about Fasting**

**What is fasting?** Fasting is abstaining from meals or foods, replacing this time with prayer. Fasting also includes stopping activities that take your time away from seeking God. You can fast in different ways, depending on your needs, such as a partial fast (limiting certain food groups) or a complete fast (abstaining from all food for a specific period).

**When do you fast?** This can be anytime the Lord calls you to fasting or when you sense a season to start a fast before God. We typically set aside January for corporate prayer and fasting. Fasting is always voluntary and never a requirement.

**What is Biblical prayer & fasting?** Biblical fasting is the practice of restricting yourself from food, beverages, and activities that consume your time. This could include in your daily life: TV, smartphones, playing video games, social media, etc. You replace this period of time with prayer and dedication to growing spiritually.



In the new year, while praying and fasting you will grow closer to Him. Remember, fasting does not change God, the process refines YOU. We want to become more like Jesus, transformed into the image of HIM. Praying and fasting gives you time in HIS WORD, and HIS WILL continues to unfold in your life. I encourage you to find a prayer partner to agree with you in prayer, make a prayer list, attend prayer meetings, and develop a Bible reading plan.

In Him, Pastor Stan



**COMMUNION SUNDAY:** *01-5-2025:* Join in communion, preparing your hearts to do in remembrance of our savior, The Lord Jesus. (I Cor. 11:24)

**VISION & MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY:** *01-12-2025:* Casting The Vision Sunday and Welcoming in New Members that completed Life in The Bible.



**MEN'S MEETING:** 01-18-2025: Men will meet at the church fellowship hall Saturday at 7:00 am for a time in the WORD and will go for breakfast following the devotional.

**MISSIONS SUNDAY:** 01-19-2025 : Every third Sunday we recognize foreign and local missions. A second offering will be taken and designated for outreaches.

**WOMEN'S MEETING:** 01-28-2025: Women will gather at the church at 10:00 am for a time of Bible study and fellowship.

**PRAYER Meeting:** We gather for prayer weekly on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Our first Wednesday prayer meeting will be held January 8th, 2025. Come learn about the ministry of intercession. Intercession is standing in the gap for another.

"And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him." (Is. 59:16)



**BIBLE STUDY:** We gather for Bible study weekly on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. The topic of study written by Pastor Stan, *Truths about Prayer & Fasting*. The first class will begin January 2, 2025.

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Lynn Baker - 1/06 Stanley Jackowski - 1/11 Justin Warner - 1/25



## ANNIVERSARIES

Stanley & Becky Jackowski - 1/07 Mike & Kim Warner - 1/17 Bruce & Nancy McQuigg - 1/23



"Announce a time of fasting; call the people together for a solemn meeting. Bring the leaders and all the people of the land into the Temple of the LORD your God, and cry out to him there." (Joel 1:14) NLT



**What is a small group or cell group?** A healthy physical body reflects healthy cells. Therefore, a glorious church is one with multiple healthy cells. We refer to our small gatherings as *cell groups*. Our Sunday service is what we refer to as CELEBRATION. Cell life is where we spiritually grow throughout the week working together, studying together, fellowshipping, eating together, having coffee together, and praying together.

## WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

Sundays: Donuts, Coffee & Milk: 8:30 am Christian Education: 9:00 am Worship: 10:00 am Wednesdays: Prayer 6:00 pm Thursdays: Bible Study 6:00 pm

## LEADERSHIP

Lead Pastor Stanley F. Jackowski Assistant Pastor Rebecca L. Jackowski Assistant Pastors Mike & Debbie Robling Assistant Pastor / Youth/ Office Manager JoHanna Gash Founding Pastors Bruce & Nancy McQuigg

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