



VOICE

BETTA VIEW

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January 27 , 2019

Today:

“Fasting, The Forgotten Power”

***Mandatory Lads to Leaders Meeting
down front immediately following morning
worship.***

Monday Night:

**Ladies Bunco Night – 6pm
at the home of Maggie Freeman**

Wednesday:

Singing Night

Saturday:

**Teen Ice Skating Trip – van will leave church
at 4pm.. Kids should bring money for skating
and dinner. See Jake Baker for further details.**

Contact Elder for January – James Lindsey

Order of Worship

Welcome -Announcements

Call To Worship

Song #100-101: Holy Ground

Prayer - Rusty Stephens

Song Leader: Shaun Stancil

Song #2: We Praise Thee O God (1,2,3,5)

Song #18: Faithful Love (1,2)

Communion & Offering

Song #82: God Is So Good (1,2,3,4)

Song #: All To Us

Children dismiss to Children’s Bible Hour

Scripture Reading: Chandler Lifford

Isaiah 58:1-5

Message: Josh Lifford

Song #662: All To Jesus I Surrender (1,3)

Closing Song:

***Song #969: Don’t You Want To Go To That Land
(1,5)***

Prayer - Jake Baker

***“Greater Is He That Is In Me, Than He That Is
In The World”***



Seven circumstances in the Bible in which believers sought God through the discipline of fasting

1. To prepare for ministry. Jesus spent forty days and nights in the wilderness fasting and praying before He began God's work on this earth. He needed time alone to prepare for what His Father had called Him to do (Matthew 4:1-17; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-14).

2. To seek God's wisdom. Paul and Barnabas prayed and fasted for the elders of the churches before committing them to the Lord for His service (Acts 14:23).

3. To show grief. Nehemiah mourned, fasted, and prayed when he learned Jerusalem's walls had been broken down, leaving the Israelites vulnerable and disgraced (Nehemiah 1:1-4).

4. To seek deliverance or protection. Ezra declared a corporate fast and prayed for a safe journey for the Israelites as they made the

nine-hundred-mile trek to Jerusalem from Babylon (Ezra 8:21-23).

5. To repent. After Jonah pronounced judgment against the city of Nineveh, the king covered himself with sackcloth and sat in the dust.

He then ordered the people to fast and pray. Jonah 3:10 says, "When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, He relented and did not bring on them the destruction He had threatened."

6. To gain victory. After losing forty thousand men in battle in two days, the Israelites cried out to God for help. Judges 20:26 says all the people went up to Bethel and "sat weeping before the Lord." They also "fasted that day until evening." The next day the Lord gave them victory over the Benjamites.

7. To worship God. Luke 2 tells the story of an eighty-four-year-old prophetess named Anna. Verse 37 says, "She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying." Anna was devoted to God, and fasting was one expression of her love for Him.

Despite biblical examples throughout Scripture, many Christians are slow to fast. I believe there are three main factors that cause believers to be hesitant — fear, ignorance, or rebellion.

Fear. They're afraid. Afraid of the unknown. Afraid of feeling hunger pangs. Afraid of starting and not finishing. Afraid of fasting alone.

The Enemy has them convinced they could never do it. Instead of looking to the Lord's strength for help, they become consumed with their own weaknesses and paralyzed by fear.

Ignorance. Many Christians simply have not been taught about the importance of seeking God in this way. Churches often do not encourage fasting, and in many cases never even mention it from the pulpit. For example, I grew up in a Bible-believing church, but I don't recall hearing a message on fasting until I was an adult.

Rebellion. A large segment of the Christian population is aware of the benefits of fasting, yet they're unwilling to do it. Their hearts are hardened when it comes to the idea of fasting. When God invites them to draw near, they dig their heels into the ground and refuse to obey.

Dr. Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, was a firm believer in the power of prayer and fasting. In his guide *Why You Should Fast*, he listed the following reasons for seeking God through self-denial.

Fasting was an expected discipline in both the Old and New Testament eras.

Fasting and prayer can restore the loss of the "first love" for your Lord and result in a more intimate relationship with Christ.

Fasting is a biblical way to truly humble yourself in the sight of God.

Fasting enables the Holy Spirit to reveal your true spiritual condition, resulting in brokenness, repentance, and a transformed life.

Fasting will encourage the Holy Spirit to quicken the Word of God in your heart and His truth will become more meaningful to you.

Fasting can transform your prayer life into a richer and more personal experience.

Fasting can result in a dynamic personal revival in your own life and make you a channel of revival to others.

Many times we don't fast because we've lost our spiritual appetite.

John Piper says, "The absence of fasting is the measure of our contentment with the absence of Christ." Piper adds, "If we don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because we have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because we have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Our soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great."

Upcoming Events



January 28: Bunco Night 6pm at the home of Maggie Freeman.

January 30: Singing Night

February 2: Teen Ice Skating Trip

February 3: Potluck lunch—Group 3 (Glenda Reaves) in charge. Church will provide chicken. Members bring sides, desserts, drinks.

February 9: Sweethearts Banquet hosted by Youth & Teens. Dinner will be provided and served by our Youth Group. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend so we know how to plan for food. See Andi or Nicole with questions.

February 10: Community Coat Give Away—please bring in gently used coats / jackets.

February 12: Ladies Devotional—Random Acts of Kindness—meet at church for Devo—split into teams for service project and then dinner at Brad's BBQ.

February 15-17: Winterfest—Gatlinburg.

February 19: Ladies Bunco 6pm at the home of Karen Curlee

February Sweetheart Banquet

The Youth & Teens will be hosting a Sweetheart Banquet on Saturday February 9th at 6pm. We will need to plan for food, so please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you will be attending. This is for everyone and we encourage you all to be here for a special night of food, fun, and fellowship! See Nicole or Andi for details.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1/27—Abbie Watts

1/28—Kesley Williams

1/29—Annette Camp

1/31—Asyndace Turner, Mackensy Carter

2/1—Kristi Ishee

2/2—Regan Cobb

2/3—Sara Brown, M/M Russell Johnston

Remember in Prayer. . .



Our Sick. . .

Linda Tinney has been in the hospital in Gadsden this past week undergoing tests. (PO Box 81, Munford 36268)

Theresa Stancil has been in the hospital at RMC with diverticulitis. (930 Lataste Drive, Oxford 36203)

Friends & Family. . .

Wayne Thrasher (friend of **Wayne & Gail Carden**) is dealing with serious health issues at this time. (4014 Dix Street, Anniston 36201)

Joel Fetner had a heart cath recently and it showed no blockages. (1175 Co Rd 854, Wadley 36276)

Sympathy. . .

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of **Helen Carpenter** (mother of **Kim Dempsey**) who passed this past Monday night. The funeral was held at the North Amarillo church of Christ on Friday in Amarillo, Texas. Please remember Kim & Dean and all of the family during this very difficult time. (317 Shelly Lynn Drive, Oxford 36203)

COMMUNITY COAT GIVEAWAY

Our Community Coat Give Away will be Sunday night, February 10th in the Fellowship Hall. We will need volunteers to help work this event. If you can assist, please let Shelly or Andi know. Thanks!

(remember now through February 6th we need gently used coats / jackets of all sizes—adults and kids—to be brought in and left in the box in the foyer)

Those Privileged to Serve:

January 2019

Song Leaders:

27th—Shaun Stancil

AM: Opening Prayer

27th: Rusty Stephens

Closing Prayer

Jacob Baker

PM: Opening Prayer

27th: Jeff Tims

Closing Prayer

Mike Tims

Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding:

27th: Duane Stephens

Assisting:

Chandler Lifford, Ted Haynes, Norman Morrison, Jamie Burgess, Landon Watts, Calvin Phillips, Alan Robison, Rick Pinkston

Ushers:

Mike Tims, David Stancil, James Galbreath, Matt Smith

Little Lambs:

27th: Shelly Painter & Ellyn Robison

Greeters:

West Entrance: Pam & Kenny Stratton

East Entrance: Frank & Gloria Thomas

Main Foyer: Carolyn Elston, Miriam James, Helen Lee, Shannon Smith

Security Duty:

27th: Spencer Austin & Geoff Williams

Prepare Communion: Linda & James Galbreath

Secure Building: Brian Forbus

Host Youth Activity: Lifford Family

Contact Elder: James Lindsey

*If you are unable to serve please contact **Brian Forbus**
@ 256-831-2471.*

HELP NEEDED

We need members to sign up to prepare communion, secure the building, and host youth devos for 2019!

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Introduction:

1. What fasting is:

_____.

2. What fasting is not:

_____.

Lesson:

Fasting Defined

Fasting=a voluntary withdrawing from food and/or drink, or other fleshly appetites, for a specified period of time.

Examples...

3. _____ types of Fasting Mentioned In Scripture

I. A _____ fast.

II. A _____ fast.

III. An _____ fast.

Next week we will dive deeper into this subject and look at the Purpose of Fasting!

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1. What fasting is:

A time to reflect on your spiritual life.

2. What fasting is not:

A time for us to have a pity party or boast about how spiritual we might be.

Lesson:

Fasting Defined

Fasting=a voluntary withdrawing from food and/or drink, or other fleshly appetites, for a specified period of time.

Examples...

Food

Social Media

Activities That You Highly Enjoy

Something Of Value

3. Basic types of Fasting Mentioned In Scripture

I. A Normal fast.

II. A Partial fast.

III. An Absolute fast.

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