

Corporate Prayer
Wednesday, July 25, 7:00 PM
Baltimore, Brandywine and Temple Hills

“OPEN OUR EYES”

Discernment - (spiritual insight) is quality of being able to grasp and comprehend what is obscure. To perceive and recognize the authenticity of something. The ability to distinguish truth from error. The ability to judge well.

To prepare for our upcoming time of corporate prayer, we are meditating on 2 Kings 6:17, Hebrews 4:12-16, and Ephesians 1:18.

We are also fasting from eyes shut on Tuesday, July 24 until 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25. Be sure to review our fasting guidelines.

Throughout corporate prayer we will be praying in the spirit (Eph. 6:18) and worshipping the Lord. Our prayer agenda:

- Pray for our Apostle Dr. Mike- Hebrews 13:7 (CEV version), Acts 2:42-43, 3 John 1:2
 - His discernment protects him
 - His ability to clearly hear the voice of Holy Spirit will continue to increase
 - The Apostolic anointing and wisdom to build areas that are weak in the body of Christ will increase
 - He has even greater oversight for our local ministry and covenant churches to cover and lead to new dimensions of faith, power and authority
 - He remains healthy spirit, soul, and body
- Pray for Dr. Dee Dee - Genesis 2:18, Ruth 3:11, Proverbs 12:4, John 4:23-24
 - Her confident lifestyle of worship lifts, liberates, and refreshes others
 - She is an anointed helpmate to husband
 - She leads other women with her virtue and role models walking in the fear of the Lord
 - Increased discernment and wisdom as she shares her leadership experience with other leaders
 - She remains healthy, vibrant, and strong
- Pray for Pastor Dewayne and Min. Lisa - Declare Psalms 1:3
- Pray for pastoral staff - Exodus 18:26-26
- Pray for Elder Mario and Min. Clo Taylor, Executive Directors, and Directors, Echo and all leadership in SOFCC - Ephesians 4:1-7, Ephesians 1:18, Colossians 1:1

- Pray that we identify SOFCC partners that we haven't seen in a while, that we will seek them out and encourage them to come back to their set place - Genesis 4:9
- Pray for signs, wonders and gifts of healings to invade the body of Christ - Acts 4:30
- Pray for new doors of opportunity to be revealed to the people of God that produces increase - Isaiah 45:3
- Bind the spirit of division in this country - Matthew 18:18
- Pray for governmental leaders to receive godly counsel, guidance, and wisdom and that they walk in humility and are morally sound - Isaiah 30:21, Isaiah 32:1-3 (GNB & AMP)
- Pray for the Supreme Court and the judicial system - Proverbs 31:8-9, Psalms 82:3-4
- Pray against the stronghold/strongman of pride and rebellion that is over our nation's capital - Matthew 18:18, Luke 11:21-22, Matthew 12:29
 - Also bind the extended manifestations or results of that stronghold's influence which are spirits of racism, murder, homicide, suicide.
- Declare that the authorities will speedily get solid leads and information needed to find the persons responsible for each senseless act of violence – 2 Corinthians 2:11, Psalms 82:3, Psalms 103:6
- Pray for the protection of the nation of Israel - Psalms 25:22, Isaiah 45:1
- We are covering our children from the spirit of deception in every form, and their physical protection at school or college - Ephesians 5:17, Matthew 13:22,23. John 10:5, Isaiah 54:17, Psalms 119:110
 - We pray they have discernment and make sound and wise decisions
- Other topics as led by Holy Spirit

We will conclude with the prayer of thanksgiving concerning all topics and prayer requests - Philippians 4:6, Hebrews 10:23

Come with expectation on July 25 and remember things always happen when we **pray, praise and worship** – together!!”

Disclaimer: We will cover as many of the prayer points as time permits.

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CORPORATE PRAYER

FASTING GUIDE

I beseech you therefore; brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. -- Romans 12:1

Biblical references to the spiritual discipline of fasting describe a practice of abstaining from food for a specified period of time. Fasting is a time of bringing the body under the control of the Holy Spirit on a consistent basis. Instead of receiving the physical gratification of food and various other activities, we become very aware of the substance and power of the Holy Spirit. When we pray in this manner, it is not to get God's attention, to impress Him, or to change Him. Instead, our purpose is to focus our attention on Him as the only Source of all of our needs.—Elmer Towns

Fasting is one of the most powerful weapons God has given us for our daily lives. Through fasting, you can experience spiritual renewal, supernatural healing, a release from the bondage of sin, restoration in your relationships, financial blessings, and so much more!

During this time of corporate fasting, we will take the time to empty ourselves so that God can fill us fresh and anew until we overflow with His Spirit, His presence, His power, and His anointing. Pray that the Lord will give us fresh insight and revelation as it pertains to our lives, our families, friends, our Spirit of Faith Christian Center family, our nation and our world.

We believe that as we humble ourselves, pray, seek God's face, and turn from any wickedness, He will hear from heaven, and will forgive our sin and heal our land. Now, His eyes will be open and His ears will be attentive to the prayer made in this place, according to 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Benefits of Fasting

1. Improves your ability to hear from God (Ezra 8:21)
2. Builds you up spiritually (Matthew 4:2, 23, 24)
3. Lifts oppression and breaks demonic powers (Mark 9:29, Isaiah 58: 6-8)
4. Leads you into a time of humility and repentance (Psalm 109:22-26)
5. Causes health to spring forth speedily (Isaiah 58:8)

Corporate Fasting

Psalm 133:1-3 tells us that when we come together (corporately) in unity, *there the Lord has commanded His blessing.*

Corporate prayer was practiced throughout the Bible. In Acts 13:1-3 as they ministered to the Lord and fasted corporately, the Holy Spirit gave specific directions.

In 2 Chronicles 20, Jehoshaphat, overwhelmed by an invasion, called the people to fast and pray. This corporate prayer and fasting resulted in Judah's victory over their enemy – without a fight!

In Ezra 8:21-23, Ezra called a time of corporate prayer and fasting to seek God's wisdom and protection. *“Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might fast before our God to seek of Him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance . . . so we fasted and besought our God for this: and He was entreated of us.”*

Types of Fasts

Normal Fast: A fast evidenced by abstaining from solid foods, but allowing the consumption of liquids.

Before You Begin: Pray and seek God for direction regarding the type of fast you should choose. Ask the Lord to show you areas to target during your time of prayer and fasting. Do you need direction, healing, restoration of marriage, peace, etc.? Seek God's guidance and His Word regarding these situations.

Preparing Spiritually: Confess your sins to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas of weakness. Forgive all who have offended you and ask forgiveness from those you may have offended (Mark 11:25; Luke 11:4; 17:3). Surrender your life fully to Jesus Christ and resist the worldly desires that try to hinder you (Romans 12:1-2).

Physical Preparation/Guidelines: Although fasting is primarily a spiritual discipline, it begins in the physical realm and requires preparation. Physical preparation makes the change in your eating routine a little easier so you can turn your full attention to the Lord in prayer. Begin eating smaller meals several days before you begin the 3-day portion of the fast.

Consult your physician before fasting, particularly if you are taking medications or have a chronic ailment. Do not forget to take prescribed medications.

Some people should not fast without professional supervision. They include:

1. Women who are pregnant or nursing.
2. Individuals who take insulin, or who suffer from any blood sugar condition such as hypoglycemia.
3. Persons who have tumors, bleeding ulcers, cancer, blood diseases, heart disease, etc.

Do not attempt to be a "super faster." Our fasting does not impress God.

What to Expect

When you fast your body detoxifies, eliminating toxins from your system. This can cause mild discomfort such as headaches and irritability, particularly during withdrawal from caffeine and sugars. And naturally, you will have hunger pains. Limit your physical activity and exercise.

In addition, participants should:

- Be in agreement with one another, not allowing bitterness, unforgiveness, or division to hinder their prayers.
- Pray for one another.
- Pray as often as possible throughout the day.
- Read and meditate on God's Word.
- Spend time daily in praise and worship.
- Get away from the normal distractions as much as possible and keep their hearts and minds set on seeking God's face.
- Pray in faith, expecting results!
- Remember that it is the attitude of a heart sincerely seeking Him to which God responds with a blessing (Isaiah 58, Jeremiah 14:12 and 1 Corinthians 8:8).

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MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU AS YOU FAST!