

Welcome

TO
DRIPPING SPRINGS
CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 12th, 2020

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Sunday:
Bible Class - 9:30
Worship - 10:30
PM Worship - 6:00
Wednesday:
Bible Class - 7:00

Pursuing
Love

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Practicing
Godliness

Proclaiming
the Gospel

Why You Should Practice Fasting in the New Year

By Jacob Rutledge

While Jesus never explicitly commanded his disciples to fast, it seems he assumed they would (Mat. 6:16-18). Jesus participated in an intense, forty day long fast before he went into public ministry (Mat. 4:1-11). The early church fasted and prayed before important decisions (Acts 13:2-3; 14:23). As those who desire to pattern ourselves after the New Testament church, we should caution against the dismissive attitude toward fasting we often see in many congregations. In fact, I would like to encourage you to incorporate occasional fasting into your spiritual habits this year. Why?

It increases your faith in the promises of Jesus. Jesus' teaching on the sermon on the mount seems so foreign to our American experience; particularly our rampant materialism and wealth. We don't know what it means to ask for "daily bread" (Mat. 6:11) or trust in God for simple food and clothing (Mat. 6:31). While we are thankful for the prosperity we possess in America, it sometimes can prevent us from discovering the joy of trusting daily in God's provision and promises. For example, Jesus tells us that "Life is more than food" (Mat. 6:25). In fact, he puts it in the form of a question: "Is not life more than food?" Well, is it? Is your life more than just pursuing the next good meal? Is there something more than just filling your stomach? When we fast, we are given the opportunity to test whether we really trust the implied promise of Christ in this question: I promise, life is far more than food—it's about me.

It reminds you of your weaknesses without Jesus. I am so, so weak. Nothing reminds me of this important truth more than fasting. Whenever I decide to fast, I begin the day with such confidence. I am convinced that I will make it through the day without food—until lunchtime hits. Then, suddenly, I begin to make excuses: "Well, I don't want to be harsh towards the kids, I probably should eat a little something"; "Maybe I need to start small and then work my way up to fasting." These excuses come without me even noticing, and suddenly a spotlight is put on my weakness—how quickly I give into the flesh despite my confident resolutions. Fasting reminds me of how desperately I need Jesus.

It allows you to share in the sufferings of Jesus. The early church quickly understood an important truth about being a Christian: "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). Persecution and suffering were the passages through which every Christian had to go in the first few centuries. Yet, Paul viewed this as an opportunity to "share in the sufferings of Christ" (Phi. 3:10). While we may not currently endure persecutions, fasting allows us to share, in some small way, the suffering that our Lord endured while on earth. It draws us closer to our Savior by drawing us closer to his experience. What greater reason do we need to fast?

While, for some, fasting isn't possible due to age and health, as a church patterned after the New Testament, we should feel challenged to participate in a practice that was central to the early Christians: fasting and prayer. Never attempt to fast without the empowerment that comes from prayer. With these disciplines we will open new doors or spiritual joy and draw ever close to our Lord.

Today's Lesson Titles

A.M. • The Compassion of Christ Part 1
P.M. • The Compassion of Christ Part 2

Bible Class Schedule

Sunday 9:30 • Revelation - Jacob Rutledge
Sunday (High School) 9:30 • Exodus - Parker LaGrange
Wednesday 7:00 • Ezekiel - Winston Kinser
Wednesday (High School) 7:00 • How to Pray When I... - Parker LaGrange

Mark Your Calendar

January 16th • Good Samaritans
January 19th • CPR/AED class from 3-5PM. Please sign-up on the back table.
January 21st • Ladies Bible Study at Renee Frisinger's home from 6:30-8:30pm. Soup will be provided.
January 31st • H.A.N.D.S. Breakfast from 7:00-9:00AM for our local First Responders.

• If you are looking for a 2020 devotional book, the church has ordered the 'His Life' devotional books which take you through the life of Christ in a year. If you would like to purchase one, they are \$9.00 and you can get them from the office staff.

Youth Events

Every Wednesday • Friends in Faith - Dinner and fellowship for 6th-12th Graders beginning at 6:15pm.

Every Sunday • Bible Bowl at 5:00pm.

TODAY • KidSing will begin at 6:00pm in the auditorium.

January 14th • Tuesday Night Teens in the Word at 7:00pm at the LaGrange's house. 6th-12th grade.

January 17th-19th • CYC! We will leave the building Friday as soon as school gets out, so be packed and ready to go. We will return around 2:00pm on Sunday.

*Check the youth board to sign-up to host Friends in Faith. We really need volunteers!

Leadership

Elders

Roland MerzBill Hyde....Tracy Frisinger

Deacons

Randy Banks Matt Walker
Stephen Estrada Winston Kinser
John Gray Brian Wilks
Damon Hyde Robert Wright
Jay Kelsey Tim Wright
Russell Speir

Ministers

Jacob Rutledge Parker LaGrange

For the Record

December 29th

Sunday AM 183

Contribution \$13,318

January 5th

Sunday AM 173

Contribution \$9,088

January Birthdays This Week

13th • Micah Moore
14th • Sheri Bangs & Shanna Underwood
15th • Myra Fox
17th • Kyle Merz
18th • Margaret Tilley

Privileged to Serve

Keep In Your Prayers

Sunday, January 12th

Morning

Announcements.....Charles Smith
 Song Leader.....Tim Wright
 Opening Prayer.....Damon Hyde
 Scripture Reading.....Quinn Mauck
 Sermon.....Jacob Rutledge
 Closing Prayer.....Alec Westover

Evening

Song Leader.....Bill Hyde
 Opening Prayer.....Joel Wilkinson
 Sermon.....Jacob Rutledge
 Closing Prayer.....Don Stafford

Lord's Table

Roland MerzLon Calvert
 Tom Pawelka.....Daryl Burrell
 John Gray.....Kelly Miller
 Harrison Gray.....Mark Cowan

Wednesday, January 15th

Opening Prayer.....Robert Wright
 Song Leader.....Bran Wilks
 Speaker.....Alec Westover
 Closing Prayer.....Russell Speir

Ladies Room 101 Duty

January

Jeri Belyea, Nichole Bonnett, Jennifer
 Mauck, Tricia Allgyer

Church Family • Tricia Allgyer, Phyllis Barker, The Mark
 Crumley Family, Russ and Pat Molenaar, Grady & Janice
 Moore, Stephanie Reed, Clinton & Carolyn Rutherford,
 Margaret Tilley, Norman and Betty Starling, Bob
 Templeton, The Walker Family

Shut-ins & Other Needs • Nelawyn Dalley

HCC Resident • Nancy Wallace

Lavender Springs Residents • Marvin Crumley

Ledgestone Residents • Elaine Hartzog, Elsie
 Norton, Shirley Scott, & Marie Balderson

Family & Friends of the Church • Will Allen, Pat
 Balderas, Tom Barthel, Faith Beamon, Betty Bufkin,
 Timmy Burchfield, Shirley Burrell, Mike Coon, Vincent
 Ewald, Gary & Carol Heinemann, Butch Jennings, Greg
 Lasley, Marvin Mills, Gary & Sandra Montgomery,
 Regina Sanchez, Margie Simmons, John Suter Sr., Ariana
 Stainitis, Dennis Tilley, Pat Fielding-Tweedie, Barbara
 Valle, Tommy Williamson

Prayer Updates

• Butch Jennings, Bonnie Walker's great
 uncle, had a stroke and is doing better.
 Please pray for him.

• Greg Lasley, a former co-worker of Tracy
 Frisinger, has been diagnosed with Pulmonary
 Fibrosis. Please keep him in your prayers.