

KINGDOM
INITIATIVE
PRAYER
GUIDE

“...Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did
it to one of these brothers of mine, even
the least of them, you did it to me.”

MATTHEW 25:40

NOTES FROM OUR PASTOR...

Dear Church Family,

The Kingdom of God is advancing, and we have but two choices. We can march with the King, or we can drag our feet while He uses a church that is willing to do so! Will you join me during the next 11 weeks in seeking Him with all your heart? Will you pray fervently for the Kingdom of God to come and for His will to be done in Southern Middle Tennessee as perfectly as it is done in heaven? Will you ask Him to give us some of His heart for the unchurched, the hungry, the homeless, the unborn, the prisoner, and all those who need the advancing Kingdom of God? Will you please ask Him to reveal to you whatever part you must play and sacrifice you must make to advance His Kingdom? I will join you and will wait.

Expectantly,
Pastor Pete

*THE DESIRE FOR "MORE" CAN BE A DESTRUCTIVE FORCE
TO YOUR LIFE AND FAITH.*

I pray often...I seldom pray

I struggle to pray...I long to pray

I feel close to God in prayer...I wonder if He ever hears me or even cares

Regardless of where you find yourself in regard to prayer, you are now holding a prayer guide in your hands. True—it is a guide to prayer, but if you will allow it, it will guide you on a daring adventure to the very heart of God!

As you use this guide to lead you through the next 11 weeks to Celebration Sunday on November 11, you will experience the following:

- prayers to deepen your relationship with God
- prayers to give you God's heart for community ministries
- weekend prayers for children and young families
- prayers to lead us to lives of greater generosity
- days of prayer and fasting
- opportunities for prayer gatherings with the First Family
- prayers for specific local ministries that our church is embracing.

Through it all, day by day, may God make your desires – His desires – as you move deeper in prayer and relationship with Him!

THE KINGDOM OF GOD...

on earth

as it is in heaven

Can it really happen?

How?

Where do I fit in?

This is what the LORD says, he who made the earth, the LORD who formed it and established it—the LORD is his name: ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’”

Jeremiah 33: 2-3 (NIV)

This is no game! It is war!

STAND! ADVANCE! CONQUER!

THE KINGDOM INITIATIVE

From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.”

Matthew 11:12, NIV

PRAYER Guide...

AUGUST 26

Lord, help me to understand that my involvement in this Kingdom Initiative is necessary for its success.

1 Corinthians 12:27; Romans 14:12

AUGUST 27

God, begin now to move my heart away from the treasure of this world, that I may store up true treasure in heaven.

Matthew 6: 19-21

AUGUST 28

Lord, may I know that this life is not about me, but about You.

Isaiah 43:7; Colossians 1:16

AUGUST 29

Lord, I know You want all of my love. Help me to love You that way.

Mark 12:30

AUGUST 30 – DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING (CORPORATE PRAYER @ 7:00 p.m. @ THE FIRST FAMILY)

God, show me that I'm as close to You as I choose to be.

James 4:8; Psalm 27:4

AUGUST 31

God, if I have something wrong with someone in my life, help me to make it right.

Romans 12:18; Matthew 5:23-24

If we belong to Christ, it's logical that everything we have belongs to Him. When we give to God, we are just taking our hands off what already belongs to Him.

SEPTEMBER 1-2

Father, help the First Family to be a place where children can come to meet Jesus.

Matthew 19: 13-14

SEPTEMBER 3

Lord, work in me that I may be like You.

2 Corinthians 3:18; John 8:31-32

SEPTEMBER 4

God, help me to turn to You when I'm tempted to sin.

1 Corinthians 10:13

SEPTEMBER 5

Lord, may I fully live for You, that I may cause no one to stumble.

1 Corinthians 10: 23-33

SEPTEMBER 6

Father, what am I holding back from you? Help me to surrender my all to You and Your purposes.

Luke 9:23

*AS THUNDER FOLLOWS LIGHTNING, GIVING FOLLOWS GRACE.
WHEN GOD'S GRACE TOUCHES YOU, YOU CAN'T HELP BUT
RESPOND WITH GENEROUS GIVING.*

—RANDY ALCORN

SEPTEMBER 7

God, teach me that there is more to this life than the here and now.

1 John 2:17; 2 Corinthians 4:18

SEPTEMBER 8-9

God, we want our children to follow Your truth.

3 John 4

SEPTEMBER 10-14: A WOMAN'S PLACE

An unplanned pregnancy is a hard thing to face and A Woman's Place empowers women to make an informed choice.

SEPTEMBER 10

God, anoint the staff for ministry and protect them from the enemy's attacks as they minister daily.

Isaiah 61:1; Ephesians 6:12

SEPTEMBER 11

God, please provide comfort and healing to women living with post-abortive pain.

Isaiah 61:2-3

SEPTEMBER 12

Lord, open doors for this ministry to teach biblically-based abstinence programs in public schools.

2 Timothy 2:22

SEPTEMBER 13

Father, keep Your protective and nurturing hand upon the precious unborn babies of mothers in our area.

Proverbs 24:11; Psalms 139: 13-16

DO YOU REALIZE THAT IF YOU PERSONALLY MAKE MORE THAN \$1,500 PER YEAR, YOU ARE RICHER THAN 75% OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION?

SEPTEMBER 14

God, empower Christian parents to impart godly values to their children in regard to dating and in the event of an unplanned pregnancy.

Ephesians 6:1-4

SEPTEMBER 15-16

Lord, help parents to live lives that bless their children.

Proverbs 20:7

SEPTEMBER 17-21: THE EXCHANGE NETWORK

The Exchange Network is calling out passionate influencers to pray for students in the Middle Tennessee area.

SEPTEMBER 17

Father, call 7000 adults to pray for students in Middle Tennessee.

1 John 5: 14-15

SEPTEMBER 18

God, help this ministry to become financially self-supporting.

2 Corinthians 11: 7-9

SEPTEMBER 19

Lord, provide this ministry with godly, committed board members.

Proverbs 15:22

SEPTEMBER 20

Father, call tens of thousands of adults to pray for students across this nation.

Ezra 8:23

THE TROUBLE WITH MOST PEOPLE IS THEIR EARNING CAPACITY DOESN'T MATCH THEIR YEARNING CAPACITY.

SEPTEMBER 21

God, provide this ministry with godly, committed advisory team members.

Proverbs 12: 15

SEPTEMBER 22-23

Father, help parents to understand that they have the first responsibility to teach their children Your ways.

Psalms 78: 5-7

SEPTEMBER 24-28: MAURY UNITED MINISTRIES—MUMs

MUMs provides transportation for those who otherwise would not have a ride to work, doctor appointments, and other needs.

SEPTEMBER 24

Father, give the people who drive for MUMs opportunities to be a verbal witness for Christ to those who ride with them.

Ephesians 5: 15-16

SEPTEMBER 25

God, draw the people who receive services from MUMs to attend the Bible studies for them and their families.

John 6:44

SEPTEMBER 26

Lord, help those called to be prayer intercessors for the MUMs ministry to remain faithful.

Matthew 18:19

SEPTEMBER 27 - DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING (CORPORATE PRAYER @ 7:00 p.m. @ THE FIRST FAMILY)

Father, open the eyes of the passengers served by MUMs, that they may see your power at work on their behalf.

2 Kings 6: 17

SEPTEMBER 28

God, grant wisdom to the board of directors that they may provide wise counsel to the ministry's director.

Proverbs 15: 22

SEPTEMBER 29-30

God, help parents to see that they must teach their children daily.

Deuteronomy 6: 6-7

OCTOBER 1-5: Discipleship House

The Discipleship House provides help for women just released from jail and have no where else to go.

OCTOBER 1

God, please meet the daily needs of the women at Discipleship House.

Philippians 4:19-20

OCTOBER 2

Lord, may You provide teachers to lead bible studies and volunteers for day and night shifts.

Matthew 9:37-38

*MATERIALISM IS TO GENEROSITY
WHAT KRYPTONITE IS TO SUPERMAN.*

OCTOBER 3

God, open the hearts of small business owners to offer employment to these women who are trying to start life anew.

Proverbs 21:13

OCTOBER 4

Lord, the Discipleship House needs people to provide financial support on a monthly basis.

Romans 12:8

*If YOU WANT TO FEEL RICH, JUST COUNT ALL THE THINGS YOU
HAVE THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY.*

OCTOBER 5

God, the leaders at Discipleship House need Your anointing and wisdom in providing a haven for women who so need You.

Isaiah 61:1; Proverbs 24: 3,4

OCTOBER 6-7

Lord, help parents to remember that their relationship with You greatly affects their children.

Jeremiah 32: 38-39

OCTOBER 8-12: MAURY CHAPLAIN MINISTRIES

The Maury Chaplain Ministry coordinates volunteers that go to the jail to teach Bible classes and serve as mentors.

OCTOBER 8

Father, please call a Women's Chaplain for the jail.

Matthew 25:34-40

OCTOBER 9

Lord, send someone to oversee scheduling and training of volunteers.

Ephesians 2:10

OCTOBER 10

God, send more volunteers to this ministry as the need increases!

Matthew 9: 37-38

*THERE IS NO ADVANTAGE TO BEING
THE RICHEST PERSON IN THE CEMETERY.*

OCTOBER 11

Father, call someone to volunteer to organize the paperback book library and oversee acquiring more books.

1 Peter 4:10

OCTOBER 12

Lord, help the ministry to reach out to meet the needs of parents and children of inmates.

James 1:27

OCTOBER 13-14

Father, make the First Family a place that welcomes all children.

Mark 9: 36-37

OCTOBER 15-19: SERVANT'S HEART MINISTRY

Servant's Heart is committed to sharing Christ's love through meeting the needs of the poor with clothing, furniture, etc.

OCTOBER 15

God, please open the eyes of our community to the needs of the poor!

James 2: 15-16

OCTOBER 16

Lord, enlarge Servant's Heart Ministry in Maury County through additional facilities.

1 Chronicles 4:10

OCTOBER 17

God, provide leaders to go back into their own neighborhoods and minister.

Matthew 28:19-20

OCTOBER 18

Lord, help people to give donations so that people's needs may be readily met.

Acts 4: 32-35

OCTOBER 19

God, may all the churches in our community be places where no one would feel "out of place" due to their status in life.

James 2:1-6

*HE IS NO FOOL WHO GIVES WHAT HE CANNOT KEEP TO GAIN
WHAT HE CANNOT LOSE.*

JIM ELLIOT

OCTOBER 20- CORPORATE PRAYER 7-9 p.m. @ THE FIRST FAMILY THEN ALL NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL BY SMALL GROUPS.

OCTOBER 20-21

God, enable all parents to be an “in the Lord” parent to their children.

Ephesians 6: 1-3

OCTOBER 22

Father, help me to understand that nothing I have belongs to me.

Psalms 24:1; I Chronicles 29:14-16

OCTOBER 23

God, don't let me become prideful about anything I have.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18; Jeremiah 9:23-24

OCTOBER 24

Lord, help me to not put my confidence and hope in money.

1 Timothy 6:17; Psalms 49:6-12

OCTOBER 25—DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING (CORPORATE PRAYER @ 7:00 P.M. @ THE FIRST FAMILY)

God, teach me how to be content with your daily provision.

1 Timothy 6: 6-8

*It's WHAT WE DO FOR CHRIST IN THE HERE AND NOW
THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE THEN AND
THERE!*

MAX LUCADO

OCTOBER 26

Father, keep me from being deceived by riches.

Revelation 3:17, Proverbs 23:4 -5

OCTOBER 27-28

Lord, may children imitate their parents as they imitate You.

Ephesians 5: 1

OCTOBER 29

Lord, help me to know that I cannot serve You and money, but that I can serve You with money.

Luke 16: 11-13, Proverbs 10:16

OCTOBER 30

Father, show me the danger in living for pleasure.

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11, 2 Timothy 3:1-5

OCTOBER 31

God, help me to remember that I'm only passing through this world.

Hebrews 11: 13-16, James 4:13-16

NOVEMBER 1

Lord, I need to understand that my life is not defined by what I possess.

Luke 12:15, 1 Timothy 6: 6-8

NOVEMBER 2

God, bless me financially, and I will use it to bless others.

Proverbs 10:16, Proverbs 11:24

NOVEMBER 3-4

God, help parents to teach their children to respect everyone.

1 Peter 2:17

NOVEMBER 5

God, help me to understand that hoarding my wealth is selfishness and ultimately useless.

Luke 12: 15-21

NOVEMBER 6

Father, are You calling me to be an extravagant giver?

Acts 4: 34-37, Mark 10: 21-25

NOVEMBER 7

Father, I know that I am rich when compared to most of the world's population, so what should I do with my riches?

1 Timothy 6: 18-19

NOVEMBER 8—DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING (CORPORATE PRAYER @ 7:00 P.M. @ THE FIRST FAMILY)

Lord, help me to live and give so that You will be pleased when my life is over.

Matthew 25: 19-21

NOVEMBER 9

God, help me to see beyond dollars and cents to people and souls.

Hebrews 13: 2-3, 16

NOVEMBER 10-11

Lord, because You gave Yourself for my sake, may I give myself for the sake of others.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Why FAST?

When we fast we concentrate on the work of praying, demonstrating to God that we mean business - that we are seeking Him with all our heart.

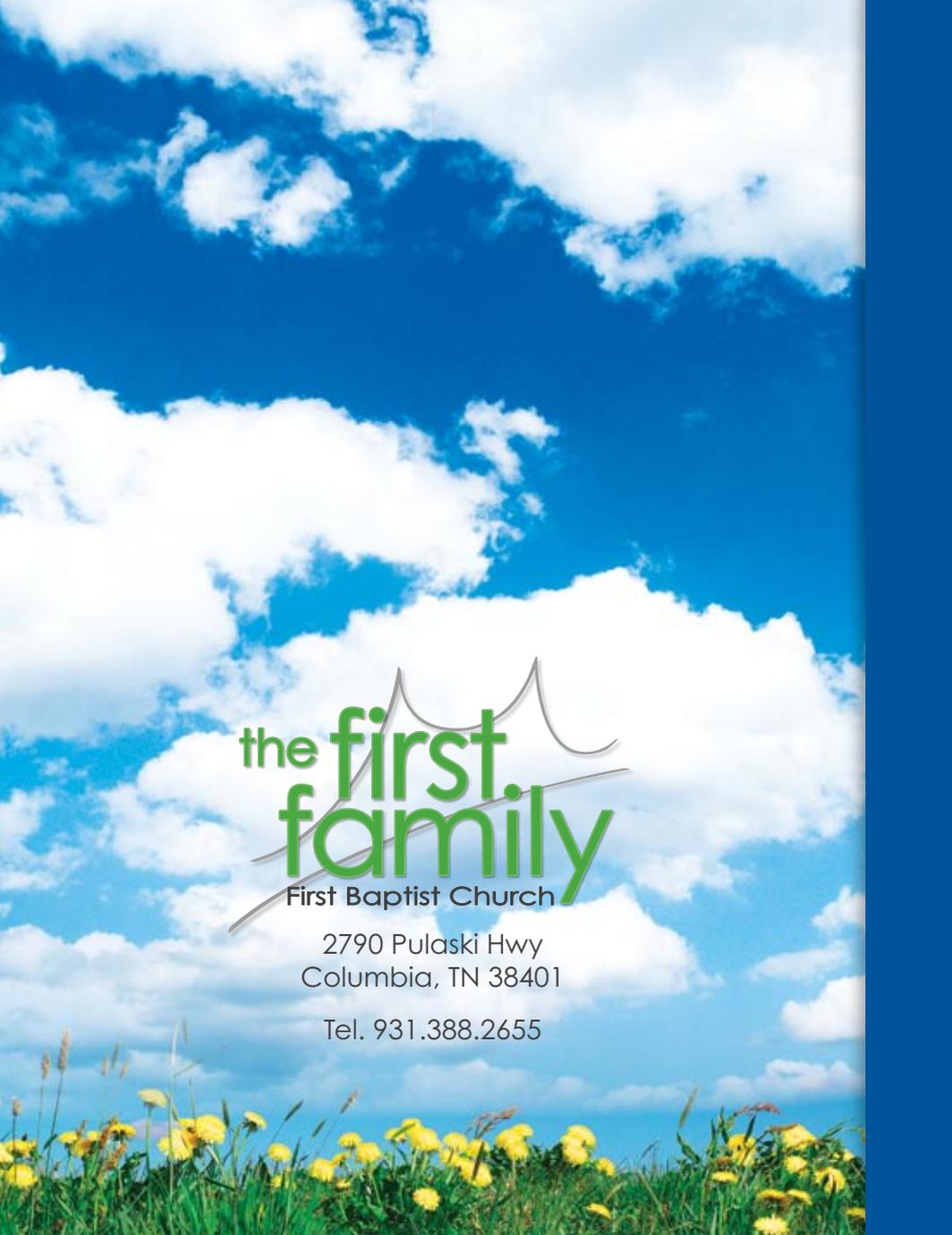
Fasting puts things in proper focus.

Fasting is giving up anything that dulls my appetite for God.

It is a physical way of saying, “food and the things of this life are not as important to me now as learning what God wants me to give and to do to advance His Kingdom.

See further information on fasting at:

www.billbright.com/7steps/



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