MONDAY, MARCH 4

#### CONSECRATED TO HIM

"Now, who is willing to consecrate himself today to the Lord?" This Scripture speaks of having a right attitude in giving to God's Kingdom's work, having a delight in commitment to His Kingdom, a willingness to commit ourselves and our possessions to God, a joy rising out of wholehearted giving, an acknowledgment that all of what we have comes from God, a humility and thankful heart for the privilege of being invited into God's eternal process and giving out of a sincere heart in continual prayer. God will direct our hearts as we remain in faithfulness to Him and His cause on earth.

TODAY'S READING: I Chronicles 29; II Corinthians 9

**PRAYER POINTS:** Today look for an opportunity to commit with joy to our King. Pray for others to fall in love with and follow Jesus, the Light of the World, into eternity.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

#### SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND

Where do I go to find Him? How do I know when the God of the universe is near? There is a point where God shows up in the most magnificent of ways when you seek Him and worship in total abandonment. You feel His arms around you and sense His love in a fresh way. Whether content or desperate, HE is near. Whether surefooted or feeling unrest, HE is near. The God of the universe is always listening. All pains, sorrows and trials vanish in His presence. HE exchanges them with victory, joy and triumph.

There is a clarity of mind that consumes the dullness, and you know the path has been cleared of all obstacles. HE whispers in your ear, "I've got this; I've got you!" His Kingdom is near. Great favor is yours -- compliments of the King of Kings.

Are you seeking Him?

TODAY'S READING: Isaiah 55:6; Psalms 9:10; Philippians 1:7; Habakkuk 3:19

**PRAYER POINTS:** Find the courage to surrender to His love today and every day. His love is a marvelous gift. Share this gift with the world. Introduce them to Jesus.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

#### THE POWER OF A FAST

There is power in a fast called by God Himself.

It loosens the chains of injustice, unties cords that bind, sets the oppressed free, breaks every chain and softens the hearts of those HE desires to be a part of His family. An acceptable fast in the eyes of our Lord is to first turn our focus on HIM and HIM alone.

This brings us right into His presence. When we lay everything down and begin to seek Him, we become aware of His concerns for the world; then those concerns become ours when our hearts melt into His. Come join Him in this majestic and Holy effort.

The world needs a Savior.

TODAY'S READING: Isaiah 58; Jude 24-25

**PRAYER POINTS:** Pray today that God will open amazing doors for Hope Church to reach the poor and hurting with Christ's love and compassion.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 7

# MAY THEY WHO LOVE YOU BE LIKE THE SUN WHEN IT RISES IN ITS STRENGTH

There is only one sun, and God, in His wisdom, has given us the sun for light, direction, warmth, vitamin D and energy to survive and even thrive. The sun greets us each morning to begin a new day. There is also only one SON: Jesus.

HE is the light of the world.

HE directs our path.

HE warms our souls with a tender touch when the "world" is cold.

HIS Word is a shot in the arm when we are feeling low.

HE gives us a surplus of energy to draw others into His awesome Kingdom.

HE wakes us each morning with heavenly kisses and fresh manna.

HE gives us strength to run the race -- one day at a time.

**TODAY'S READING:** Judges 5:31; John 6:50-51; John 8:12;

II Corinthians 6:18

PRAYER POINTS: Good morning, Hope Church. The strength of the Son has risen within you today. The Bible says He makes His appeal to the community through us, the Church, to join a heavenly family, so go in the strength of the Lord.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

#### WHO HOLDS YOUR HEART?

The Message version says: "I've searched the land and found this David, son of Jesse. He's a man whose heart beats to My heart, a man who will do what I tell him." The Amplified version says: "I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do ALL My will and carry out My program fully." Into whose hands do you place your life? Do you trust your Lord enough to do anything and everything He asks? "David, the shepherd, sang the ancient hymns of his forefathers' faith. While he sang, he wept, and while weeping, he often broke out in abandoned praise and tears and passed them on to higher mountains until they eventually reached the ears of God. God captures our tears released during a broken worship to use as a healing balm for us and others who are broken."

A broken world needs your heart of worship.

TODAY'S READING: Acts 13:22; quote from "A Tale of Three Kings"

PRAYER POINTS: David's humble heart kept him close to God. Pray for a heart like David's. It will keep you close to God's love, which is enough for every step in your life.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

#### IN HIS CARE -- IN HIS SERVICE

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him. If we seek Him, His love preserves our hearts and provides a glorious inheritance: reigning with Him in heaven forever.

His love molds us and teaches us how to yield to a kingly and eternal plan for ourselves. We are tools in the hands of an almighty God, tools of righteousness to pray for others that they might surrender to His plan also.

"Through Him and for His name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith."

TODAY'S READING: Lamentations 3:25; Romans 1:5-6; Romans 6:13

**PRAYER POINTS:** As the Lord molds us, we become vessels of honor and light to be poured out upon a waiting community. Pray we become willing tools for God to use in reaching the lost.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

### **NEVERTHELESS -- AT YOUR WORD**

The Amplified Version of Luke 5 says "... on the ground of Your WORD." The foundation of a building, a church, is erected for the glory of God from the ground up. Wouldn't it be beautiful if we could see the prayers of each person as a mosaic of scriptures woven together as a Holy foundation for a church that forever represents the covenant of God? Then this could truly be a resting place for our Lord, a home for worshippers and a refuge for future believers.

HE says, "Give careful thought to your ways; be strong and don't fear.

I AM. MY Spirit will remain among you always. I will fill it with light for my anointed."

TODAY'S READING: Haggai 1 & 2; Luke 5; Psalm 132

**PRAYER POINTS:** Pray that God will fill you up with His love so fear has no place in your heart as you boldly invite nonbelievers to Hope Church. They just may be searching for a home, a resting place.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

#### RELYING ON YOUR HEART OR YOUR HEAD?

King David brought the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem at great expense, even costing a man his very life. King David assumed he would build the temple to house the precious Ark; however, God chose David's son Solomon. I'm certain that news crushed David's ego since he wanted nothing more than to please his Lord. After all, David was known as a man after God's heart. Fortunately, David was wise enough to guard his heart, for he understood this brings a joy to his Father in heaven and eternal life to others.

Today we can build a church in the desert for many who thirst and they can "receive an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life."

**TODAY'S READING:** I Chronicles 28:2; Proverbs 4:23, 29:3; John 4:13-14

**PRAYER POINTS:** David grew in wisdom as he humbled himself before God. As you humble yourself before God, your heart will grow in wisdom as well as faith and peace.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

### FULL ACCESS TO THE KING

How much of our heart have we given to God? Jeremiah 24:7 says: "I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the Lord.

They will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with all their heart." Open your hearts to God and He will perfect it. His greatest desire is for you to know Him. As He reveals Himself, draw near to Him so that you will honor Him as Lord in every area of your life.

Let the Holy Spirit have full access to your heart.

He can mold it and fill it with His love so you may be known by the world as children of the Most High God.

**TODAY'S READING:** Psalms 51:1-12, 15; Psalms 86:11

**PRAYER POINTS:** What if your heart, which is molded to carry HOPE, touches a heart waiting for HOPE? Pray God gives you courage to invite them to Hope Church.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

#### WILL YOU SAY YES TO A FAST?

Remember when God asked Solomon to build Him a temple? God has chosen us to build Him a temple, a dwelling place for His presence. While fasting we gain a willingness to offer ourselves as well as our possessions to God.

Listen carefully because "The work ahead is enormous, for the temple we will build is not for mere mortals; it is for the Lord God Himself." Hallelujah!

Save a seat or two because the King of Kings is showing up at Hope Church.

TODAY'S READING: I Chronicles 29

**PRAYER POINTS:** Does inviting someone to church feel like scaling a mountain? God will equip you with strength and resources for the climb. Just tell them the air is fresh and invigorating because it's the breath of God.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

#### A SPIRITUAL TEMPLE

Ezekiel 11:19-20 says: "I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them. I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. They will follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws. They will be My people and I will be their God." God desires that a spiritual temple be built with living stones: His chosen ones.

The Body of Christ, with <u>ONE</u> surrendered heart, will work together to achieve <u>ONE</u> goal, the 2020 VISION: the saving of many lives.

Can you imagine what an impact we could have on the community if we were fully unified and surrendered to His desires?

Can you see God smiling?

Come now. Let's worship the Lord together.

TODAY'S READING: I Chronicles 29:11; I Peter 2:3-6;

I Thessalonians 3:12-13

**PRAYER POINTS:** One surrendered heart (Jesus) changed the future of the world. Pray for a heart so unified with Jesus that our lives will have the same impact on the world.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING?

Hebrews 11:6-10: "By faith, Abraham, when called to go to a place he

would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went even though he

did not know where he was going, for he was looking forward to the city

with foundations, whose architect and builder is God."

Are you letting God build your dreams and desires, your hope and future?

A fully surrendered heart will hear the voice of God. As you follow Jesus,

your faith and your desire to obey will grow daily. Seeing from the eyes

of God will carry you into the greater things of God, the miraculous and

the riches of His inheritance. Faith and obedience are inseparable -- no

matter where you go.

TODAY'S READING: Ephesians 1:18; Hebrews 11:27

PRAYER POINTS: Pray for God-given dreams and the

courage to follow Jesus to the completion of those dreams.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

#### HE IS WAITING ON US... WHAT???

Aren't we to wait upon Him? After all, HE is the King of Kings. In I Kings 8:23-24 the Word says, "O, Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below. You who keeps Your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in Your ways, you have kept Your promise to Your servant David, my father; with Your mouth You have promised, and with Your hand You have fulfilled it, as it is today." God is waiting to fulfill His promises lying dormant within us. We choose to allow Him into our hearts. Do we chase Him? Do we desire to hear His voice? Do we honor Him with our devotion? Choose life. Choose Jesus, and follow Him with all your heart. His promises are "yes" and "Amen." Yes, Jesus is waiting -- and so is the world.

TODAY'S READING: Deuteronomy 7:9, 11; Matthew 22:37-39

PRAYER POINTS: God has given us promises -- many promises. Pray you have ears to hear His wisdom to stir up that covenant promise: His love. The warmth of God's love will lead you to a cold and waiting world.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

#### GOD IS SOOOOOO GOOD

Jeremiah 32:38-41: "They will be My people, and I will be their God. I will give them singleness of heart and action so they will always fear Me and that all will then go well for them and for their children after them. I will make an everlasting covenant with them. I will never stop doing good for them, and I will inspire them to fear me so they will never turn away from me. I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul."

God is good, HE means good for us and HE is faithful. Every law He provides is to protect us. Every directive for us is intended to bless us. Every Word He whispers in our hearts brings wholeness.

The wisdom He provides keeps our spirits, souls and bodies enveloped in His love. God is planting us in a field (Hopewell Field) where we are to be fruitful, a field ripe for harvest.

**TODAY'S READING:** Proverbs 1:7, 9; Proverbs 15:33

**PRAYER POINTS:** May we never forget His covenant with us: He will be our God and we will be His people. Let us ask God to plant His love in the hearts of those in our community so others can be His people too.

MONDAY, MARCH 18

#### SURRENDER AND SACRIFICE

Ephesians 5:12: "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children, and live a life of love just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Are you enchanted by God? Do you yearn to be near Him? Reading His Word and living in His presence draws us into His wonder.

Our hearts and minds become captivated by the beauty of His precious Spirit as well as His goodness for us. We marvel at His unending grace. As our wonder and awe of Him grow, we become living sacrifices, dead to our own desires and alive in Him. Live fully surrendered -- a fragrant offering to our Lord.

TODAY'S READING: John 3:16; John 15:1-17

**PRAYER POINTS:** As we dwell in the midst of His goodness, we can ask that our prayers will continue to be heard and give thanksgiving for all God is doing to draw the lost to Him.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

#### A 2020 JOURNEY WITH GOD

Our lives are a series of journeys. Some, we walk alone; some, as families; and some, as the Body of Christ. God prepares our futures, so let us step boldly into the lands He would have us possess. Let us envision our futures through the eyes of the One who knows where we are going: into our destinies. Lives will be saved through our courageous living. Let our praise be a holy fragrance to the One who loves us.

Joshua 1:9 says, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

TODAY'S READING: Joshua 1:2-9; Matthew 26:36-45

**PRAYER POINTS:** Pray that your worship leaves a holy fragrance of heavenly bread that will lead others to Hope Church.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

#### WANT TO HEAR FROM GOD? FAST!

The book of Esther is a fascinating record of the power of a fast called by God. Esther, a Jew, became famous when placed in a palace, by God's design, to save His chosen ones. Haman, enemy of Jews, became infamous when he conspired to kill a whole nation. Esther called for a fast. She needed a covering, wisdom and directions to spoil an evil plot. God gave her the power to wrestle control from the enemy. Haman operated out of anger, envy, ignorance and a murderous spirit to kill a nation. He simply wanted to control and be known for power. Esther fasted to acquire mercy for the Jews so God's eternal plan would succeed. If she perished, she perished. Haman wanted people to beg for mercy before him; he wanted to live forever in history for a mortal plan.

A FAST yields a boldness, a clear vision from God, a pathway to the throne for yourself and others, and a partnership with a God who is ALL KNOWING. Willingness and obedience to God means you can eat from the good of the land.

Little plans for good become great works when God is in it.

TODAY'S READING: Book of Esther; Isaiah 1:19

**PRAYER POINTS:** Pray, Hope Church, that your fast draws you closer to God Almighty, the God who is your source of power.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

#### GOD'S DESTINY FOR US

I Samuel 12:16: "Now, then, stand still and see the great thing the Lord is about to do before your eyes!" Do you want to see the wonders of God? When we follow the path the Lord has chosen for us, He moves before us, displaying His power and glory in so many ways. He does this to accomplish His purpose: to bring everyone to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Begin to expect the miraculous.

It's easy -- just follow Jesus. HE is the WAY, and His highway is always lit up with His glory so you can't miss the way.

TODAY'S READING: I Samuel 12:24; I Samuel 14:6;

John 17:3-4; I Thessalonians 4:1-2

**PRAYER POINTS:** Pray for hearts and minds that expect God to move in miraculous ways in our lives, for HE delights in performing His Word.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

### "THE LORD REIGNS" -- LET THIS BE YOUR BATTLE CRY

The people came together from every town in Judah to seek help from God Almighty, for a vast enemy army was coming against them.

We all have an enemy seeking to attack us. In our families, our enemy can be finances, health and even lost dreams. Is He still the God of heaven who rules over us? Yes, He is! He has power and might in His hands. Demons tremble when He shows up. When we surrender to His plan of victory, no evil force can stand against us.

Seek and surrender to God Almighty. He is our only recourse.

Don't let the rocks cry out. You cry out that the Lord Reigns. Amen.

TODAY'S READING: II Chronicles 20:1-30; Ephesians 6:10-18;

Luke 19:40

**PRAYER POINTS:** The enemy of our soul loses any time we declare God's rule and reign over our lives. Pray that you always remember who you are -- a victorious warrior of God!

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

### JESUS, THE LOVER OF OUR SOULS

Do not forsake your first love. Turn back to Him. You'll find Him in the sanctuary waiting for you. Falling in love with Jesus is easy; however, keeping that love fresh is a daily commitment. If you put Him first, HE shapes your heart to house His desires so His desires become yours as well. It is true He demands loyalty, a pure heart and obedience to His Word, but the return is immense. His love is pure and fierce, creative and loyal, spontaneous and eternal. HE is only a whisper away, and it echoes I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU.

Be still and bask in His love.

**TODAY'S READING:** I John 2:24, 3:24, 4:16; John 15:4;

I Chronicles 30:6-9; Psalm 37:4

PRAYER POINTS: The text above refers to God's love as being loyal. Since we're made in His image, we too are loyal. So, Hope Church, remain loyal to God and share the love of Jesus with your family, friends and acquaintances.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

#### IN NEED OF A RESERVATION TO A SWEET SHELTER?

Is the pressure of life drying you out? Are you in need of some rest? Or maybe you need insulation from the cares of the world. God provides shelter from anything and with just His shadow! He is a BIG GOD and His shadow falls over the whole world, so surely it can cover you. You can carry the Word, the promises of God, with you anywhere by reading the Bible and meditating on the truth. The peace you crave is just a breath away. Don't wait until times of trouble, but rather spend the night with Him or take a quiet walk with Him. He gives the best care to all His tent dwellers. Thirsty? Living water is always available -- so take a long drink of salvation.

TODAY'S READING: Psalm 91; John 15:1-11

PRAYER POINTS: Know anyone in need of a time-out from the world and its demands? You can introduce them to Jesus and Hope Church. Offer them a drink from the cup of salvation and they will no longer be excluded from His promises.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

#### SEA LEGS FOR WALKING FAITH

Simon Peter got his sea legs while walking on huge waves in an uninviting angry sea with only his faith in Jesus to support him. When he heard Jesus say, "Come," Peter began his faith walk until circumstances began to sink his dreams. Jesus, however, immediately reached out and grabbed Peter out of his discomfort and fear. The Lord has chosen you to build a temple as His sanctuary. HE says be strong and do the work. All you need are the blueprints, strength, vision, tools, gifts and the ability to finish the project correctly -- all of which are supplied by God. All HE needs are loyal and obedient subjects to follow His commands. Remember, HE is right beside you -- always and forever -- and

will immediately reach out to grab you when you cry out.

TODAY'S READING: Matthew 14:22-33; Hebrews 11:1, 6; Romans 10:17; I Chronicles 28:20

**PRAYER POINTS:** Pray for eyes that look only to Jesus for His understanding and help, for as we look to Him, we become strong and courageous, able to fulfill His purpose for our lives.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

#### EMBRACING THE WAY OF HOLINESS

True worship of Jesus yields miracles and a way of holiness so much different than what the world has to offer. When you read the Bible, it transforms you and renews your mind, enabling you to embrace His truth. There is power residing within you just waiting to be released when you seek Him with all your heart. Today's culture can drag you down to its level of worldliness. However, when you plow up the hard ground of your heart and plant seeds of righteousness, you reveal Jesus and the world takes notice.

When you read the Bible, expect the best. Expect miracles from God for you and others you are praying for. You are His beloved.

TODAY'S READING: Isaiah 55; Romans 12:1-2; Hosea 10:12

**PRAYER POINTS:** Hopelessness in the world can be remedied with hope in Jesus. We just need to have the wisdom and courage to invite them to Hope Church.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

#### FASTING IS GOD'S IDEA

When you became born again, God gave you the fruit of the Holy Spirit, gifts of the Holy Spirit and "the *measure* of faith" in order to walk humbly yet boldly before Him. HE also calls you to a fast which empowers you to do all HE asks you to do. It opens your heart to a spiritual revival and causes you to see Jesus in a new light. It circumcises your ears to hear from heaven and gives you a boldness to preach the Gospel. You gain wisdom and understanding of the Bible, and there is a peace like a river, the river of God, that flows within you. Your prayers become pinpoint accurate for others who need salvation.

God's idea is perfect, right?

TODAY'S READING: Galatians 5:22; I Corinthians 12;

Romans 12:3; Isaiah 11:2

**PRAYER POINTS:** Pray for a hunger for the WORD of God.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

#### WHERE PASSION LEADS

Jesus breathed life into us -- HIS life. With this life came a passion to serve by reaching people with the Gospel Truth. Serving our wonderful Jesus is filled with rewards beyond our comprehension. What an honor and privilege to co-labor with Him in sharing the Good News. Jesus spoke these words to His Father in heaven: "I brought glory to You here on earth by completing the work You gave Me to do."

Now it's our turn to give God the glory by completing the work He gave to us to do here on earth.

**TODAY'S READING:** John 3:16, 17:4; Galatians 1:4, 2:20-21

**PRAYER POINTS:** He turns deserts into pools of water and dry land into springs of water (Ps. 107). It is guaranteed to revive your passion in prayer for the lost.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

#### EXTRAVAGANT OFFERING

God's amazing love for you reached down from heaven and enfolded you into His loving arms. He invited you to walk with Him into heaven's Trinity, allowing thankfulness to fill your heart. Gratitude from the heart shows itself in many ways: desire to draw closer to our God, loving others like Jesus does, and offering all we have back to Him to be used again and again. How will you show extravagant thankfulness for His extravagant love?

TODAY'S READING: Psalm 116; Ephesians 5:1-2;

Philippians 2:12-18

PRAYER POINTS: Ask God, while in prayer, to give you understanding about Proverbs 3:9-10 ... how to honor the Lord in giving everything away yet your barns are always full and overflowing.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

### A SACRED OFFERING FOR THE TABERNACLE

God is a wealthy, magnificent, all-powerful, all-knowing and loving King. HE has unlimited resources providing any and all materials you may need to accomplish the task HE has requested of you. And (good news!) you have the code to the storeroom: worship.

Worshipping in spirit and truth, which is our sacred offering, captures His attention.

Yes, He does consider your talent, time, energy and even your tears as incredibly valuable, but what moves Him is your willing heart. He seeks an offering that costs us everything. HE showed us how on the cross.

TODAY'S READING: I Chronicles 20:21-25, 29;

John 4:21-24

PRAYER POINTS: Your Heavenly Father loves when you honor and respect Him with sweet incense (worship) and pure offerings.

Would you come before a King without a gift?

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

### A TASK TOO ME BIG FOR ME! ARE YOU SURE, GOD?

Luke 24:32: "Were not our hearts burning within us while HE talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" The pure, anointed WORD of God, when spoken to God's chosen, causes a stirring, a yearning AND a willingness to tell others that "It is true! The Lord has risen." Take a journey with God, who Himself has entrusted you with His property and called you to a task so great -- in fact, too great -- for you alone. God must lead. If you hear the WORD, you are chosen. When you obey, your reward will be great.

TODAY'S READING: I Chronicles 29:1; Exodus 35;

Colossians 3:23-24; Matthew 25:14-30; Psalm 24:1

**PRAYER POINTS:** As you are on this journey, you may experience being overwhelmed or having disbelief at times, but the promises of God will fill you with joy and wonder. Spending time with Jesus does that!