

Zanesville Bible Methodist Church

December 27, 2020

Emmanuel~

God enters time with a cry
To comfort all of our cries.

God throws open the door of this
World—and enters as a baby.
As the most vulnerable imaginable.
Because He wants unimaginable
intimacy with you.



—Ann Voskamp

21 Days of Prayer and Fasting January 4-24, 2021

Giving Up Something In Our Lives, To Spend More Time With God.

We are encouraging a church-wide fast for 21 days—joining in prayer with Bible Methodists all around the world. The goal of fasting is to draw nearer to God. The idea is *to sacrifice something*, and when you start to think about that thing that has consumed your attention, desires, or time—turn your thoughts instead to God and pray for our church, our city, our families and homes, and our nation. Biblical fasting always has to do with eliminating distractions for a spiritual purpose; it hits the reset button of our soul and renews us from the inside out. It also enables us to celebrate the goodness and mercy of God and prepares our hearts for an intimate relationship with God.

Resources you may want to access as you prepare for this time of fasting:

<https://jentezenfranklin.org/fastingbasics>

Purchase the book: *Fasting: Opening the Door to a Deeper, More Intimate, More Powerful Relationship with God*, by Jentezen Franklin.

Prayer List . . . With God All Things Are Possible!

- Pray earnestly for God's power to stop the virus that is plaguing our nation.
- Chleda Archer, still lingers but is nearing the gates of Heaven! Pray for her and her family during these, her last few days on earth.
- Don and Nancy Newman have both had Covid, but they are improving each day.
- Bill and Linda Jones, sorrowing the loss of Linda's aunt.
- Jeff and Rachel Brooks, recovery from covid and surgery.
- Representative Tommy Huff, the Blair's friend from KY, sick with COVID. The state of KY and the nation needs this courageous, conservative politician. Pray for his healing. We thank God that he is improving!
- Travis, a friend of Ray and Maverick's, has been missing for more than a week.
- The Ramos family and specifically the 4 children sorrowing the loss of Adrian..
- Eber and Edith Harper, regaining strength..
- Neva Norris continuing to recover from the heart attack
- Pastor Troy and Janelle Keaton. Janelle was just diagnosed with advanced cancer.
- Adam Loyd's father and mother both suffering with cancer.
- Our church neighbor (and Brittney Mangold's cousin), Jennifer, suffering with late stage bone cancer.
- Chris Pieper, a severe break to his arm in a farm accident.
- Remember Terry Kuhn, Bev Rickett, Don and Nancy, Bill and Linda, Daryl and Evelyn, Bill and Brenda—who have all been shut away from their church family for several months now. **Pray for God's special presence and encouragement to them!**
- Our online church family.
- **Pray for the members of your church family!** You may never know when someone is carrying an extra heavy load—emotional, spiritual, financial.
- Most importantly—Pray for those who do not know Jesus as personal Savior! Jonathan, Nate, and many other dearly loved individuals.

Shut-ins and ongoing physical needs:

Janeen Bonifant, Linda Jones, Ruth Harris, Don & Nancy Newman, Tom Cramer, Evelyn Fair Verlin and Chleda Archer—and family member caregivers
Eber and Edith Harper—and family member caregivers
Patty Toth—and family members (and Kay Sheese!) who care for her
Herman Brugh

Our Missionaries: Hutchisons and Maricka Herrer in the Philippines; Muirs and David Martinez in Mexico; Troyers in Asia—who are home due to coronavirus; and Tim and Becky Keep, Missions Directors. Pastor Ronaldo, Philippines, suffering greatly with cancer.

Our Haiti missionary and native friends on LaGonave and the work of the DecAid Project

Our Church Headquarters Leaders: Chris and Julie Cravens

Our National Leaders President Trump and Vice President Pence.

Our own first responder, State Highway Patrolman Wes Archer.

Every Day pause where you are at 7:14 AM and 7:14 PM to pray!

Based on II Chronicles 7:14 "If my people will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."