

# Day 1: Our Churches

## PRAYER FOCUS:

Each church in Newaygo County has a unique purpose and calling. Pray that God's blessing and favor would rest upon each of them that proclaim the lordship of Jesus.

## PRAY FOR:

- God's favor and blessings upon our churches
- Greater revelation of the love of God
- Unity among the churches in our diversity
- For the Church together to fulfill its calling and destiny
- Repentance - Call to righteousness
- Renewed passion for the LOST
- Spiritual hunger for all Christians
- Release of healing ministries in our churches
- For Pastors and leaders in each congregation

## SCRIPTURES:

***How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore. Psalm 133:1-3 (NIV)***

*James 5:14-16, John 17:20-23, Ephesians 3:17-19*

## Day 2: Our Community

### PRAYER FOCUS:

As the Church, we need to take responsibility for our communities. The Church (the true disciples of Jesus) is called to be salt and light in communities. We are to call upon God for the blessings and prosperity upon our communities.

### PRAY FOR:

- The businesses in our cities, that have a positive influence, to be blessed
- NEW business's and jobs to prosper
- Divine strategies, wisdom and direction, along with a spirit of creativity and innovation to come upon our people
- Open doors for market place ministry
- Against Drugs and Illegal activities
- A ceasing of prejudice and social injustice
- Peace and unity among the residents of our community.
- New jobs and technology to arise and employment to increase

### SCRIPTURES:

***I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth. Isaiah 62:6-7***

***If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14***

*I John 3:16, Acts 10:34 -35, Isaiah 61:1-3*

*Suggestion: Walk through your community and become aware of its needs.*

## Day 3: Our People

### **PRAYER FOCUS:**

Jesus said the fields are ripe unto harvest. We are to call upon the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into the harvest field. The number one mission of the church is to reach the lost.

**PRAY FOR** - The Church to have a passion for the lost

**Scripture – II Corinthians 2:14-20: For Christ’s love compels us. For we are convinced that He died for all...We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf~ Be reconciled to God!**

**PRAY** ... To be broken over the poor and hurting. The sexually and physically abused to see, then, be set free.

**Scripture – Isaiah 58:6: “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?”**

**PRAY FOR** - Laborers into the harvest field

**Scripture – Matthew 9:37-38: ...“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, there fore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”**

**PRAY FOR** - Spiritual hunger for the lost.

**Scripture – II Corinthians 4:4: The god of this age has blinded the mind of unbelievers so they cannot see... “Oh, Lord, open the eyes of the lost.”**

**PRAY FOR** - Open doors of ministry to impact our community

**Scripture – I Corinthians 16:9: ...because a great door for effective work has opened to me,...**

**PRAY FOR** – Boldness and clarity when presenting the gospel.

**Scripture – Ephesians 6:19: “Oh Lord, give us the lost.”**

## **Day 4: Our Families**

**PRAYER FOCUS: The family is under attack today. As the church we need to defend and protect the sanctity of the family.**

### **PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES:**

- To raise up ministries that will promote strong families
- To defend the sanctity of marriage and human life
- To have a heart of compassion for children

### **PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES:**

- For Fathers to take their rightful place as spiritual heads of the family  
Malachi 4:6; Ephesians 6: 1-4

### **PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH:**

- That God would raise up a generation of young people who are committed to Him and will radically change their world. Ps 24:3-6
- For wisdom to not fall prey to pornography, drugs, sexual activities

### **PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN:**

- To learn to honor and obey their parents
- To gain a personal relationship with Christ at an early age
- Against criminal activities targeting our children

### **PRAY FOR:**

- Reconciliation of broken relationships in families
- Peace and protection over our families
- Divorce rates to fall

### **SCRIPTURE – Deuteronomy 6:4-9:**

**Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give to day are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on our children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.**

## Day 5: Our Schools

### **PRAYER FOCUS:**

Our school and teachers have a tremendous influence on our children's values and future.

### **PRAY FOR:**

- The salvation of administrators, teachers and staff
- That God would give wisdom to the administrators, teachers, and counselors at your adopted school(s)
- The school board and superintendent of the school district
- Campus staff, teacher assistants, cooks, bus drivers, and maintenance personnel
- Christian teachers, administrators, and local Christian Education Associations
- Safety and protection over the children
- Improvement in learning and test scores
- Corruption and/or lack of integrity to be exposed
- Financial stability for schools and wisdom for financial management

### ***Newaygo County School Listings***

- Big Jackson Public School
- Cornerstone Christian Academy
- Fremont Christian School
- Fremont Public School
- Grant Christian School
- Grant Public School
- Hesperia Public School
- Newaygo Public School
- St. Michael School
- White Cloud Public School

### ***Intermediate School Listings***

- Newaygo County Regional Educational Services Agency - (NCRESA)
- Newaygo County Career-Tech Center (NCCTC)

### ***Area Colleges and Universities***

- Baker College (Fremont & Muskegon)
- Ferris State University (Big Rapids)
- GRCC - Grand Rapids Community College (Grand Rapids)
- GVSU - Grand Valley State University (Allendale)
- MCC - Muskegon Community College (Muskegon)

### ***Area Libraries***

- Croton Public Library
- Fremont Area District Library
- Grant Area District Library
- Hesperia Community Library
- Newaygo Carnegie Library
- White Cloud Community Library

# Day 6: Our Local Leaders

## PRAYER FOCUS:

### PRAY FOR:

- Mayors, city councils, etc., for wisdom, direction and discernment
- Areas of corruption or lack of integrity to be exposed
- New fresh direction
- Godly men and women to be elected in all branches of government
- Especially your Township/City and the leaders

### SCRIPTURES:

***I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone--for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.***

1 Timothy 2:1-2

***Suggestion: Find out who your local township officials and mayor are and pray for them specifically.***

#### 1 Supervisor – Barbara A. Geno

- Troy Township
- Beaver Township
- Merrill Township
- Denver Township
- Lincoln Township
- Dayton Township
- Village of Hesperia

#### 2 Supervisor – Church Trapp

- Lilley Township
- Home Township
- Barton Township
- Monroe Township
- Norwich Township
- Wilcox Township
- Goodwell Township
- Big Prairie Township

#### 3 Supervisor –

- Sheridan Township
- City of Fremont

#### 4 Supervisor – James Maike, Jr.

- Sherman Township
- Everett Township
- Brooks Township
- City of White Cloud

#### 5 Supervisor – Adam Wright

- Croton Township
- City of Newaygo

#### 6 Supervisor – Pat Gardner

- Garfield Township
- Bridgeton Township
- Ashland Township

#### 7 Supervisor – Simon (Sam) Scholtens

- Grant Township
- Ensley Township
- City of Grant

# Day 7: Our Nation

## **PRAYER FOCUS:**

Our Nation is in the midst of an economic crisis; job losses, etc. Our leaders are making very important decisions concerning the future direction of our country. Now is the time to stand up for Godly values and pray for our leaders. As the Church, let's be ready to have answers for the people who may be fearful and unsure.

## **PRAY FOR:**

- President, Congress, and Supreme Court, etc – to make Godly decisions
- For a national spiritual awakening - Repentance for national sins
- God-honoring leadership to rise up in our nation
- A culture of life not death, life to be valued
- Mercy and protection against any terrorist attacks, calamity, national safety, etc
- Favor and prosperity upon our citizens
- Improved economy
- Breaking the bondage of materialism and to see God as our source

## **SCRIPTURES:**

***Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! Isaiah 64:1-2***

***Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. Proverbs 14:34***

***For lack of guidance a nation foils, but many advisors make victory sure. Proverbs 11:14***

*Also see: Psalms 91:2-13. Deuteronomy 28:1-14*

# FASTING

## **DEFINITION OF FASTING:**

A period of time during which people of faith abstain from food and drink (fully or partially) in an effort to humble themselves and commit to seeking God in prayer.

## **TYPES OF FASTS:**

- Strict Fast – No food and water
  - If you are not used to fasting, you could start with one of the partial fasts below.
  - A strict fast should be used only for a limited time.
- Water Fast – Drink only water for a limited time
- Fruit Juice Fast – Drink only fruit juice and water for a limited time
- Fast one meal or until sunset on a given day
- Limit food groups (such as a “Daniel Fast” with only fruits and vegetables)
- Eliminate a type of food (such as sweets or chocolates)
- Other options determined by the individual in prayer

## **PRINCIPLES TO CONSIDER:**

- Prepare yourself
  - Have appropriate supplies for your fast (i.e. juice, vegetables, etc.)
  - Communicate your intention with your family so they understand your actions
  - Prepare yourself spiritually by reading scripture and determining the spiritual reason for your fast
- A fast usually starts when you get up in the morning
- Spend time during the fast concentrating on your spiritual reason for fasting.
  - Read your Bible and/or pray instead of eating a meal
  - Each time you feel hungry, pray for the purpose of your fast
- When breaking the fast:

- Prior to stopping the fast, spend time (30 to 90 minutes) in prayer specifically interceding for the reason of your fast
- Seek God's direction for you personally and/or for the church
- Make notes of what is revealed to you or insights you have received
- If you have a revelation that affects the church, communicate it to the pastor
- If you have not been drinking water, drink at least 8 ounces of water slowly to break the fast and have your first meal be a small one with mild foods.

**SCRIPTURES:**

***“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Joel 2:12***

***She never left the temple but worshipped night and day fasting and praying. Luke 2:37b***

***Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust. Acts 14:23***