

Message From Church Leadership

Hello New Hope Members,

We bring you greetings in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We look forward to you joining the New Hope MBC fast. Fasting is the voluntary denial of food and/or material items for the purpose of loosening the ties of the world on our lives. As followers of Christ, we fast to bring ourselves into a closer relationship with God through prayer. Fasting is a deliberate act, where believers trust God for their needs to be met.

We encourage and challenge you to use this time for growing your relationship with God. Take the time you would normally eat a meal as an opportunity to pray. When you feel vulnerable or irritated, devote your attention toward seeking God's presence. Allowing God to have a place in your spirit opens the door to the blessings that are waiting for you in service to Him. A renewed closeness with God and a greater sensitivity to spiritual things are usually the results of a fast.

“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?” (Isaiah 58:6, NIV)

Fast Guidelines (Daniel Fast is proposed)

The 2022 Fast will last 21 day beginning January 3rd through January 23rd

Daily fast duration: 6:00am to 6:00pm each day

Corporate prayer:

Week 1 - Pray for the wellbeing of the Church

Week 2 - Pray for repentance and salvation of the World

Week 3 - Pray for unity and love within the family

Follow the Daily Devotional (available on Church website)

The Authority of Jesus

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” (Matthew 4:4, NIV)

Congratulations! We pray everyone made it through the test of obedience with much success. As you have completed this fast of overcoming the flesh, reflect on how far you have come in your prayer life and relationship with God.

Fasting is a test of the heart. It helps us to focus on God and to rely on His Word. It helps to break down strongholds and barriers used by the enemy to separate us from God.

Take some time to reflect on the 21 days of fasting you just concluded. Consider the reasons for fasting. Did you need God’s guidance on an important matter? Did your prayer life become dulled by worldly concerns? Did you struggle with a particular sin? Whatever the issue, the benefits of fasting include the means of unlocking God’s grace in helping you with your needs while pointing you towards the sufficiency of God.

The last 21 days have given you the opportunity get to know God better. Allow Him to be the authority in your life. As this New Year progresses, let us remember to stay closely connected with God and practice being obedient. Additionally, pray for others with the love that only comes from Christ. We pray this year will present you and your family many blessings.

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