# Final Service of 2024 Prayer & Fasting

## "COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"

V1: Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

V3: 3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

# PRAYER IS WHAT KEEPS OUR HEARTS IN TUNE WITH GOD & IS WHAT KEEPS OUR HEARTS BOUND TO HIM.

### Acts 13:1-3 (ESV)

"Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off."

"The assumption of biblical prayer is that God's action always precedes my request. The aim is not to get God in on what I think He should be doing. Rather, the aim of prayer is to get us in on what God is doing, become aware of it, join it, and enjoy the fruit of participation." -Tyler Staton

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#### THE STORY OF THE ANTIOCH CHURCH

For the Antioch church as they prayed & sought the Lord...God spoke to them to join Him in His work of advancing the Kingdom in a specific way... "send out Saul & Barnabas to plant churches." Through the planting of local churches God would advance His Kingdom. These local churches would be houses of believers that were fully committed to the mission of God in reaching the lost & making new disciples (Matthew 28:19) & using their God-given giftings to serve one another & their local community (Acts 2:42-47). Every person that belonged to the Antioch church played a part in this mission in a specific way.

#### THE STORY OF CL

We have prayed & sought the Lord...& discern God is speaking to us to join Him in His work of advancing the Kingdom in a specific way...multiply our efforts in reaching Murfreesboro & the surrounding communities by planting another church campus. Through the planting of local churches God advances His Kingdom. These local churches will be houses of believers that are fully committed to the mission of God in reaching the lost & making new disciples (*Matthew 28:19*). Houses of believers that use their God-given giftings to serve one another & their local community (*Acts 2:42-47*). And every person that belongs to CL plays a part in this mission in a specific way.

### Three prayer points:

- 1.) Pray that God would help you to see your life as a vessel in winning the lost & making disciples wherever you are.
- 2.) Pray that God would help you go all in on serving the body of Christian Life however He calls you to.
- 3.) Pray that God would give CL leadership wisdom & direction as we move towards planting the second campus.