



The Beacon

Weekly Newsletter / New Covenant Church Thomasville, Ga
Wednesday February 10, 2021

Let's Get Connected!

Sunday Mornings

Covenant Café 8:30am (Grits & Coffee served)

Sunday School—8:45am—9:45am

Book of Exodus - Mike Folsom

in the Oasis Fellowship Hall

JOY CARRIERS - Danny Copeland

In Room 8

Pre-Service Prayer—9:45am

Main Event Worship Service 10:00am

Wednesdays

11:00am Bible Study—Oasis

6:00pm—Fire By Night Prayer

6:30pm—Folsom Home Group:

Moultrie, Ga (dinner and Bible study included)

7:00pm Bible Study—Room 8



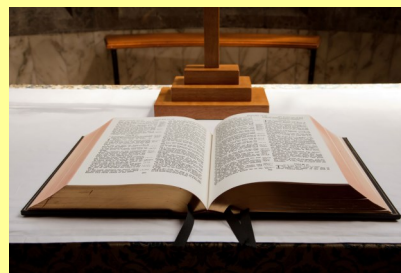
Fire by Night Prayer

Wednesdays

6:00pm to 7:00pm

Bible Study

Led by Skeeter (Bill Myers)



Wednesdays at 11:00am

OASIS

Let's Pray!

Daniel & Gwen Gaines
Willie Brooks
Jacqui Winkelmann
Bill Myers —Alli's dad
Daniel —Mike & Judy's nephew
Dave Allen—Pastor Dave's dad



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Sunday Morning Services
Livestream via Facebook
starting at 9:45am

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Verse of the Week

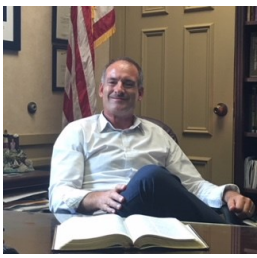
If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 NIV

Life Group

**Immediately
after
Fire By Night
Prayer**

Wednesday Nights with Skeeter
7:00pm
In Room 8



From the Desk of Pastor Dave

Did you know that because you are a follower of Christ, God's face is perpetually turned toward you with unconditional love, joy and delight? It's true! I know a woman who is passionate about her love for Jesus and it's common to hear her say, "I am God's favorite". She has received the revelation that God really does love her. When you get right down to it, we are all God's favorites! Jesus loves us as much as the Father loves Him. In the Message Bible Jesus says ⁹⁻¹⁰ *"I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you'll remain intimately at home in my love. That's what I've done—kept my Father's commands and made myself at home in his love"* — John 15:9-10.

The Bible instructs us to seek God's face: "Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always" (Psalm 105:4, NIV). Why are we to seek God's face? The answer lies in the translation of the word "face." Different translations translate the word face as "presence." In the ESV, this verse is translated as: *"Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!"*

I am convinced that it's far better to seek God's face than His hands. In other words, I would rather have Him present with me than the stuff that He can give me. When we seek God's face, we aren't approaching Him with a list of what we need and want; we approach God because we truly love Him and want to get to know Him better. We want to learn His character and behold His presence more than anything else. We can trust that He knows what we need.

When I was a new believer in Jesus, I treated God like a spiritual Santa clause; only pursuing His gifts instead of His presence. It took spiritual growth and time to appreciate God's presence. When we seek God's face, something very powerful happens. The Lord wants us to seek to spend time with Him in His presence more than anything else. He promises

that we will find Him: "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart" (check out Jeremiah 29:13; and Matthew 7:7-8). When we seek God, we get to know Him and our desire for Him will grow and become more important than anything else. Psalm 63:1-3 expresses this strong desire: *"O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you."* When we seek God and find Him, we can't help but give God praise and thanksgiving.

Now is not the time to fear the world around us, but to stand firm in unwavering faith. Faith on the promises the Lord has spoken. God is faithful to bring them to pass in His perfect timing and in His way. I also believe that the plans of God for us and America have not been aborted. We must hold on because His promises and plans will unfold. There are a few primary ways we can seek the face of God—His Word, prayer, and worship.

Have you ever considered that when we read His Word, we learn about His character and His ways? As we pray to God and spend time with Him, we learn to hear His voice. When we worship Him, He shows up as we welcome His presence. It is time for the people of God to stand in faith for the divine intervention and overturning that is coming, and to partner with the Lord in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. This is why Fire by Night Prayer is so important on Wednesday nights. Your prayer closet is vital to your spiritual health.

When we seek and find God's face, we will see Him looking with favor and love toward us. The Old Testament refers to God's face shining on His people with grace and as a means of restoration and salvation. There are a lot of Bible verses that speak about this. Consider the following scriptures... Numbers 6:24-26; and Psalm 80:3, 7, 19. When we genuinely seek God's face, we will come to understand His love and His holiness more deeply, and we will reflect His character more. Jesus says in **Matthew 6:30-33** (TPT) ³⁰ *"So if God has clothed the meadow with hay, which is here for such a short time and then dried up and burned, won't he provide for you the clothes you need—even though you live with such little faith?"* ³¹ *So then, forsake your worries! Why would you say, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'"* ³² *For that is what the unbelievers chase after. Doesn't your heavenly Father already know the things your bodies require?"* ³³ *So above all, constantly chase after the realm of God's kingdom and the righteousness that proceeds from him. Then all these less important things will be given to you abundantly."* The challenge set before us is to give God the time He desires. Let's pursue Him and believe for His promises to come to pass. The Kingdom of God is here. Let's walk in righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit as we obey His holy Word. The best is yet to come! I'm excited to see what's next and how God is going to fulfill His Word. May God bless you abundantly this week.