

*Beginning the Year in God's Presence – A Season of Prayer, Unity, and Expectation*  
*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." - Proverbs 16:3*

Dear Church Family,

As we step into a brand-new year, we do so with hearts full of hope and trust in the faithfulness of God. A new year is more than a fresh year, it is a holy invitation to realign our lives with the Lord, to renew our dependence on Him, and to walk forward with confidence, knowing that He holds our future. While we may not know everything this year will bring, we know the One who goes before us, and that assurance gives us peace and courage as we move ahead.

We begin the year together as one church family this Sunday, January 4, as we gather for a unified service at 11:00 AM. There is power in worshiping together across generations and languages, lifting one voice to the Lord and declaring His goodness. Following the service, we invite everyone to stay for a time of coffee fellowship, allowing space for connection, encouragement, and shared joy as we start the year united.

As we place God first at the beginning of the year, we will start our 21 days of prayer and fasting on January 5 and conclude on January 26, dedicating these days to seeking the Lord and listening for His voice. This season is an invitation to quiet our hearts, draw closer to God, and align ourselves with His purposes.

We will begin this journey with an all-church prayer gathering on Zoom on Monday, January 5, at 7:00 PM. Information for joining will be provided in the Sunday bulletin and through the church WhatsApp group. When we pray together in unity, we make room for God to move powerfully among us.

Throughout the month of January, there will be no Tuesday night Mega Ministry. We encourage you to use this time to rest, enjoy meaningful moments with family and friends, and give focused attention to prayer and reflection during this important season of seeking the Lord. Sometimes stepping back allows us to be renewed and better prepared for what God desires to do next.

Our time of prayer and fasting will be brought to a close with an in-person prayer meeting on Tuesday, January 27, at 7:00 PM. Adults and youth will gather in the sanctuary, while children will have their own prayer time in the fellowship hall. This will be a meaningful moment to come together in gratitude and expectation, trusting that God has heard our prayers and is already at work in ways seen and unseen.

As you walk through the month, we encourage you to review the church calendar for an overview of January's events and opportunities to connect, serve, and grow together as a church family. May this new year be marked by deeper faith, renewed strength, and a growing hunger for the presence of God in our lives.

With love and expectation,  
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