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Sunday, March 2, 2025

TEACH ME THY WAY,

O Lord;

I WILL WALK

IN THY TRUTH:

UNITE MY HEART

TO FEAR THY NAME.

PSALM 86:11

2025 THEME: PHILIPPIANS 3:14-16 N.K.J.V.

“I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are asking each adult member for \$333, each teenage member aged 13-17 \$33.33, and ages 12 and under \$ 3.33 toward the 100th church anniversary. These monies will cover expenses, such as a banquet, souvenirs, possibly a souvenir book, a guest Pastor, and decorating the church Just to name a few expenses.

- Payment plan starting in March 2025 for adult members
- Two months \$166.50 a month or \$41.63 a week
- Three months \$111 a month or \$27.75 a week
- Four months \$83.25 a month or \$20.82 a week
- And of course you can pay it all upfront in one lump sum
- Would like to have this completed by the end of June 2025.

AFTER SERVICE TODAY, there will be a meeting in the lower auditorium for the Women’s Ministry. All women are welcome to attend.

LENT BEGINS Wednesday, March 5th. Lenten Cards are available for those who wish to honor the Lord for His suffering and death on our behalf with a monetary sacrifice. You may pick up a card at the usher’s desk in the vestibule. Please be sure to write the name, envelope number and amount of your offering on the Lenten folder before submission.

THE LORD’S SUPPER will be observed next Sunday.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS next Sunday, March 9th. Please be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday before going to bed. It is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors

MEETINGS

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| SUNDAY SCHOOL – EVERY SUNDAY – 9:30 a.m. | |
| Department | Location |
| Adult | Sanctuary |
| Youth | Men’s Choir Room |
| BIBLE STUDY / PRAYER MEETING –Each Wednesday 6:00 p.m. | |

MINISTRY MEETING SCHEDULE

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| Prayer Line Ministry | Each Wednesday | 6:30 a.m. | 1-425-436- 6361 Access Code: 8938473 |
| Voices of Praise | Thursday, March 6 th & 20 th | 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary |
| Mass Choir | Thursday, March 13 th & 27 th | | |
| Senior Usher Board | Sunday, March 16th | After Service | Lower Chapel |
| Ladies Guild | Today | After Service | Woodland Choir Stand |

NEW OFFICE STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES – Sister Meisha Mahome email: mahome2516meisha@gmail.com, Sister La’Shondra Hannah email: sisterhannah2516@gmail.com.

GOD’S MAILBOX was utilized by 27 prayer warriors last week.



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION
IN BELOVED MEMORY OF

BROTHER

ROBERT LEE JOHNSON

BY HIS DAUGHTER AND NIECE

SISTER SYLVIA B. JOHNSON

SISTER MARY ELDRIDGE

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMN
NEAR THE CROSS**

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Near the cross! I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever;
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.

CHORUS

In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

MONTHLY BIBLE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH

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| March 1 | Joshua 1:1-5 |
| March 2 | Joshua 1:6-8 |
| March 3 | Joshua 1:9-12 |
| March 4 | Joshua 1:13-17 |
| March 5 | Joshua 1:18-21 |
| March 6 | Joshua 1:22-24 |
| March 7 | Psalms 18 |
| March 8 | Judges 1-5 |
| March 9 | Judges 6-8 |
| March 10 | Judges 9-12 |
| March 11 | Judges 13-16 |
| March 12 | Judges 17-21 |
| March 13 | Ruth 1-4 |
| March 14 | Psalms 19 |
| March 14 | Psalms 19 |
| March 15 | 1 Samuel 1-3 |
| March 16 | 1 Samuel 4-8 |
| March 17 | 1 Samuel 9-12 |
| March 18 | 1 Samuel 13-15 |
| March 19 | 1 Samuel 16-19 |
| March 20 | 1 Samuel 20-23 |
| March 21 | Psalms 23 |
| March 22 | 1 Samuel 24-26 |
| March 23 | 1 Samuel 27-31 |
| March 24 | 2 Samuel 1-4 |
| March 25 | 2 Samuel 5-7 |
| March 26 | 2 Samuel 8-10 |
| March 27 | 2 Samuel 11-14 |
| March 28 | Psalms 29 |
| March 29 | 2 Samuel 15-18 |
| March 30 | 2 Samuel 19-20 |
| March 31 | 2 Samuel 21-24 |

MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. James and Sister Delores Sawyer – 3rd, 1978
Brother Raj and Sister Angela Arrington – 22nd, 2008

MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

Sister Kira Razzaq – 2nd
Brother Paul Ewing – 3rd
Brother Jeremiah Ferrell – 4th
Sister Antoinette Wright-Webb – 5th
First Lady Andrea Horne – 7th
Sister Linda Gaffney – 8th
Brother Charles Lee Malcolm – 8th
Brother Norbert Carson – 9th
Brother Ulesses McGlothan Jr. – 11th
Sister Lottie Moore – 12th
Sister Lillian Wilborn – 19th
Brother Darrell Arrington – 20th
Sister Rebecca Jefferson – 22nd
Sister Norma Whitfield – 23rd
Deaconess Patricia Neal – 23rd
Sister Sierra Smith – 23rd
Brother Denorris Turner – 23rd
Sister Latreata Richardson – 24th
Brother Jayden Hull – 24th
Sister Rosanna Grace Ferrell – 24th
Brother Matthew Rowe-Wilson – 28th
Sister Yolanda Harris – 31st
Sister Chante Clark – 31st

SICK LIST

Bold highlighting indicates a change since the last listing.

Sister Viola Jackson

Sister Louise Kindell

Sister Hattie McCants, Forest Hills Place, 3151 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland, Hts, 44118.

Sister Nellie Newell, Brunswick Pointe Transitional Care, 4355 Laurel Rd. Brunswick, 44212.

Trustee Wife Louise Porter, The Avenue at Lyndhurst Rm#315, 5442 Rae Rd., Lyndhurst, 44124.

Mother Annie Reed, Villa St. Joseph, 5200 Marymount Dr., Cleveland, 44125.

Mother Essie Williams, Jennings Nursing Home, 10204 Granger Rd., Garfield Hts, 44125.

These members are sick at home:

Sister Joyce Austin

Sister Carrie Lewis

Sister Maudra Dennis

Brother Kenneth Neal

Sister Linda Ferguson

Sister Lillie Pittman

Sister Annie Fulp

Sister Geraldine Ray

Sister Lee Vall Gardener

Sister Emma Rollins

Sister Elizabeth Garrison

Sister Mary Scruggs

Mother Fredetta Gray

Sister Catherine Sullivan

Brother Dock Hull

Deaconess Hattie Warren

Sister Audrey Johnson

Deacon Willie Warren

FASTING AND PRAYER

Fasting and prayer are deeply interconnected practices in the Christian faith, each enhancing the other's spiritual effects. Both are used as ways to draw nearer to God, express devotion, and seek spiritual renewal. Fasting strips away physical indulgences, creating space for deeper spiritual focus and awareness. This voluntary act of self-denial is a way to humble oneself before God, acknowledging one's dependence on Him for sustenance and strength. In the Old Testament, fasting often accompanied prayer as a form of sincere repentance and supplication. For example, in the Book of Daniel 9:3, Daniel says, "Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and supplications with fasting and sackcloth and ashes." Here, fasting is an expression of earnest seeking and humility before God.

Prayer is the means by which believers communicate with God, offering praise, confession, thanksgiving, and requests. When coupled with fasting, prayer can become more focused and intentional. Without the usual distractions of everyday life, one can enter a deeper level of communion with God, allowing for greater reflection and spiritual discernment.

Jesus Himself demonstrated the importance of fasting and prayer in Matthew 4:1-2, where He fasted for forty days in the wilderness while preparing for His ministry and resisting temptation. Furthermore, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught about prayer and fasting, emphasizing the sincerity of heart rather than external appearances (Matthew 6:5-18).

Together, fasting and prayer create an environment where believers can listen more attentively to the will of God, align their hearts with His purposes, and receive His guidance and strength. This harmonious relationship between the two practices helps to cultivate a deeper, more intimate relationship with God, fostering spiritual growth and transformation. May your times of fasting and prayer open your heart to God's presence and lead you to a richer understanding of His love and mercy.

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF FASTING PAIRED WITH PRAYER

Throughout the Bible, there are numerous examples of fasting paired with prayer, each reflecting a deep desire to seek God's guidance, intervention, or forgiveness. Here are a few notable instances:

1. Moses: In Exodus 34:28, Moses fasted for forty days and nights on Mount Sinai as he prayed and received the Ten Commandments from God. This period of fasting was a time of intense communion with God, who revealed His laws to Moses.

2. David: In 2 Samuel 12:16, King David fasted and prayed earnestly for his ill child. Although the outcome was sorrowful, David's actions reflect a sincere pursuit of God's mercy and intervention.

3. Ezra: Ezra 8:21-23 recounts how Ezra proclaimed a fast for the people of Israel to humble themselves before God and seek a safe journey as they returned from exile. The fasting was paired with prayer for protection and guidance.

4. Esther: In Esther 4:16, Queen Esther requested that the Jews fast and pray for her before she approached the king unsummoned, risking her life to save her people. This collective fast was an appeal for God's favor and deliverance.

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5. Daniel: Daniel fasted and prayed frequently, as noted in Daniel 9:3: "Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and supplications with fasting and sackcloth and ashes." He prayed for understanding and repentance on behalf of his people.

6. Jesus: Jesus fasted for forty days in the wilderness as He prepared for His ministry and confronted temptation (Matthew 4:1-2). This fasting period preceded His active ministry and was marked by prayer and spiritual strengthening.

7. Early Church: In Acts 13:2-3, the early Christians fasted and prayed as they sought direction from the Holy Spirit in choosing Barnabas and Saul for missionary work. This shows the role of fasting in making pivotal decisions guided by God's Spirit.

These examples illustrate how fasting is deeply intertwined with prayer as a means to humble oneself, seek divine guidance, intercede for others, and express repentance. By fasting and praying, believers open themselves to greater intimacy with God and align their hearts and minds with His will. May these examples inspire you to embark on a sincere journey of seeking God through fasting and prayer.

Text

Sermon

Order of Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP.....MINISTER

MASS CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READING & PRAYER.....DEACON LAWRENCE POWELL SR.

O.T. HOSEA 12:8-14 N.T. 1 PETER 2:13-18

MASS CHOIR

ALTAR CALL, PRAYER FOR SICK, SHUT-IN, GOD'S MAILBOX...MINISTER

WORSHIP IN GIVING.....MINISTER

MASS CHOIR ORD OF GOD.....ELDER GEORE R. HORNE,
JR., PASTOR

†† INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP ††

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