



One Church.
One Future.

21-DAY DEVOTIONAL

PRAYER
and
FASTING
GUIDE

Getting Started

Step 1: Understand the Objective —Ask the Holy Spirit to clarify His leading and objectives for your time of fasting. Begin to humble yourself and ask Him to stir your heart, awaken our church, and move in powerful ways.

Step 2: Make the Commitment—Pray and ask the Lord what type of fast you should undertake. Also decide on what day(s) of the week and schedule your fasting. Include your spouse or a friend in helping to keep you accountable.

Step 3: Prepare Spiritually—Confess known sin in your life and ask God to reveal what may be hidden. Begin also with an expectant heart for what God may want to accomplish (Heb. 11:6).

Step 4: Prepare Physically—Consult your physician especially if you take prescription medication or have a chronic condition. Begin eating smaller amounts as you approach the time of fasting. Limit your activity during the fast and prepare your mind to experience physical discomfort, impatience, irritability, and some anxiety.

Step 5: Time with God—Fasting and prayer go hand in hand so set aside time in your schedule to be with God regularly while you fast.

Step 6: End Gradually—Be careful not to end by feasting and eat smaller meals. This is especially important if you fast for an extended period.

Step 7: Expect and Record Answers to Pray —Take time to use the journaling side of the devotional. Record your thoughts and prayers as God begins to reveal things to you in regards to our Capital Campaign.

Types of Fasting

I encourage you to seek the Lord in prayer and let Him guide you on your approach to fasting this month. Ask the Lord to show how to choose a type of fasting, what days and meals to fast, and how to target areas in your life He wants you to focus on.

Types of Fasts

Complete Fast—This fast calls for drinking only liquids, typically water with light juices as an option.

Selective Fast—This fast calls for removing certain things from your diet. One example is a Daniel Fast, during which you remove meats, sweets, and bread and only consume water, juice, fruits and veggies.

Partial Fast—Sometimes called a Jewish Fast and involves abstaining from eating any type of food in the morning and afternoon. This can either be specific times of the day (like 6am to 3pm) or from sunup to sundown.

Media Fast—An option for those who have no experience fasting food and who may have the need to reduce the noise in your life so you can hear from God. Fasting from social media, internet use, television, etc.

Timing of a Fast

This time of fasting will be for the month of July 2026. You can choose to fast a single meal, an entire day, or three or more days during the week. If you need help deciding a fasting schedule talk to one of the SLCC staff members.

DAY 1

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

This is a comprehensive 21-day devotional guide for our "One Church, One Future" capital campaign. We will take a journey through three distinct, week-long spiritual phases: foundational unity & mission, sacrificial commitment, and consideration of our future legacy.

Week 1:

One Church (Foundational Unity & Mission)

The Power of Unity

- **Bible Passage:** John 17:1-19
- **Key Verse:** *"That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."*
- **Devotional:** Before we build a physical structure, God desires to build spiritual unity among us. Our campaign theme isn't just a slogan; it is an echo of Jesus' ultimate prayer for His followers. When a church moves together as one, it becomes a powerful, undeniable testimony of God's love to the surrounding community. This campaign is not merely about bricks and mortar; it is a collective step of obedience and a work of collaboration to show the world around us the heart of Christ and what He can accomplish through us together.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Pray for a spirit of deep unity and supernatural harmony across the entire congregation.
 - Ask God to align your personal desires for the church with His perfect will.

DAY 2

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

United for the Mission

- **Bible Passage:** Matthew 28:16-20
- **Key Verse:** *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."*
- **Devotional:** Why do we build? We build because a physical building is a tool for our primary mission: making disciples. A church building is a local greenhouse for spiritual growth and a launching pad for community impact. As we fast and pray today, let's remember that every square foot we plan to build is ultimately dedicated to reaching the lost, teaching the saved, and sending out workers into the harvest.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Pray for a renewed passion within the church to share the Gospel and make disciples.
 - Ask God to use this new space to draw people who do not yet know Christ.

DAY 3

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

A Household Built on the Rock

- **Bible Passage:** Matthew 7:24-27
- **Key Verse:** *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."*
- **Devotional:** A building is only as strong as its foundation. In the same way, a capital campaign is only as strong as our collective obedience to God's Word. Fasting helps us clear out the noise of our own preferences so we can hear the clear instructions of Christ. As "One Church," our primary goal is to ensure our lives, our families, and our future home are anchored firmly on the rock of Jesus Christ.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Repent of any areas where you have built on sand rather than obedience to Christ.
 - Pray that our church leadership would be granted immense wisdom to build on a solid biblical foundation.

DAY 4

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

Connected to the Vine

- **Bible Passage:** John 15:1-8
- **Key Verse:** *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*
- **Devotional:** It is dangerously easy to rely on human strategy, clever marketing, and financial spreadsheets during a building campaign. But the Scriptures remind us plainly: apart from Jesus, we can do absolutely nothing of eternal value. Our fasting today is an admission of our total dependence on Him. We cannot manufacture the future of this church on our own strength; we must abide deeply in the Vine.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Confess any areas where you are relying on human strength or logic instead of God.
 - Pray for a tangible outbreak of spiritual fruitfulness in our small groups and ministries.

DAY 5

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

One Body, Different Gifts

- **Bible Passage:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-26
- **Key Verse:** *"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."*
- **Devotional:** "One Church" does not mean everyone is identical. It means that our vastly different gifts, backgrounds, and financial capacities are brought together for a singular purpose. Some can give substantially; some can give small amounts; some can dedicate immense time to prayer and fasting; others immerse themselves in sacrificial service and ministry. In God's economy, every single part of the body is essential to reaching our "One Future."
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Thank God for the unique mix of personalities, backgrounds, and gifts in our congregation.
 - Pray that every member discovers and steps into their unique role in this campaign to maximize our capacity for reaching Lebanon County.

DAY 6

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

Bearing One Another's Burdens

- **Bible Passage:** Galatians 6:1-6
- **Key Verse:** *"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."*
- **Devotional:** A capital campaign requires emotional, spiritual, and financial stamina. During these weeks of fasting and prayer, we must look around and see who is struggling, who is tired, and who needs encouragement. When we carry each other's burdens, we display the beautiful, authentic reality of the Church. We are moving toward the future together—leaving no one behind and building toward a shared future.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Ask God to highlight someone in the church who needs encouragement or physical help today.
 - Pray for families in our congregation who are going through financial or marital hardships.

DAY 7

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

Devoted to Prayer

- **Bible Passage:** Acts 2:42-47
- **Key Verse:** *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."*
- **Devotional:** The early church didn't have real estate, bank accounts, or political influence, yet they turned the entire ancient world upside down. Why? Because they were fiercely devoted to prayer. As we close out our first week, let us solidify prayer not as an administrative line item, or a campaign kickoff tool, but as a way of life to maximize our stewardship in the kingdom of God.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Pray for a permanent culture of deep, expectant prayer to mark our church.
 - Praise God for the spiritual victories achieved during this first week of fasting.

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Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

Week 2:

Sacrificial Giving & God's Provision

God Owns It All

- **Bible Passage:** Psalm 24:1-10
- **Key Verse:** *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."*
- **Devotional:** Biblical giving begins with a massive shift in mindset: we own absolutely nothing. We are merely managers, or stewards, of God's assets. When we frame generosity through this truth, the question changes from "How much of *my* resources should I give to God?" to "How much is God asking me to invest back into His church and His missional work?"
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Acknowledge God's complete ownership over your home, bank accounts, relationships, and career.
 - Ask for the heart of a faithful manager, instead of the heart of an owner.

DAY 9

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

The Anatomy of Sacrifice

- **Bible Passage:** 2 Samuel 24:18-25
- **Key Verse:** *"But the king replied to Araunah, 'No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.'"*
- **Devotional:** King David understood a profound truth: an offering that costs us nothing is not truly a sacrifice. True sacrificial giving isn't about giving from our excess or simply what is left over at the end of the month. It involves an intentional choice to alter our lifestyle so that God's house can be built. Sacrifice hurts a little, but it opens the door for God to reveal Himself as our ultimate source.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Ask God to define what true, meaningful sacrifice looks like for you and your family in this season.
 - Pray for the courage to say "no" to temporary comforts for the sake of an eternal investment.

DAY 10

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

Jehovah-Jireh, The Provider

- **Bible Passage:** Genesis 22:1-14
- **Key Verse:** *"So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, 'On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.'"*
- **Devotional:** When Abraham raised the knife over Isaac, he didn't see the ram caught in the thicket. He obeyed in the dark, and God provided right on time. As a church, looking at the financial goals of a capital campaign can feel incredibly daunting. But our faith is not anchored in our human economy; it is anchored in Jehovah-Jireh. God will never guide our church to go where His grace is not abundant enough to resource us.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in powerful ways in our church's building campaign, and for the continued funding of our current ministry budget.
 - Ask the Lord to direct your thoughts and offer confidence to you over any personal financial anxieties you may be experiencing.

DAY 11

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

The Joy of Generosity

- **Bible Passage:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
- **Key Verse:** *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*
- **Devotional:** God has zero interest in forced giving or guilt-driven manipulation. He loves a cheerful, hilariously joyful giver! Fasting helps realign our hearts so that giving becomes an act of worship and celebration rather than a heavy obligation. When we give joyfully, we reflect the very character of our generous Father and our views toward our resources continue to be shaped toward His will.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Ask God to uproot any bitterness, reluctance, or legalism regarding financial tithing and giving.
 - Pray that an atmosphere of contagious, vibrant joy infects our church during this campaign.

DAY 12

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

Testing God's Faithfulness

- **Bible Passage:** Malachi 3:6-12
- **Key Verse:** *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."*
- **Devotional:** This is the only place in all of Scripture where God invites His people to test Him. This language will certainly sound strange to some of us. He challenges us to bring our tithes and offerings to His house and watch how He responds. For many in our church, this capital campaign might be the first time they test God in their finances. Let us pray that this step of obedience unlocks a lifetime of trusting God's provision.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Pray for church members who are hesitant or fearful about taking their first steps into biblical giving.
 - Ask God to move in powerful ways through our finances, both privately and corporately as a church, in the coming years. Give God alone the glory for what He will accomplish.

DAY 13

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

Where Your Treasure Is

- **Bible Passage:** Matthew 6:16-24
- **Key Verse:** *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*
- **Devotional:** Most people assume their money follows their heart, but Jesus says it is actually the exact opposite: your heart follows your money. Wherever you drop your treasure, your emotional and spiritual investment will naturally follow. By investing in the "One Church, One Future" campaign, we are tethering our hearts to the local church and the proclamation of the gospel in Lebanon County. It is the local church that is on the front lines of missional work, and when we invest in it we build a foundation that can be built on for decades to come.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Examine where your daily "treasure" goes and what that says about your current priorities.
 - Pray that this campaign captures the hearts and passion of our entire faith community.

DAY 14

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

Needs and Desires

- **Bible Passage:** Philippians 4:10-20
- **Key Verse:** *"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."*
- **Devotional:** Notice that Paul says God will supply our *needs*, not necessarily all our desires. As we finish week two, let's rest in the beautiful assurance that God is fully committed to taking care of us. Paul was acknowledging the generosity of those who were giving in order for the work of the Kingdom to continue. When we prioritize His kingdom, He promises to meet us in our needs.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Thank God for His faithful history of providing for your daily food, shelter, and clothing.
 - Pray that our church builds with financial wisdom, integrity, and absolute freedom from fear.

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Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

Week 3:

One Future (Hope, Legacy & The Next Generation)

Plans for Our Good

- **Bible Passage:** Jeremiah 29:10-14

- **Key Verse:** *"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"*

- **Devotional:** This famous promise was originally spoken to a people in exile, unsure of what tomorrow held. Today, as we look toward our "One Future," we can move forward with absolute, rock-solid confidence. God's roadmap for our church is marked by hope, spiritual prosperity, and kingdom growth. We don't have to fear tomorrow because God is already standing there waiting for us.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - o Ask God to help you work through any personal anxiety concerning the future.
 - o Pray that our church continues to become a glowing beacon of hope in an increasingly dark culture, and to share the hope of Jesus Christ to those who do not have any.

DAY 16

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

Telling the Next Generation

- **Bible Passage:** Psalm 78:1-8
- **Key Verse:** *"We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done."*
- **Devotional:** We are drinking from spiritual wells we did not dig, and we are sitting under the shade of trees we did not plant. Generations of faithful believers before us sacrificed so that we could have a place to worship. Now, the baton is in our hands. The new building we are designing isn't just for us—it is for the children in our nursery and the teenagers in our youth group who will lead this church decades from now.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Pray specifically for the kids, students, and young adults currently in your church. Ask the Lord to renew our efforts to not only build the new facility, but more importantly to disciple and build the next generation of leaders.
 - Ask God to make you a faithful link in the chain of building the next generation at SLCC.

DAY 17

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

Establishing the Work of Our Hands

- **Bible Passage:** Psalm 90
- **Key Verse:** *"May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands."*
- **Devotional:** Human effort creates temporary things, but the favor of God establishes things that last for eternity. As we plan buildings, meet with architects, and raise capital, our overarching cry must be for God's favor. We want to construct something that outlives us—a legacy of faith that stands firm until Christ returns. If we alone build it, the impact will be very limited. But if God is leading the effort, what we build will truly change lives.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Pray for clear favor with local city planners, contractors, and builders.
 - Ask God to stamp His imprint on every step of the process to build His church.

DAY 18

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

Training Up Leaders

- **Bible Passage:** Deuteronomy 6:1-9
- **Key Verse:** *"...so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life."*
- **Devotional:** A new building allows us to expand our capacity to train and disciple children and families. When we expand our kids' and youth spaces, we aren't just buying furniture; we are building environments where the next generation can encounter the living God. Our future depends on how intentionally we disciple the young families and children that God brings our way.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Pray for your children's ministry director, youth pastor, and volunteer leaders.
 - Pray that the families in our church develop vibrant, daily habits of faith at home and help build up a church that influences the people around us.

DAY 19

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

Unceasing Momentum

- **Bible Passage:** Philippians 1:3-11
- **Key Verse:** *"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*
- **Devotional:** The Christian life is not sustained by will power; it is a supernatural journey that requires the power of the Holy Spirit. The same God who requires faithful obedience is also the One who provides the desire, strength, and endurance to keep going. The same thing is true for our corporate work together as God's people. Do not lose heart as the fast draws to a close; the work He is doing in us is sustained by His power and purpose.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Pray against spiritual fatigue, apathy, or distractions among the leadership and congregation.
 - Praise God in advance for completing the work He has started among us.

DAY 20

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

Living Stones

- **Bible Passage:** 1 Peter 2:4-10
- **Key Verse:** *"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."*
- **Devotional:** Our theme, "One Church, One Future," is a clear, plain call to action. As we near the end of our 21 days of fasting, we must remember that we come together as one church. But the church is not a building, the stones that form the church are God's people. Our new church building will be a critical tool for our work in the decades to come, but it is only fully utilized when each one of us as God's "living stones" are faithfully living out the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Pray that leadership stays focused on helping us to become "One church, One future".
 - Ask God how you can personally be a "living stone", carrying the gospel into your neighborhood and workplace.

DAY 21

Journal Your Thoughts & Prayers

To Him Be the Glory

- **Bible Passage:** Ephesians 3:14-21
- **Key Verse:** *"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."*
- **Devotional:** We have arrived at the final day of our 21-day journey of prayer and fasting. We finish exactly where we started: focused entirely on the greatness of our God. He is able to do immeasurably more than our grandest plans or goals. Let's step forward into our "One Future" with bold, unshakable faith, giving Him all the glory.
- **Prayer Prompts:**
 - Offer a great prayer of thanksgiving for the spiritual endurance to complete this 21-day fast.
 - As we close out July, follow through on committing to your part in this campaign, trusting Him to use it for generations to come.

