

Trinity Baptist Church



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Greetings to you my Trinity Baptist Church's beloved member. We are checking in again and hope you are well in these challenging and difficult times. The COVID-19 Virus is still with us and we continue to worship practicing physical distancing. While the way we live and function these days has changed, our God has not changed, He is still at hand. We pray that you are continuing to fare well in your spirit, your health and in every area of your life.

We want to inform you that **Trinity has not settled on a date to** reopen the church, we will when considered safe and based on guidelines of our county and city. We continue to provide our Sunday Worship Services in two ways: You can log onto www.tv.trinitybaptist.cloud at 10:00am on Sunday morning (You Tube) or listen to KJLH 102.3 radio at 9:00 am every Sunday..

I'm asking for your prayers and support during this crucial time in our country. We will begin a time of Prayer and Fasting, beginning the week of October 20th, 2020. The theme and focus will be Prayer and Fasting for "PEACE" during and after the election process. I will be teaching on Prayer and Fasting. We will have weekly updates and dedicate every **Wednesday from 12:00pm-4:00pm** as our time of praying and fasting. **At noon every day, we encourage you to Stop and pray. Psalm 55:17... 'Evening and morning and at noon, I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice.'**

Thank each of you for generously giving your tithes and offerings during this COVID-19 Pandemic period. We are able to assist the needs of those who are vulnerable in our church and community, God has blessed us to meet the normal operating costs of the Church, thanks to your faithful giving.

Attached to this letter, please find scriptures on prayer and some additional practical ways to fast during this time. Our hope and prayer is that you will continue to hide God's word in your heart, meditate on it to guide, comfort, and give you peace. You do matter to our Lord Jesus Christ and to us.

We are praying that God grants us His perfect peace, good spiritual and physical health, and draws us into a closer relationship with Him. May you continue to be the salt of the earth and let your light shine. God bless you and keep you all, in Jesus name AMEN.

In His Service,

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Prayer and Fasting References

- *2 Chronicles 7:14: 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 sin and heal their land.*
- *Matthew 4:1-2: Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.*
- *Daniel 9:3: Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.*
- *Luke 2:36-37: Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity, and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day.*
- *Matthew 6:16-17: Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face.*
- *Matthew 17:20-21: So, Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief: for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move from here to there, and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”*

Practical Fasting Ideas during our Wednesday scheduled time

- *12:00-4:00pm: Fast from food and water, (consult doctor if there are medical conditions). Adjust per doctor's instructions.*
- *2 Samuel 24:24b: nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which cost me nothing.*
- *No television during this time.*
- *No social media or texting during this time unless it's work related.*
- *Put phone on airplane mode or do not disturb, unless it's work related. Notify immediate family that you will be unavailable for a block of time.*
- *Take time to read passages of scripture with this added time.*
- *Meditate for a minimum of 7 minutes during this time.*

We trust that God's word will encourage and bring renewal to your spirit. We truly believe that this time of fasting will strengthen our prayers.