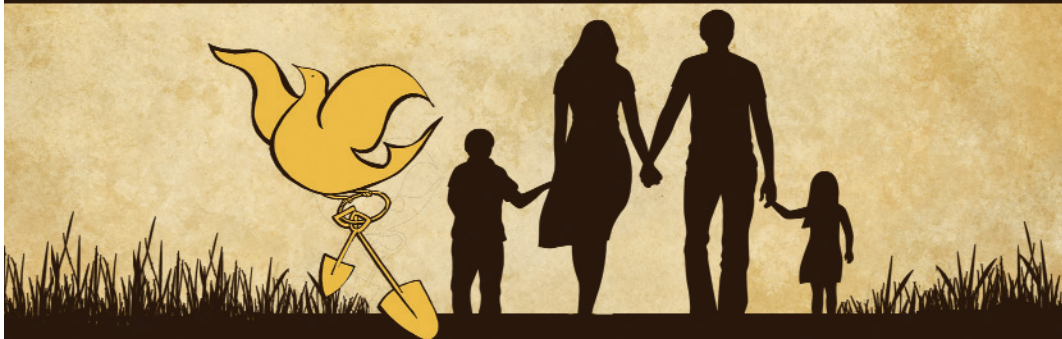


APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH

UNITING GENERATIONS

THROUGH FAITH, PRAYER AND SACRIFICE



CAPITAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN
40-DAY PRAYER JOURNAL

Praise the Lord!

It's with great honour, and godly anticipation that I greet you as our Apostolic Faith Church family begins a corporate journey to unite in prayer as we prepare to move forward, launching our new capital stewardship program on Celebration/First-Fruits Sunday, January 22, 2012: **Uniting Generations through FAITH, PRAYER AND SACRIFICE!**

For the next 40 days we will diligently seek the face of God through prayer, consecration and fasting, to prepare and open our hearts and minds, to both understand more precisely what God is saying to us as a local assembly and to commit to doing it, together!

We learn from the Biblical account in Genesis 11:1-6 that the people had one language and one speech (they all said the same thing), this led them to commit to doing one work. "And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them." - **Genesis 11:6 (ESV)**. When we unite as one body, and are on one accord with the God-given vision for the Apostolic Faith Church, we will accomplish all that God has planned for us.

This journal of prayers and devotions, is designed to connect each of us to the heart of God. As a church we will focus on: ***Repentance of Sins; Surrendering to God's Will Through Sacrifice and Obedience; Walking With God By Faith; Unity In Christ; Drawing Nearer to God in Prayer; and being Spiritually Committed to Our God-Given Vision.***

I am spiritually excited that the Lord is joining us together as one, for this powerful ministry effort. There is space provided in this prayer journal so that as you pray and seek the heart and mind of God, you can record what God is saying to you individually about your role and responsibility to the body. Expect God to speak to you about your individual commitment, which will be vital in securing our future, and ask Him to guide and direct your fellow brothers and sisters.

As we seek the Lord together, we will unite our faith and strengthen our walk together, positively impacting future generations!

Sis Smith and I look forward to walking this journey with you!

In the Master's Service

Bishop Horace E. Smith, M.D.
Pastor

WEEK #1

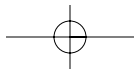
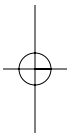
DECEMBER 14 - 17, 2011

REPENTANCE OF SIN

As we embark on this spiritual journey together we must start by searching within to determine what things are in our hearts and minds that are not pleasing to God. God can only dwell in a clean temple so we must confess and repent of our sins before we can be yielded vessels to expand His kingdom. This week, we will pray and study the outlined scriptures as we repent of our sins.

- **Deliberately opening our hearts to God.** Psalm 139:23-24
- **What is Repentance?** Turning away from sin, turning towards God. Ezekiel 18:21-22, 30-32
- **Why do I need to repent?** God commands it and it is a prerequisite for right relationship with God. Acts 17:30, Acts 2:38, II Peter 3:9
- **The results of repenting?** Repentance leads to healing and restoration. Psalm 51:7-12





DAY 1
DECEMBER 14, 2011
Weekly Theme: Repentance of Sin



CONFESSING SIN & FAULTS

I John 1:9, James 5:16

Heavenly Father, we come to you as humbly as we know how. We confess all our sins and faults to you. Lord, we know that we have not done all we can to live up to your expectations for our lives. Please forgive us of rebellion, pride, jealousy, unfairly judging others and all sins that we have committed that grieve your heart. Lord, please forgive us for not using the time that you have given us wisely; forgive us Lord for not using the gifts and abilities that you have given us. We confess that we have sought our own way and not your will. Father we thank you for Your Word. We know you are faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Lord, we thank you because you continue to be patient with us. We confess our sins so that we may be cleansed and used for your glory. Cleanse us Lord; help us to walk upright before you. We thank and praise you for the power to turn away from our sins and live according to Your Word. *In Jesus' Name, Amen!*

Further Study: Read Luke 15:11-24 and answer the following questions:

Question: How did the Prodigal son deal with sin?

Answer:

Question: How did the father receive the son who repented?

Answer:

DAY 2
DECEMBER 15, 2011
Weekly Theme: Repentance of Sin



SINS OF OMISSION
(what we should have done and didn't do)
Luke 12:47, James 4:17

Heavenly Father, you are righteous and holy. Nothing is hidden from you. Lord we confess that when measured up to your standard we fall short. Lord Jesus, we have not fully pursued your will for our lives. We apologize for allowing self-doubt to hinder us from doing all the things you have called us to do. Jesus, we need your help. Help us to prepare, help us to be consistent, help us Lord, to be focused and disciplined that we may do all that you have set in our hearts. Lord, we affirm your word over our lives and declare that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. We thank you, even now Lord, for giving us the strength that we need. Lord, hear our humble cry. We need you Jesus; we cannot live a holy life without your guidance. We apologize for allowing situations and circumstances to deter us from doing what you have said to do. Lord, we receive your forgiveness. We know that you are with us Lord Jesus, and we are your children. We submit and commit to doing your will, that you can receive glory from our lives. Lord, we love you and we thank you. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read II Timothy 3:14-17 and answer the following questions:

Question: What has God given, to assure that you will be prepared for every work?

Answer: _____

Question: How are you using the time and opportunities God has given?

Answer: _____

DAY 3
DECEMBER 16, 2011
Weekly Theme: Repentance of Sin



THE IMPORTANCE OF REPENTANCE

Acts 3:19, Revelation 3:19

Father God, in the name of Jesus, we pray for forgiveness of our sins. We repent so that we can be one with you. God, we know that you cannot dwell in an unclean temple so we pray now for clean hearts, pure hearts, honest hearts, loving hearts, and giving and forgiving hearts. We pray that you will always make us aware of our sins so that we can be quick to repent and turn away from all things that do not please you Lord. Father God, we are thankful for being redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ and we no longer have to be a slave to sin. We pray that the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts will be pleasing and acceptable in Your sight. *In Jesus' Name, Amen!*

Further Study: Read Isaiah 59:1-2; Acts 26:20; Acts 2:38 and answer the following questions:

Question: Why does not repenting hinder your walk with God?

Answer: _____

Question: What should happen to you when you repent?

Answer: _____

DAY 4
DECEMBER 17, 2011

Weekly Theme: Repentance of Sin



TAKING OWNERSHIP OF OUR SINS
FOR RENEWAL AND RESTORATION

Psalm 51

O Merciful GOD, you have covered us with your grace and your tender mercies. Our desire is to cease taking your grace for granted, and realize it's true worth - grace allows us to have fellowship with you. Lord, cleanse us with hyssop, wash us clean as snow. Create in us a clean heart, and renew in us an upright spirit. At times, we have been cast down and broken, and lived in darkness neglecting your Word. But you are the source of our strength, you dwell with the broken-hearted and even in darkness, you cover us with your loving-kindness. Lord, we hold onto the joy that you placed inside us and we turn from our wicked ways. WE NEED YOU to restore us, because we cannot breathe without you. Bring us close to your heart, and whisper your purpose for our lives. And in this we will give you all the glory and all the praise. *In Jesus' Name, Amen!*

Further Study: Read Isaiah 43:25; 57:15; John 8:1-11 and answer the following questions:

Question Why does God renew and restore us?

Answer

Question Why is it important to examine ourselves before examining others?

Answer

WEEK #2

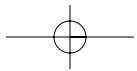
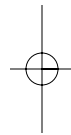
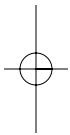
DECEMBER 18 - 24, 2011

SURRENDER TO GOD'S WILL THROUGH SACRIFICE AND OBEDIENCE

Surrendering to God's will requires sacrifice and obedience. A sacrifice requires you to change your lifestyle and rearrange your priorities. It challenges you to give up something for the cause of Christ. In II Samuel 24, David wanted to build God an altar on a threshing floor, but he would not allow Araunah to give him a threshing floor free of charge, because David refused to offer God something that cost him nothing. As we pray this week and focus on surrendering to God's will, we should seek God for direction on what financial sacrifice He requires of us individually. Once God speaks to us clearly about what is truly sacrificial, we must be obedient and do exactly what God says.

- **What exactly is surrendering my will to God?** Using my free will to yield and submit to God's plan for my life. It's refusing to make self-directed decisions and instead seek God for His guidance. Proverbs 3:5-6; John 4:34, John 5:30
- **How do I surrender?** You must trust God and choose to allow Him to direct you AND stick to that choice. Joshua 24:15; Psalm 37:4-7, 23; Matthew 6:24; Acts 5:29
- **What should I surrender to the Lord?** Time, Talent, and Treasure. The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; Psalm 24:1 (NIV)





DAY 5
DECEMBER 18, 2011

Weekly Theme: Surrender to God's Will Through Sacrifice and Obedience



BOUGHT WITH A PRICE (WE BELONG TO GOD)

I Corinthians 6:20, I Corinthians 7:23

Lord Jesus, we thank you for your loving-kindness and tender mercies that you extend to us. Lord, we know that we don't deserve them but we are thankful for your faithfulness. We owed a price for our sins that we could not pay, but you have paid it all on Calvary's Cross. You sacrificed your life for us and for that we are grateful. Forgive us, Lord; forgive us for having wrong priorities and not putting you first above all things in our lives. We receive your forgiveness now and we will follow you more closely. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read I Peter 1:18-19 and answer the following questions:

Question: What does it mean to be redeemed?

Answer: _____

Question: What does a lamb without spots or blemishes mean in regards to our redemption?

Answer: _____

DAY 6
DECEMBER 19, 2011

Weekly Theme: Surrender to God's Will Through Sacrifice and Obedience



HUMBLE & DENY YOURSELF

Proverbs 16:18-19, Mark 8:34, Philippians 2:5-8

Forgive us Heavenly Father for not maintaining a humble spirit as well as sometimes wanting to promote ourselves. In this evil, wicked, and challenging world, we find ourselves forgetting the values that we have learned in your Word. We realize that you have said in your Word that we are to "esteem the things of others better than ourselves" (Philippians 2:3-4). Help us, Father, to spend more time reading and studying your Word so that we can grow in you. Thank you Lord! *In Jesus' Name, Amen!*

Further Study: Read Matthew 18:1-4 and answer the following questions:

Question: How is humbling yourself as a child related to greatness?

Answer: _____

Question: What does God require to enter into His kingdom in heaven?

Answer: _____

DAY 7
DECEMBER 20, 2011

Weekly Theme: Surrender to God's Will Through Sacrifice and Obedience



OBEDIENCE BETTER THAN SACRIFICE

I Samuel 15:1-23 (Note verse 22)

Dear LORD God, help us to obey your commands in their entirety and to submit to your will whole-heartedly. We understand that our obedience to you is our duty and task as believers. We may not understand every instruction, but because of your wisdom and our trust in you, we will obey. We will obey because you are our everything, you are the truth, and you won't lead us down the wrong path. All that you desire is our submission and obedience to the predestined plan that you have for our lives, and we humbly give it to you, God our Father. *In Jesus' Name, Amen!*

Further Study: Read Genesis 22:1-18 and answer the following questions:

Question: How did Abraham respond to God's request?

Answer: _____

Question: How did God respond to Abraham's decision?

Answer: _____

DAY 8
DECEMBER 21, 2011

Weekly Theme: Surrender to God's Will Through Sacrifice and Obedience



OBEYING LEADERS' INSTRUCTION/VISION

Hebrews 13:7 & 17

Dear Heavenly Father, help us to be more and more submissive to our Shepherd whom you have anointed, appointed, and placed in our lives to be the watchman over our souls. We thank you, God, for giving our Pastor the strength, knowledge, wisdom, and discernment to do your will, as he does it joyfully. We are thankful for our Shepherd who teaches us your unabridged Word and gives us, the body of Christ, the vision and wisdom of how to expand your kingdom. We are so grateful that our Pastor is a man of God who is after your own heart and who teaches us to see beyond where we are, and that there are no limits in you. Through you God, we can accomplish all things. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read Jeremiah 3:15, Acts 20:28-30 and answer the following questions:

Question: Why does God anoint and appoint shepherds (Pastors) over the flock (church)?

Answer: _____

Question: If the pastor is God-ordained to speak into my life, how should I respond to his preaching, teaching and instruction?

Answer: _____

DAY 9
DECEMBER 22, 2011

Weekly Theme: Surrender to God's Will Through Sacrifice and Obedience



NOT MY WILL

Proverbs 14:12, Roman 12:1-2, Ephesians 5:17

Father, we come to you in humility, laying down our will for yours. Not our will but thy will be done. God, we prefer what you have for us rather than to settle for a misguided path that the devil offers. We know the path of the devil will ultimately lead to our destruction. Give us wisdom to understand and pursue your will for our lives. In our decision to follow you, we ask that you send your peace that surpasses all understanding to guard our hearts and minds with all diligence; for we are to live in this world and be not conformed to it. Help us to equip ourselves daily with your armor because your Word says that we will be able to stand against the tricks of Satan. Keep us from self-deception. As we draw nearer and closer to you, draw nigh to us O God. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Help us to run this race with patience and not be weary in well doing. *In Jesus' Name, Amen!*

Further Study: Read John 5:19, 30 and answer the following questions:

Question: Jesus was put on earth to do only the will the Father sent Him to do. Jesus relentlessly pursued that will and endured. He never sought His own glory. Can you say the same thing?

Answer: _____

Question: Are you following the will of God for your life, in the manner God prescribed?

Answer: _____

DAY 10
DECEMBER 23, 2011

Weekly Theme: Surrender to God's Will Through Sacrifice and Obedience



RELINQUISH THE LEAD

Galatians 2:20

Jehovah, you are awesome, all-mighty, all-knowing and occupy all space at all time. We confess, at times we have placed more confidence in our ability and perceived intelligence, more than in YOU; career aspirations and networking relationships, more than in YOU; our limited knowledge and dogmatic teachings, rather than in YOU. Lord, forgive us for trying to direct our own lives, and teach us how to trust YOU (Philippians 3:3). Give us the meekness of Moses and teach us your ways. Give us the heart of David, just as the deer pants for water. Give us the faith of Abraham, so that we may please you. And give us the wisdom of Solomon, to fear you and submit to your will Lord. Removing all pride, we commit our lives to reflect your Glory through the Holy Spirit. We need you, trust you and in you we place our confidence. *In Jesus' Name, Amen!*

Further Study: Read Philippians 2:6-8 and answer the following questions:

Question: What did Jesus voluntarily do?

Answer: _____

Question: How did He do it?

Answer: _____

DAY 11
DECEMBER 24, 2011

Weekly Theme: Surrender to God's Will Through Sacrifice and Obedience



LEANING NOT ON OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING

Proverbs 3:5-6

Father God, in the Name of Jesus, teach us to move self-understanding out of the way. For without you, we could never understand the ups and downs of life. We cannot even follow our hearts because the heart is deceitfully wicked and crooked (Jeremiah 17:9). That's why we need your Holy Spirit to straighten us up spiritually, when we lean or rely on our own understanding. Create in us a clean heart and renew in us a right spirit that will trust in you and you alone. For you alone know the way I should take. Therefore, as we acknowledge, trust, and surrender our all to you, you, and only you, will keep us from falling and in perfect peace because our minds are stayed on you. ***In Jesus' Name, we pray it all, Amen!***

Further Study: Read Judges 17:6, Jeremiah 42:3 and answer the following questions:

Question: Why should a child of God learn to obey His Word and do God's Will, God's Way?

Answer: _____

Question: Why is it important to pray to God for guidance every day before starting your day?

Answer: _____

WEEK #3

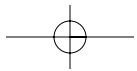
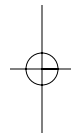
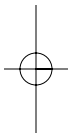
DECEMBER 25 - 31, 2011

WALK WITH GOD BY FAITH

Our lives as believers is often referred to as a "walk of faith". We must have faith to believe that God exists and that He rewards those who seek Him diligently. We are saved by grace through faith -- faith has to be exercised to accept Jesus as Savior and Lord of our lives and also to receive the previous gift of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Faith is knowing that we already have obtained in the spirit what has not yet manifested in the present - but we believe we will see it happen. For example, we know that God has given our Pastor a vision for a new facility that will expand our ability to minister to more souls. We have faith that God has already provided the resources. All of the funds, architects, construction companies, parking, etc. are secured by God, so we walk with God by faith knowing that the vision shall come to pass!

- **What does it mean to "walk" with God?** Walking with God means to trust God through His Word. To embrace your new identity, while denying your flesh and living in close relationship with God. Mark 8:34; II Corinthians 5:17 and Ephesians 5:8
- **What are the some practical steps of walking with God by faith?** Trust Him by completely turning away from sin (Ezekiel 18:21-22, 30-32), Disciplined enough to shun the very appearance of evil (Proverbs 3:7), Learning to evade wicked company and practices and daily embracing His Word (Acts 17:11), and thinking only on Godly things (Philippians 4:8).





DAY 12
DECEMBER 25, 2011

Weekly Theme: Walk with God by Faith



FAITH

Hebrews 11:1 & 6, Romans 10:17, Romans 4:19-21

Dear Father, we thank you for giving us the ability to receive faith, by the hearing of your Word. Jesus said have faith in God, so we put our trust in you. Therefore we confidently speak that each family connected with our church is prosperous and in health even as their soul prospers. For you have given us the resources needed to accomplish the vision given to our Pastor and First Lady. No weapon that comes against us shall prosper as we build our new facility. For you have set us as a light in the Body of Christ locally, nationally and internationally. We release your Word and as you have declared, it shall not return void. So by faith we claim your promises, and praise you for being a rewarder of them who diligently seek you. We decree and declare it is done. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read Romans 8:24; Hebrews 11:1; II Corinthians 4:18 and answer the following questions:

Question: What does it mean to trust in God for the unseen things?

Answer: _____

Question: What does it mean when the scripture talks about temporal and eternal things?

Answer: _____

DAY 13
DECEMBER 26, 2011

Weekly Theme: Walk with God by Faith



WALK BY FAITH

II Corinthians 5:7, Ephesians 4:1, Colossians 2:6-7

Gracious Father, our confidence is in you and we walk by faith, and not by sight. Holy Spirit, teach us to walk worthy of the calling God has for us to fulfill. Like a child, we will follow after you as you lead us on the path that was destined for our lives. Thank you for ordering our steps as we walk in your way. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read Daniel 3:1-30 and answer the following questions:

Question: What does it mean to walk by faith?

Answer: _____

Question: How is your faith tested?

Answer: _____

DAY 14
DECEMBER 27, 2011

Weekly Theme: Walk with God by Faith



MAKE IT A PRIORITY
Matthew 6:33

Dear Holy Father, as we rise we will begin our day seeking you. We commit to meditate on your Word throughout each day. We choose to keep you first in our thoughts until your ways become our ways, until your will is manifested. We want more of you and less of us. You are LORD and King. Our desire is that we will be formed into the image of Christ as we spend time in your presence daily and make you our priority. *In Jesus' Name, Amen!*

Further Study: Read Psalm 63 and answer the following questions:

Question: What are the specific times we should seek and meditate on the Lord?

Answer: _____

Question: How is seeking and meditating on the Lord reflected in your life?

Answer: _____

DAY 15
DECEMBER 28, 2011

Weekly Theme: Walk with God by Faith



COMMUNICATING THROUGH FAITH-FILLED PRAYER

I John 5:14-15

Dear Daddy God, we thank you for the opportunity to communicate with you through prayer. It's a privilege for us to talk to you, to spend time with you and to receive revelation from you. We know that every time we communicate, it is not in vain. You hear, know, and understand every one of our issues, burdens, anxieties and flaws. Not only do you hear; you heal. Help us to make prayer our number one priority, because how can we say we love you, when we don't talk to you. We want to be in constant communication with you, not just for our lives, but also for the souls of others. Let our prayer lives be unselfish, uncommon, and productive every time we come to you before your throne. We are confident that prayer changes people and things! ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read Daniel 9:1-13 and answer the following questions:

Question: How did Daniel approach God?

Answer: _____

Question: How can we humble ourselves to seek God in the same effective manner?

Answer: _____

DAY 16
DECEMBER 29, 2011

Weekly Theme: Walk with God by Faith



FAITH EVIDENCED IN SERVICE

James 1:27, 2:14-26

Lord Jesus, we thank you that you have sacrificed your life that we may be able to take part in your will. Lord, we desire to be used by you. Prepare us for service. Help us to use the gifts that you gave us for your good will and pleasure. Father, we know that you have designed us for specific purposes. Father, help us not to be slothful, but to roll-up our sleeves, and be actively engaged in loving acts of service. We are thankful Lord, that you would use us despite our limitations. O God, have your way with us. Use us as vessels of honor. Use us for your service by proactively seeking to serve others, especially the least and the lost. We will do it with joy; we will do it with all our might. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read Matthew 25:33-46; Exodus 4:1, 10-12 and answer the following questions:

Question: How are we to serve God? Who are we called to serve?

Answer: _____

Question: But I'm not that good at anything, how can I serve?

Answer: _____

DAY 17
DECEMBER 30, 2011

Weekly Theme: Walk with God by Faith



ABIDE IN HIM AND PRODUCE FRUIT

John 15:1-8; 16

Heavenly Father, only you are the source and giver of life. It is in you that we live, move and have our being. When connected to you, we receive everything needed to bear fruit. As we remain in you and your Word in us, we can ask of you and it shall be done. Thank you for the souls that are being saved and healed because of your Word. And thank you for your pruning which gives us the ability to be more fruitful for the kingdom. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read I Corinthians 3:7-13; 2 Corinthians 3:5 and answer the following questions:

Question: What helps fruit grow and become strong?

Answer: _____

Question: How is the strength of your relationship with Jesus revealed by the quality of your work?

Answer: _____

DAY 18
DECEMBER 31, 2011

Weekly Theme: Walk with God by Faith



WALKING IN COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

Psalm 50:5, 119:105, Hebrews 10:16-17

Lord, you are a heart fixer and a mind regulator and we recognize that you are our covenant keeping Shepherd. Therefore, we will not follow a stranger. YOU have written your covenant in our hearts so that we might not sin against you. And being that our flesh is naughty by nature and at times we sin, knowingly and unknowingly, we will use your Word to judge our lives. As your Word leads our hearts to repentance, we thank you for throwing our sins into the sea of forgetfulness and remembering them no more. ***In Your Son, Jesus' Name, I pray it all, Amen!***

Further Study: Read Exodus 24:7 and answer the following questions:

Question: What is the significance of the Covenant?

Answer: _____

Question: How can we demonstrate to others what is written in the Covenant, in our lives?

Answer: _____

WEEK #4

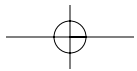
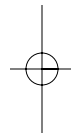
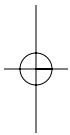
JANUARY 1 - 7, 2012

UNITY IN CHRIST

Jesus' personal prayer for believers in John chapter 17 was that we would all be one, as He and the Father are one. Jesus was always focused on the mission that His Father sent Him to do here in the earth. Jesus would often say that He would only do and say what His Father required of Him. As we pray for unity in Christ this week, we will focus on forgiving and loving one another. We will also be on one accord, have the mind of Christ and have the heart of our Pastor. We will be unified as a church body to fulfill the plan of God and secure the future of the next 2-3 generations.

- **How does unity start?** We must humble ourselves and speak the same thing and be of the same mind. Genesis 11:6, Acts 1:14, 2:1, II Corinthians 13:11, Philippians 2:2
- **Things seem to be running smooth without my help why should I get involved?** You have been baptized into a body of believers, what God has put in you is necessary for the body to grow. I Corinthians 12:12-16, Hebrews 10:23-25
- **How can I ensure that I am striving to keep unity?** Love humility and forgiveness, these are necessary components in order to achieve the unity that God desires. II Corinthians 2:5-11, Ephesians 4:32





DAY 19
JANUARY 1, 2012
Weekly Theme: Unity in Christ



SINGLENESS OF MIND

Acts 1:13-14, Acts 2:1, 46, Philippians 2:1-2

Dear Father God, help us to operate in a spirit of unity. We know that you have called for your people to operate in one mindset, with one purpose. We ask that you help us to come in line with the greater purpose. Let there be less concerns for our personal wants and desires, and let all of the focus be put on what benefits the Body of Christ as a whole. We understand that there is power in unity, and that goals are reached when we work with our neighbors, instead of against them. Help us to agree with and work toward the greater goal of the church, which is to give glory and honor to you, together. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read Acts 1:1-8; Acts 2:46-47 and answer the following questions:

Question: Why did the disciples have to wait, together, to receive the Holy Spirit before witnessing to others?

Answer: _____

Question: What were the results of being one-minded and praising God?

Answer: _____

DAY 20
JANUARY 2, 2012
Weekly Theme: Unity in Christ



SELFLESS LOVE BUILDS UNITY
Romans 12:10

Help us Heavenly Father, to love our brothers and sisters in Christ as well as those yet to be saved. For your Word says, "That while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) Father, we desire to show love to all people, as we are all your children. Help us, Father, because we know that you first loved us and we now have the power to allow others to experience that same love through us. This type of love unifies us and defeats the plan of the enemy to weaken us through division. *In Jesus' Name, Amen!*

Further Study: Read John 13:34-35 and answer the following questions:

Question: Why do we need to demonstrate love for one another?

Answer: _____

Question: What would this love for one another show to the world?

Answer: _____

DAY 21
JANUARY 3, 2012
Weekly Theme: Unity in Christ



UNITY THROUGH FORGIVENESS
Ephesians 4:31-32, Colossians 3:12-13

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to you seeking favor, strength, and an obedient heart so that we can continue to learn to have a forgiving spirit. We know that sometimes we fall short of your expectations for our lives. Father, we really need your help to live holy and show love, mercy, kindness, forgiveness, and longsuffering to others. Now, Father, we thank you in advance for being a faithful God who answers prayers. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read Mark 11:25 and answer the following questions:

Question: Why do we need to forgive others?

Answer: _____

Question: Why do we need to pray for forgiveness?

Answer: _____

DAY 22
JANUARY 4, 2012
Weekly Theme: Unity in Christ



**EMBRACING THE WORD AND MINISTRY
OF RECONCILIATION**
II Corinthians 5:17-19

Father, we thank you that we have received your Holy Spirit and therefore we are new creatures in Christ; for the old has passed away and our new lives are now hidden in you, Christ Jesus. We allow the Holy Spirit to remove old mind-sets and deceitful lusts of the old man. We put on and embrace the new man, which is created in God's righteousness and true holiness. It is your will that we operate in the ministry and as ambassadors of reconciliation. This can only happen if we remain in you and allow you to prune us daily. God, please cut away past habits, past fears, past hurts, and hindrances. Purge us of prejudice and insensitivity of any kind. You know the hidden things in our hearts that are displeasing to you. Cut away those things that are unlike you. Teach us to be reconcilers. Lord, you are the Balm in Gilead. Heal and restore so that you may be glorified and we may draw others with our light. Then we will bear much fruit.
In Jesus' Name, Amen!

Further Study: Read Colossians 1:14-22 and answer the following questions:

Question: How has Jesus Christ reconciled us to Him in order that we can have a peaceful and proper relationship with Him?

Answer: _____

Question: Is this something you take full advantage of? If so, why?

Answer: _____

DAY 23
JANUARY 5, 2012
Weekly Theme: Unity in Christ



UNITY THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

Psalm 133:1

Lord, help us to live together in genuine fellowship and unity. Help us to lovingly embrace and receive others, freely and without prejudice. Help us to demonstrate true fellowship, and the love we have for you to others by letting our walk match our talk. For your Word says, "If anyone says, 'I love God,' yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen." (1 John 4:20 NIV) Lord, teach us how to win souls to you by showing love and true fellowship to ALL. ***In Your Son, Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read Luke 10:29-37, Romans 12:10; 14:1 and answer the following questions:

Question: In what spirit are we to win souls to Christ?

Answer: _____

Question: How are we to treat 'sinners'?

Answer: _____

DAY 24
JANUARY 6, 2012
Weekly Theme: Unity in Christ



EMBRACING RIGHTEOUSNESS

Psalm 4:1-5, 11:7, 23:3, II Corinthians 5:21, James 5:16

Dear Father God, thank you for allowing us to realize that righteousness is a lifestyle that must be upheld by everyone that belongs to you. Righteousness is a distinct separation from the world, achieved by putting our faith in you and your power. Help us to uphold the standards of righteousness. Help us to willingly walk in the paths of righteousness as you lead us. In our times of weakness, we will look to the righteous example that you've sent us in your son, Jesus. Because we serve a righteous God, we will submit and be righteous servants. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read Psalm Chapter 1 and answer the following questions:

Question: How does God describe the way of the righteous? How must we become righteous?

Answer: _____

Question: Whom must we avoid being like?

Answer: _____

DAY 25
JANUARY 7, 2012
Weekly Theme: Unity in Christ



COMMUNION MANIFESTED

1 Corinthians 10:15-17

Lord God, we pray that as members of the body of Christ, we will live with complete lowliness of mind, humility and meekness, unselfishness, and patience. Our love and care for one another will bind us together in peace. We commit to be of one mind, united in spirit and loving each other. Help us to be compassionate, courteous, tender hearted, and humble. We pray for the welfare and well-being, protection, and happiness of every person in the body of Christ. As heirs of the King; help us to live and love as brothers and sisters of a united household; for we are determined to overcome together. *In Jesus' Name, Amen!*

Further Study: Read John 13:1-17, I John 1:1-7 and answer the following questions:

Question: Why is there joy in communion/fellowship within the body of believers?

Answer: _____

Question: What happens when we truly engage in communion/fellowship with one another?

Answer: _____

WEEK #5

JANUARY 8 - 14, 2012

DRAWING NEARER TO GOD IN PRAYER

The Bible tells us in James 4:8 that if we draw nigh (near) to God, He will draw nigh (near) to us. This is a promise and guarantee that God will respond to us when we initiate communication with Him. We don't have to be concerned that He will reject us or grow weary. He anticipates fellowship with us and has given us the desire to draw closer to Him. Fellowship and communion with God is a privilege that should not be taken lightly or for granted. Jesus paid the price for our sins, as the Sacrificial Lamb, so that we have an opportunity each day to go boldly to the throne of grace and seek Him for the help that we need.

- **I desire to have daily experiences with God, what can I do?**
A close relationship with God is developed through a disciplined, regular pattern of communication through prayer. Matthew 14:23 Mark 1:35, Luke 6:12, John 10:4-5.
- **I feel "stuck" how can I grow?** This requires that you devote time and effort, surrendering to God, seeking to learn who God is, hearing through worship experiences, and following the example of and being accountable to others. Philippians 3:7-10; I Peter 5:5-7; II Peter 1:2-8



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DAY 26
JANUARY 8, 2012

Weekly Theme: Drawing Nearer to God in Prayer



DRAW NEAR TO GOD IN HUMILITY

James 4:7-10

LORD, you reign, you are the Vine, you are our source, LORD, you are our everything. Apart from you, we have no life. Draw us and we will run after you: bring us into your chambers; we will be glad and rejoice in you. You have given us a garment of righteousness and redeemed us through your Blood. So by your Blood, reconcile us back to your Heart. LORD, draw us so close that your heart and ours will be as one. Lord, purify our hearts individually; unify our hearts as the church, and we ask that you speak to our hearts. LORD, your Love was expressed by the shedding of your blood, which was the ultimate expression of Love. Thank you LORD for drawing us by your Love. We love you and give you all the Glory. *In Jesus' Name, Amen!*

Further Study: Read Romans 8:14-17 and answer the following questions:

Question: Heirs are usually obedient children of parents. What does it mean to be an heir of Christ?

Answer: _____

Question: As an heir, you will receive an inheritance. What does this scripture promise us?

Answer: _____

DAY 27
JANUARY 9, 2012

Weekly Theme: Drawing Nearer to God in Prayer



SEEK GOD

Psalm 42:1-2, 63:1&6

Heavenly Father, we sincerely want to express our desperate need for you. On bended knees, we hunger and thirst to find you in spirit and truth. Sometimes, it feels like this flesh holds us back from finding you, but you said that your grace is sufficient. So we present ourselves to you as living sacrifices. We lean on you and seek your kingdom and its righteousness. We come against all distractions, vanity, and pride; and loose love, sincerity, and a pure heart. LORD, we are blessed to come to you boldly and seek your face, and truly find your will for our lives. As an eagle pursues its prey, so are we in pursuit of you LORD. Just as Jacob wrestled with you, we won't let go, until you bless our souls. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read I Chronicles 16:10-11; Jeremiah 29:12-13 and answer the following questions:

Question: How does God respond when you earnestly seek him?

Answer: _____

Question: When, where, and how should we seek God?

Answer: _____

DAY 28
JANUARY 10, 2012

Weekly Theme: Drawing Nearer to God in Prayer



NEARER THROUGH HOLINESS & SANCTIFICATION

Leviticus 19:2, 20:7, Hebrews 12:14

O Lord our God, Father your name is Holy, your name is magnificent. You are Holy in all your ways and there is none like you. Heavenly Father, we thank you for an invitation to be your ambassadors, to be your people in the earth doing your will. Lord, we are not worthy; we are so humbled by your presence. Teach us Lord what it means to be Holy and live a life that reflects your Holiness. Sanctify us through your blood O God. Help us to walk upright before you. Lord we need your help; we cannot make it without you. Lord Jesus, we have a desire to please you. Lord, we desire to see you one day. You have declared through your Word that without Holiness no one can see you. Lord Jesus, unless you help us to be holy, we cannot accomplish it in our lives. Lord, we know to be holy means that we are *set apart for your use exclusively!* Sanctify us Lord and set us apart for your use. Use us as vessels of honor and cleanse us from sin. Teach us how to follow your Holy Spirit; O God, we need you. Prepare us Lord. Jesus we love you, we thank you, and we praise you. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read Titus 2:11-15; I Peter 2:9-10 and answer the following questions:

Question: What is God's purpose for redeeming us and calling us to holiness?

Answer: _____

Question: What does it mean to be a chosen generation?

Answer: _____

DAY 29
JANUARY 11, 2012

Weekly Theme: Drawing Nearer to God in Prayer



CONSECRATION

Isaiah 1:16

Father, we confess and acknowledge that sometimes we have served you with our lips but our work and deeds have not reflected genuine consecration. We are overwhelmed by your faithfulness and goodness. We are awed and challenged by your continued grace. We are humbled by your patience and kindness to us. We acknowledge and forsake our thoughts, words, deeds and actions that do not please you. We deliberately and consciously reject and forsake any practice, person, or thing (idols) that draws us away from you. We embrace the promise of your Word that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) Give us the boldness of Joshua to vocally and publically choose you and serve you above all others. Help us to be more sensitive to your Spirit. Help us to recommit and rededicate ourselves to you as Savior and Lord.. We give you all the praise, the honor, and the glory. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read Joshua 24:14-25, Matthew 6:24 and answer the following questions:

Question: To serve the Lord faithfully, we must be willing to examine ourselves, identify and confess and forsake our sins. Have you made this a practice in your walk with God? Do it now!

Answer: _____

Question: Have you set God as the highest priority in your life? If so, list the practices and activities that affirm this. If not, list what you are willing to do now.

Answer: _____

DAY 30
JANUARY 12, 2012

Weekly Theme: Drawing Nearer to God in Prayer



FASTING

Joel 2:12-15; Matthew 17:21

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all that you have done for us, all you are doing right now, and all you are preparing to do. Lord, teach us to fast and fast for your glory. Lord we believe that prayer, combined with proper fasting helps us to be open and honest with You and allows us to stand in the gap for others. Lord, teach us how to honor you every time we fast. Help us to put our flesh under subjection by abstaining from food and other nutrients, and anything else that distracts us from you and deliberately open our hearts and souls to Your Will. Help us to hear you more and to align our will to yours. Lord, we thank you that you never give up on us. We praise you Lord just for being who you are and being the strength of our lives. Help us to faithfully and biblically make fasting a powerful weapon in our spiritual arsenal, for your praise and glory. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read Isaiah 58:1-12 and answer the following questions:

Question: Is it possible to fast and not have God honor your fast?

Answer:

Question: How does fasting get you closer to God?

Answer:

DAY 31
JANUARY 13, 2012

Weekly Theme: Drawing Nearer to God in Prayer



PRAYING IN FAITH

Matthew 21:21-22; I John 5:14-15

Lord, we thank you for the privilege that you have given us that allows us to communicate with you. Father, help us to seek you for everything. Lord, we desire that prayer would become an essential part of our lifestyle. Help us to draw nearer to you. Father you are a God who both hears and answers prayer. We embrace and believe that our prayers work (James 5:16) Teach us to pray, not simply as a spiritual exercise, but as a spiritual tool that is powerful and effective. Give us a heart to travail in prayer and experience your answer. Without direction from you, we cannot make it God. Help us to put aside the noise that is created by everyday life and to cry out with passion and discernment. We ask this for each of us individually and as a corporate, praying community. . Father, help us to become more disciplined in faith-filled prayer. Lord Jesus, we love You, we adore you, and we thank you. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read Psalms 55:16-17; Luke 6:12; Matthew 7:7-11 and answer the following questions:

Question: What do the study verses say regarding the importance of consistent, faith-filled prayer?

Answer: _____

Question: How often should we pray? What should you expect when you pray?

Answer: _____

DAY 32
JANUARY 14, 2012

Weekly Theme: Drawing Nearer to God in Prayer



HEARING FROM GOD
(THROUGH THOSE GOD HAS SENT)

Revelation 3:20-22, Romans 10:14-17

Dear Lord God, help us to be sensitive and attentive and hear your voice. Lord, you speak through whom you Will. You have chosen to speak to us through God-chosen, God-ordained, God-sent vessels. Help us to turn away from our human nature that tends to either ignore or selectively choose how or what we will 'hear.' As you supply us with gifted vessels that You choose to use, help us to hear and obey You through them. Help us to constantly hold them up in prayer so that as a godly community, we will never be deficient or lack a fresh 'Rhema' Word from You. Help us to put aside every distraction, hindrance, and anything that is not like you, so that we may hear the unadulterated Words of God clearly. Speak to us. Tell us who we are and who we will become. Help us to know them which labour among you,(us) and are over you (us) in the Lord, and admonish you (us) and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. I Thessalonians 5:12-13 We are your obedient servants. Speak to us. Guide us. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read Exodus 4:1; 15-16; 30-31; John 10:4-5 and answer the following questions:

Question: What would have been the fate of Israel if Moses were not in a state to hear God's guidance and direction?

Answer: _____

Question: Specifically, who is ordained by God to speak the word into your life?

Answer: _____

WEEK #6

JANUARY 15 - 22, 2012

COMMITTED TO OUR GOD-GIVEN VISION

As we enter the final week of our six-week corporate journey of seeking the face of God, we must challenge ourselves as to our sincerity and authenticity by deciding whether we are ready to apply personal and corporate, commitment, to the Vision God has given us. This will apply a spiritual 'seal' to this covenant. WHERE THERE IS NO VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH!! Proverbs 29:18

This is proven, only as we have the faith and courage to 'hear' the vision God has placed before us, embrace it as a unified spiritual community, share it with others, and believe God will use us, ALL OF US to provide what is necessary to bring it to pass!

Genuine commitment cannot be obtained without first reaching a level of spiritual maturity. We have matured spiritually when we have prioritized God in the correct position in our lives and made Him pre-eminent - when He is Lord of everything. When we are mature, we see things and people as God sees them. We are no longer focused on our own wants and needs but we are Kingdom-minded, living out Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Fulfilling God's purpose will be our priority and we will be committed to obey God's Word. During this final week of prayer, we will entreat God to increase our spiritual commitment to our Church's God-given vision, articulated through our pastor Bishop Smith. Our spiritual commitment will be evidenced in our Capital Stewardship pledge, with faith and commitment to sacrificially give (above tithes and offerings) and complete it over the next 3 years, to the Glory of God!!!



- **How can my commitment to God be measured?** By the priority God has in your life and also by the willingness you have to set aside distractions in order to fulfill what God has required of you. In addition we are expecting to hear from God through our pastor regarding being sacrificial and supporting and unifying around a 'worthy cause.' 1 Sam 17:29
Matthew 6:33, Hebrew 12:1-2

How can I become committed? Commitment will be developed through ***Faith, Prayer, and Sacrifice***, via biblical instruction, obedience, service, and sacrifice. Romans 6:16-18, Romans 12:1-2

DAY 33
JANUARY 15, 2012

Weekly Theme: Spiritually Committed to Our God-Given Vision



TO THE CALL OF GOD ON YOUR LIFE
Romans 12:1-8, I Corinthians 12:4-31

Dear Heavenly Father, we are so grateful that you have chosen us, the Body of Christ, a global body, with people from every nation, kindred and creed. We are many, and we are different. We come from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Yet each of us have been born by one Spirit, and for one Purpose, to build Your Kingdom and bring great Glory to your Name.

In the immensity of our numbers, you have deliberately and wonderfully ordained Divine Value and Purpose for each of us as your sons and daughters. Each and every one of us has a critical and essential part to play in your Plan. We confess that we are "fitly joined together and compacted by that which *every member supplies!*" or "**each part in its own special way helps the other parts, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.** *Ephesians 4:16 (TLB)* We acknowledge and confess that not of us are effective apart from the others, and that you are glorified only as each of each is properly acknowledged, affirmed, and utilized.

Help us to be effectively committed, both individually and corporately to honoring the Call of God that is upon each of us. And to join together as one people to achieve and bring to pass the Vision you have set for this ministry.

We rejoice in your wisdom and grace. Lord we bless your name and thank you in advance for helping us to acknowledge and accept your call on our lives and to maximize our spiritual potential. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

DAY 34
JANUARY 16, 2012

Weekly Theme: Spiritually Committed to Our God-Given Vision



**TO BE A LEADER IN EMBRACING THE VISION AND
CONNECTING IT TO GENERATIONS**

Psalm 45:17; 145:4

Prayer: Father, you are truly the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. You are the God whose covenant touches and impacts, and is passed down through generations. Forgive us for often being small-minded and short-sighted at the reach and intent of your promises. Help us to have enough faith to know your promises and blessings are "yea and amen," not only to us but to interconnecting generations of those who love your Name. We believe and know that the vision you have given us is not ours alone but must be in our hearts, and shared and engrafted into the hearts and minds of multiple generations. Let us with faith and spiritual tenacity, embrace it and share it with spiritual sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters to the third and fourth generation. *In Jesus' Name. Amen*

Further Study: Read Exodus 3:15; Deuteronomy 6:6-7; II Timothy 1:5-6 and answer the following questions:

Question: Our theme commits to "Uniting Generations!" This is a powerful biblical principle. How committed to it are you personally?

Answer: _____

Question: What are you doing and willing to do, and what must we do in order to ensure our work and effort is 'inter-generational?'

Answer: _____

DAY 35
JANUARY 17, 2012

Weekly Theme: Spiritually Committed to Our God-Given Vision



BEARING FRUIT (OF THE SPIRIT, IN MY LIFE)

John 15:1-5, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 5:9

Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you for salvation, bought at a great price on Calvary. As we rejoice in this salvation, we realize we are unfinished products of your grace. We realize that we are spiritual "works on the wheel." We are 'fruit plants' in your garden. Give us the courage to surrender to You DAILY. As we surrender, and abide in You, you will prune our lives through your Word. This will be manifested by the rich production of the fruit of the Spirit being evidenced more and more in our lives. (love, joy, peace,...) This will become contagious and provoke our fellow brothers and sisters to produce abundant crops of fruit as well. . We desire to be trees that bear much fruit. We want our branches to overflow with fruit. Lord, help us to live our lives in such a way that it is glorifying to you and that the world can see that we are bearers of much fruit. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read Luke 6:43-46 and answer the following questions:

Question: Fruit-bearing is the evidence of the Holy Spirit being in control in my life. Identify what fruit is evident in your life?

Answer: _____

Question: The Father's Will is that we bear 'much fruit!' What must be pruned, and what must be cultivated in order for our trees to bear fruit?

Answer: _____

DAY 36
JANUARY 18, 2012

Weekly Theme: Spiritually Committed to Our God-Given Vision



...TO DAILY PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Ephesians 5:19-20, Psalms: 34:1, 139-14

Heavenly Father, we just want to say thank you. We praise and worship your most holy name for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. We know that praise and worship are essential to our spiritual well-being. Lord we desire to sing psalms and make melody in our hearts to you every day of our lives. We will bless the Lord at all times and His praise shall continuously be in our mouths. From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised. Oh God we want to worship you in the beauty of Holiness. We realize that genuine praise and worship, from the hearts of your people is a tremendous weapon that defeats the plans of the deceiver, and destroys the word of the devil. Heart-felt praise, builds the faith of your people and brings Glory to your great Name. Lord, help us to be faithful, individually and corporately in our praise and worship. ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: Read 2 Chronicles 20:17-22; John 4:23-24; Hebrews 13:15 and answer the following questions:

Question: A committed people have a heart of praise and worship. How is this evidenced in your life?

Answer: _____

Question: What is the effect of praise and worship in bringing to pass the vision of God?

Answer: _____

DAY 37
JANUARY 19, 2012

Weekly Theme: Spiritually Committed to Our God-Given Vision



TO UNITY AND UNIFYING
Genesis 11:6; I Corinthians 1:10

Dear Heavenly Father, without you we can do nothing. But as we surrender and rely on you, all things are possible. The enemy knows that he cannot prevail when your people live and operate in unity. We confess that division and disconnection is our greatest weakness. Give us the courage and faith to walk together, in the same mind and with the same spirit. Break down the tendency we have for separatism, and doing things our own way in isolation. Help us to love and respect one another to the degree that walls will be torn down, and fellowship will be common and joyous. Help us to not only walk in unity, but be committed to the hard work of actively and persistently becoming people who unify! Help us to think, speak, and live as the unified Body you ordained. Let this be seen in the love and forgiveness that we demonstrate daily. In this manner we will succeed in accomplishing the vision you have cast for us. Thank you for hearing and answering our prayer. *In Jesus' Name, Amen!*

Further Study: Read John 17:21-23; Ephesians 4:1-3; 16 and answer the following questions:

Question: Jesus' heart for His own is that we become one. What are you doing to bring this to pass?

Answer: _____

Question: What does Ephesians 4 teach us about unity in the Body of Christ? How do we cause it to come to pass in our church?

Answer: _____

DAY 38
JANUARY 20, 2012

Weekly Theme: Spiritually Committed to Our God-Given Vision



COMMITTED TO YOUR SHEPHERD

Hebrews 13:17, I Thessalonians 5:12-13

Dear Heavenly Father, help us to have a spiritual commitment to our Shepherd here at the Apostolic Faith Church. Help us to understand that he is under the leadership of our Greater Shepherd, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who provides for us all. Give us a spirit of obedience, that we will follow him as he follows Christ. Let our love for him be genuine and ever-growing. Help us to appreciate the gift he is to us and to the Body of Christ. Please bless, strengthen, undergird, and protect him. Continue to give him a heart for You. Bless him with all spiritual and natural blessings, that he may minister to others. Bless his family and all who he loves. Father we know that the images in Psalm 23 depict calming waters, green pastures, and a secured path, the result of godly shepherding. All of things you will provide, to guide, bless and sustain us as well as we support the shepherd you have given us. Father help us to realize that when we follow our shepherd wholeheartedly, you, the Chief Shepherd dispatches to us, your ambassadors, goodness and mercy which will follow us until we complete our journey. Father we know that goodness assures each step and mercy redeems each stumble. *In Jesus' Name, Amen!*

Further Study: Read II Chronicles 15:3; Jeremiah 3:15; I Timothy 5:17 and answer the following questions:

Question: To truly appreciate the shepherd, list his God-given role in your life?

Answer: _____

Question: How important is it for the sheep to follow the Shepherd through His under-shepherd?

Answer: _____

DAY 39
JANUARY 21, 2012

Weekly Theme: Spiritually Committed to Our God-Given Vision



TO THE VISION OF THE MINISTRY

Proverbs 29:18, Habakkuk 2:2-3

Dear Heavenly Father, we are called to be committed to the vision of our church. Help us to realize that this call is to expand your Kingdom and spread the Gospel. Lord we know that you desire us to bring all people to a saving knowledge of you. We understand and embrace the truth, that our vision of building expansion not about 'brick and mortar,' but it is really about the saving of souls and the changing of lives by expanding facilities and enhancing our ability to share with others the Life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ. Father, help us to understand that when we are fully committed, we improve and enrich the lives of society educationally, spiritually, physically and socially. Heavenly Father, help us to comprehend that the fulfillment of this vision has been entrusted into our hands. Help us to faithfully trust you, and see the vision you have given come to pass! By adhering to this ministry vision, we will rejoice as countless lives are saved, delivered, and enriched, bringing greater Glory and Honor to Your Name! ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

Further Study: I Chronicles 22:19 and answer the following questions:

Question: Why is it important for a ministry to have a vision? What is the result of lack of vision?

Answer: _____

Question: What do you see with your spiritual eyes as we commit to bringing to pass the Vision of God for our ministry?

Answer: _____

DAY 40
JANUARY 22, 2012

Weekly Theme: Spiritually Committed to Our God-Given Vision



**TO GIVING SACRIFICIALLY TO OUR
GOD-GIVEN VISION**

Mark 12:41-43; Luke 12:48

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for your goodness to us. We thank you for giving your life as a sacrifice for us. How can we reciprocate and do for you as you have done for us? We commit to being obedient in paying tithes and giving offerings as a means of supporting your Kingdom but we desire to do more. We desire to help expand the Kingdom. We desire to give sacrificially. We rejoice in the opportunity of joining with thousands of others, unifying spiritually, and being used to bring about something special, that can only be done by the Power of God. Great things are accomplished through great sacrifice. Lord, as you have used generations of faithful people before, now inspire us, and use us as genuine vessels of sacrifice. As the Patriarch David said, "We will not give to you that which cost us nothing." (II Samuel 24:24) Let our hearts be committed to this good work. As the widow gave her all, so do we give sacrificially to you. (Mark 12:24-44) ***In Jesus' Name, Amen!***

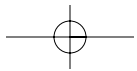
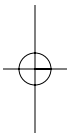
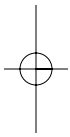
Further Study: Read I Chronicles 29:1-14, Psalm 54:6 and answer the following questions:

Question: We are called to be sacrificial. What is required for something to be truly sacrificial?

Answer: _____

Question: What will result when a people are truly sacrificial for the Lord's work?

Answer: _____



Thank you for praying and embracing the call of **Uniting Generations through *Faith, Prayer & Sacrifice*** to create a legacy for generations to come.

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