

Happy New Year!



The Beacon

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Get Connected!

Sunday Mornings

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

Sunday School—8:45am—9:45am

Book of Exodus with Mike Folsom in
The Oasis Fellowship Hall

JOY CARRIERS with Danny Copeland
In Room 8

Pre-Service Prayer—9:45am

Main Event Worship Service 10:00am

Wednesday Nights

6:30pm—Fire By Night
No Life Group

6:30pm—Folsom Home Group:
Moultrie, Ga (*dinner and study included*)

Fire By Night Prayer

Wednesday Evenings
In the Sanctuary
6:30pm-7:30pm

*“But He answered and said,
It is written, ‘Man shall not live by
bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of
God.”*

Matthew 4:4 NKJV

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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Fasting is not just a
physical discipline; it can
be a spiritual feast.

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Draw Near

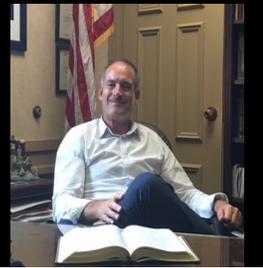
21 DAYS

OF PRAYER AND FASTING

*Commitment forms are in the lobby.
(We're praying from January 3 through January 23, 2021)*

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From the Desk of Pastor Dave: *Drawing Near...*



I am really excited about this new year! So much is happening already and we've barely got started. By now, we are four days into our 21 days of praying and fasting. If you haven't turned your commitment sheet in already, there's still time to do so. If you haven't picked one up, they are in the lobby or you can print the attachment to the Beacon newsletter. Alli and I consider it a privilege to be able to pray for you specifically and come into agreement for the things that are important to you for this New Year.

During the course of these 21 days, I hope that you'll join us on Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. As we engage in prayer together, I am convinced that God will respond to us and move on our behalf.

In order to have lasting influence, we need God's presence in our lives. Through His power at work within us, God can do more than we could ever ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). As we ask for blessing and influence, we also need to ask for His presence as Jabez did so that we are not operating out of our own strength but through the presence and the hand of our amazing, Almighty God.

I believe that God has given us purpose. He has put us on planet earth at this specific time for a reason. God says in Acts 17:26 that He determined when and where we would live. Knowing this, we can look at those around us at this specific time in history, and take personal responsibility to pray. There is so much that we can pray about. Our nation needs God, and as a moral decline increases and America takes a hard left turn away from God, we must be the voice of God and continue to stand for righteousness and not lose our resolve to see America saved. Pray for godly leaders. Pray for God's judgment to come down on all corrupt leaders, politicians and bring prosecution and due process to fruition. Now more than ever, the 7 mountains of our culture need to be covered in prayer.

As you pray and fast, hold onto hope. Don't be discouraged by what you see and hear going on around you. Remain connected to the Word of God. Take Communion daily. Pray through specific Bible verses. Don't be bashful. Find a place where you can pray aloud and make decrees without feeling awkward because someone may hear you. When you're in your car, declare life, prosperity, justice, exposure, salvation, etc.

By doing so, you will be able to remain expectant. Expectancy is so important while we walk by faith and not by sight. Something that I find that's very powerful to do is remind God what His word says and what His prophets have said. Staying positioned with trusted prophets is vital for navigating in turbulent times in our world.

Speaking of prophets, I want to mention that even though a prophetic word doesn't come to pass the way we expect it to, doesn't mean the word was wrong or that the prophet is false. Remember, that the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy. When a prophetic word is released our responsibility is to judge it against the Bible and see whether or not it is in alignment with it. If so, then with the spirit of discernment, we either can table it for a time or come into agreement with it. When we come into agreement with a prophetic word we must continue to carry that word in your spirit and pray into it. Declare that word in your prayer closet until you see the word come to pass. I have heard many prophetic words declared for our nation and I am choosing to stand on them and wait on the Lord to bring them to pass. I'm also praying and fasting for a miraculous Holy Spirit intervention for America. God is the God of the impossible. My faith is strong enough to believe. God wants to see a standard of righteousness come forth in all 50 states of America. Each of us is free to come to our own conclusions about political and national events. As spiritual prayer legislators, we are united by the Gospel, the Great Commission, the Great Commandment and our common vision of *Love, Mend, Train and Send*.

Pride is a hindrance to receiving the blessings of the Lord. The Bible tells us that *pride comes before the fall* (Proverbs 16:18). Pride can be a very real issue in our lives, but we have the power to overcome it through Jesus. Practicing humility requires overcoming pride in our lives. Just as you confess other sins, confess any pride to God. Submit it to Him, asking Him to help you walk in humility, free of pride and self-absorption. If you feel like pride is an issue that continues to surface in your life, confess it and bring it before God. 2 Chronicles 7:14 reminds us of how we can receive national healing through humility and prayer. God loves you and wants you to prosper in every way. Walk humbly and true to His Word. This will be your best year ever if you'll keep your eyes fixed on Christ and are led of His Holy Spirit. I hope this is your best prayer and fasting experience yet! Happy New Year!

Prophetic Word by Apostle Tom Hamon



We must run to the Battle! I believe 2021 is going to be a time of Great Contending in the earth. In 2020, the whole world was drafted into an engagement in a fight against a Virus we came to know as Covid 19. As we entered into this pandemic fight, I felt the Lord say to me that the real Virus that we were fighting as a church was summed up in 3 crucial areas: **FEAR, FATIGUE & FATALISM.**

FEAR. The assignment of fear, panic and intimidation in this season is real and is more than just the affect of the circumstances we are facing but has to be understood in the light of the words of the admonition giving by the Apostle Paul to Timothy when he said that God has not given us a spirit of fear. Fear is a spiritual assignment formed by the enemy to try and get the church to withdraw and retreat from the battlefield. The agenda behind this pandemic both naturally and spiritually is a full on assault of the antichrist spirit to bring to pass an antichrist agenda. Like with any war, if you don't engage in the battle, you are doomed to fail. The enemy's efforts have been focused on trying to get the Church to back up when we are called to advance. We do not fight with natural weapons, but we do fight! When we use them purposely and rightly we are made to win! Our God, Jehovah Nissi, is our Banner of Victory and Jehovah Sabbaoth is the Lord of Hosts, the Lord of the Angel Armies! In praying about the this New Year of 2021, I felt led to look at the Strong's numbers in the Hebrew and the Greek corresponding to the number 2021. I had never done this before in regards to a new year but what I found was compelling. The Hebrew word corresponding to the Strong's number 2021 is the word, hotsen, and it's meaning is 'sharp and strong, as a weapon of war; a chariot' and the Strong's number 2021 in the Greek is the word, epicheireo, which means 'to take in hand or to undertake or put the hand to'. I believe God is speaking to the church that this is a time that we must be strong and sharp and put the weapons of war of the spirit in our hands!

FATIGUE. We can't afford to be passive or fatigued in the battle. The enemies plan is to wear us down and wear us out so he can take us out. Scripture is clear that the joy of the Lord is our strength and implores us to be strong and courageous and not afraid or dismayed. Joshua was instructed 4 times in the beginning of the Book of Joshua, *Only be Strong and Courageous*. God's promise was that he would bring them into their land and they would possess it. They would fight and God would fight for them!

The Lord of Hosts would bring them victory as the Captain of the Angel Armies!

The word for Possess in the Hebrew is a particular word, Yaresh, and it means to possess by dispossessing or driving out the previous inhabitants. In other words, receive your inheritance of promise by being a contender that drives out every pretender! It's not a time to be discouraged or 'robbed of courage' or disheartened or 'robbed of heart for the battle' or to be weary in doing what is right or required. Keep praising, keep praying, keep fasting, keep prophesying, keep giving, keep living right!

FATALISM. The ploy of the enemy is to try to get us to accept the inevitability of his triumph. However, God revels in impossibilities and impossible odds! Don't give in or give up in the face of overwhelming forces! Believe God like Gideon did, like David did when facing Goliath, like Elisha did on Mt. Carmel, like the 4 Lepers did when they marched to the camp of the enemy! Fatalism wants to convince you that its over before you get started. It whispers to you that don't you know that its the end times and that its too late, the antichrist will arise and there is nothing that you can do about it. However, that has never been God's word to his people. He said that He will have a Glorious Church without spot or wrinkle before He returns. He said to Occupy till He comes, and that is a military term which means to rule in the land. God prepares a table before us in the presence of our enemies and causes us to triumph over them.

Jesus said that He will build His Ekklesia and they would be given the keys to the Kingdom and so have the power to bind and loose and shut down the gates of hell and open the gates of heaven in the earth. Daniel declares that there will be a time when it feels like the enemy is prevailing or winning but then a decree will come from the Ancient of Days that will loose favor on the Saints of the Most High so that they can take the kingdom. This is not a time to shrink back, kick back or give up but advance God's kingdom in the earth. Let's contend for God's purposes in the earth as Overcomers filled with faith, power and passion to welcome the King of Glory, the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord strong in battle, King of Kings, Lord of Lords!

I hear the Lord saying out of Isaiah 42, that He is getting ready to do New Things as the prophetic declares it and arise in His Power in the midst of worship and Deal a Mighty blow to his Enemies... Isaiah 42:9 (NKJV)

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Don't Run Away, it's time to Run to the Battle!

There is such a Power in Unity and that was why it was the focus of the Lord's Prayer in John 17 when Jesus prayed, Father let them be one as you and I are one so they may share in our glory. I believe God is going to continue to forge a new unity of true believers around the world in this upcoming season. The pandemic that was meant to divide us can become a catalyst for a new connection opportunity for us to draw closer to God and to each other.

In the midst of the heat of world events, persecution and pressure, God is going to help us recognize how much we need each other. A new appreciation is going to grow for the Body of Christ. Petty differences are going to pale in the light of the perils we will be facing. This also will be a time that God is going to expose the difference between the Sheep and the Goats and in doing so He will unite His true church more than ever before.

There will be a greater distinction made this year between those who call themselves Christian but have compromised with the spirit of the world and are uniting under a banner of tolerance, dead religion and globalism vs those who are aligning with the Word of God in a Biblical Kingdom Worldview in submission to the King of Kings above any worldly system of man.

Persecution will come to those who stand up and will not bow the knee to the music that Babylon is playing but like the 3 Hebrew Children: Hananiah (God has favored), Mischiel (Who is what God is), and Azariah (God has helped) God will use their trials to bring powerful testimonies of His glory to a hurting world.

In the midst of troubling times, God will favor, God will help and have a generation that will be like Him in the earth. God will have a company of young, brave and bold prophetic reformers that will be willing to go through the fire to bring a testimony of the Living God to a generation. God will turn the hearts of the children to the true fathers in the church just as Hananiah, Mischiel and Azariah were mentored by Daniel to be a powerful witness in their generation and nation. God is going to cause the Generations to Run Together in greater measure, healing the divides and gaps that the enemy has purposed to exasperate.

The pandemic tried to divide and isolate us but God is going to cause what was meant for evil to be turned for our good as we choose to **Run Together!** In the midst of the digital age God is going to cause a greater closeness and intimacy to emerge amongst his true believers that shine as a great light in the midst of a dark and dying world. A greater unity is going to give rise to a new Kingdom mentality in the church and release a greater Harvest than ever before.

We will need to bring our boats and nets together to take care of the mighty harvest the Lord has commanded in these last days! So, don't be a Loner or you'll be a Loser! Don't allow anything to separate you, isolate you or divide you from the ones you are called to in your family or the family of God. It's time to reach out, break down dividing walls and run together. Break down walls of abandonment, rejection, offense, isolation, division and pride! We need each other and we must be there for one another!

We Must Run till the Job is Done. God is releasing a Finishing Anointing on the church. We are going to see Jesus as the Author and Finisher of our Faith in a new way. We will learn to run for the tape and lean in and on God until the work is done. I see God breaking old patterns off those who in the past have excitedly started projects and purposes of heaven only to then falter along the way. God is going to come with special grace to finish what we started in faith. We are going from faltering to finishing. If a car stops running or breaks down, then the journey will be sidetracked, delayed or our destination may not be reached. It is imperative that we take care of ourselves, just like a car needs maintenance and tuning to keep running well. We are going to need to take care of our bodies, our souls and our spiritual life meticulously this year. We can't afford to break down or run out of gas on our critical journey this year. God will be faithful to supply times to be refreshed and rested as well as trained, resupplied and equipped. Take advantage of those times. Keep your vessel full!

My wife once preached a message called **FOCUS.** She spelled it out this way. 'Faith Operating Consistently Until Satisfied' Focus on the important issues, don't get distracted, stay in faith, keep your eyes on the prize! There is going to be a lot trying to grab our attention but let's not allow it to detour us or cause us to crash on this road of 2021. There will be a very keen release of a finishing anointing upon those who stay focused on the kingdom agenda. God will supply in amazing ways! There will be provision for the vision and mission of heaven in abundant and miraculous ways. We must keep running the race that is set before us and shake off every weight and sin and soul issue that wants to slow us or drag us down. Set a pace for the race and keep moving forward! Those that run, Paul said, must run to win! You are called to run like a champion in this season and receive the victor's crown of the overcomer!

Run into His Heart, Seize the Day and be Saved!

God's heart is a covenant keeping, faithful and true, loving heart that releases strength and comfort to His people and empowers them to seize what has already been established prophetically ahead of time as an unshakeable hope!