

Prayer & Fasting for the Annual Meeting

- Pray for the week of January 22-28
- Pray and Fast for the week of January 29- February 2
- Come to the "Encountering God" Prayer gathering on Tuesday, January 30, from 7 to 8 pm to corporately seek the Father and His Manifest Presence for the good of Penns Valley.

Why Prayer and Fasting?

- Prayer is intimacy with God that leads to the fulfillment of his purposes (Alvin Reid)
- Fasting was important to Jesus because he practiced fasting himself. Jesus expects you to fast as well. In Matthew 6:16-17 Jesus said "when you fast..."
- Fasting, according to Ronnie Floyd, is "the abstinence from food with a spiritual goal in mind or for a spiritual purpose."
- Fasting brings you closer to the Lord and increases your sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. It communicates to God that your desire for Him and His leading is more important than food and you trust Him to sustain you.
- Fasting is a way to say to God, "I long to see you work in your kingdom purposes" in your life, PVCC, the people and circumstances around you.

I believe Jesus knew that fasting is not about us somehow getting God's attention. Instead, fasting is about God getting all of our attention. And it is there, in the secret places of our lives where God has our undivided attention, that the reward of fasting comes to the surface of our lives in such beautiful ways. Clayton, Dave. Revival Starts Here: A Short Conversation on Prayer, Fasting, and Revival for Beginners Like Me (p. 30). HIM Publications. Kindle Edition.

How do I fast?

For this time of prayer and fasting we will start Monday, January 29 and continue through Friday, February 2. Commit to fasting one meal a day during that week, which ever meal you choose. During the time you would eat, pray for the coming year.

What to Pray For

O God, you are my God;

I earnestly search for you.

My soul thirsts for you;

my whole body longs for you

in this parched and weary land

where there is no water.

I have seen you in your sanctuary

and gazed upon your power and glory.

Your unfailing love is better than life itself;

how I praise you! Psalm 63:1-3

• Pray:

- Lord I surrender the things I hunger for more than You (bring specific things to the Lord). I confess the sin of wanting _____ more than You.
- I pray for a fresh encounter with You Holy Spirit that renews me and revives my soul.

- I pray for PVCC and move of You Holy Spirit that awakens our hearts to Your Manifest Presence.
- Give us a renewed hunger for Your word.

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:36-38

- Pray:
 - Lord give me your heart of compassion for those that do not know you yet.
 - May every member of the PVCC see ourselves as missionaries to the people right around us.
 - Lord of the harvest, raise up more workers to send into the harvest fields of Penns Valley, the Centre County region, the around the world.
 - Give me your eyes to see spiritual needs of the people right around me that you are drawing to yourself, Jesus. Listen for specific people the Lord wants you to minister to.
 - Give every member of PVCC the eyes to see the spiritual needs of the people right around them.
 - Empower each of us, Holy Spirit, to love and serve others.

Annual Meeting Topics

- Pray for the increased focus Missional Communities and Front Yard Mission.
 - Lord I pray for unity around the vision of reaching lost people with the Good News of the Kingdom of God with the strategy of Missional Communities and Front Yard Mission.
 - Lord I pray for the members of PVCC to see the need to be in community with one another, serve one another, make time for one another.
- The Elders feel led to focus more of the budget on outreach, both local and global.
 - Lord I pray for unity in the church regarding the budget.
 - Lead us to prioritize the Great Commission over personal preferences, both here and around the world.
 - Give us Your vision, Lord Jesus, for PVCC to join You as You bring the Kingdom of God into Penns Valley and beyond.