

From Our Senior Pastor



Your elders are calling you to join them for a period of fasting from the time you eat your last meal on January 1 until you take your evening meal on January 4.

The purpose of fasting is to abstain from anything which is legitimate in and of itself for the sake of some spiritual purpose. The purpose of the fast being called for by the elders is to seek the Lord for His cleansing us from our individual sin and to guide us in the New Year to glorify Him by bearing much fruit in the form of new disciples of Christ who will abide in Him, John 15:8,16.

Consider the kinds of fasts prescribed/ practiced in the Bible.

- A "normal fast" involving abstaining from all food but not water, Matthew 4:2, Luke 4:2.
- A "partial fast" eliminating some but not all foods from your diet e.g. Daniel and friends only ate vegetables and water for 10 days, Daniel 1:12.
- An "absolute fast" avoiding of all food and drinks including water, Ezra 10:6.
- A "congregational fast" designed for seeking and worshipping the Lord, as a body, Joel 2:15-16; Acts 13:2.
- A "conjugal fast" when a married couple abstains from sexual relations by mutual consent in order to focus their individual attention on the Lord, 1 Corinthians 7:5.

Other possibilities of what we might fast from in order to seek the Lord include a social media fast, television, internet, texting, etc.

Jesus expects His followers to fast but not for show, Matthew 6:16 -18. He doesn't specify how often we're to fast however.

Would you ask the Lord to guide you in this matter? Then join your elders on January 2-4 each night from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the sanctuary for a time of worship and prayer as we seek the Lord and His strength to live a Spirit-led life in 2018.

Your Pastor,
Mike Woods

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JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>HAPPY New Year</i> Office Closed	2 7:00 - 8:00 pm Fasting & Prayer Meeting	3 7:00 - 8:00 pm Fasting & Prayer Meeting	4 7:00 - 8:00 pm Fasting & Prayer Meeting	5	6 Youth Service
7 Youth Service 2:00 pm Discovery Class	8	9 7:00 pm Weekly Prayer Meeting	10	11	12	13 9:00 a.m. Women's Quarterly Meeting
14 6:00 p.m. Women's Praise & Worship Night	15	16 7:00 pm Weekly Prayer Meeting The Communicator submission	17	18	19	20
21 1:30 pm Membership Class	22	23 7:00 pm Weekly Prayer Meeting	24	25	26	27 Lord's Supper & Compassion Offering New Member Recognition
28	29	30 7:00 pm Weekly Prayer Meeting Newsletter Folding	31			

Usual Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

8:00 am: Adult Sunday School
9:00 am: Worship/Sunday School
10:20 - 10:50 am: The Gathering
11:00 am: Worship/Sunday School
5:30 - 7:00 pm: Jr. High Roots (CLC)

Monday:

4 - 5:30 pm: J.M.T. (OR)

Tuesday:

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. WOW
Morning Study
10:00 am: Staff Meeting
6:30 pm: Worship Team Dev. (Choir Room)
7:00 pm: Worship Team Practice (Choir Room)
7:00 - 8:30 WOW Evening Study

Thursday:

7:00 - 8:45 pm: Celebrate Recovery (Sanctuary)
7:00 - 9:00 pm: High School Axis (CLC)

Saturday:

7:30 - 11:30 am: 2nd Sat. CR Leader Meeting. (OR)
5:30 pm: Saturday Night Alive Worship
7:00 pm: A.S.C. Bible Studies
7:00 pm: College-age Ministry - CAM (OR)

P = Portable
OR = Osborn Room
CLC = Christian Life Center



TRINIDAD

CHURCH-WIDE/FAMILY



SUMMER TRIP

First of all, this is a church-wide mission including family members to 12- maybe 10 years old depending on maturity. Jesus Silerio from our church will be leading the trip. It is a spectacular country of beauty filled with a variety of cultures both rich and poor. We will be collaborating with Shamus and his family along with the family of YWAM. Ministry will include: local- relational evangelism, working with the poor, partnering with several existing outreach programs. Our goal is to strengthen the ministries there and to expand the kingdom of God.

You will be comfortable as you sleep in a very large compound. Transportation is provided as you go throughout the island ministering. This is a chance to build memories to last a lifetime. Most importantly, have secured relatively reasonable tickets to make the trip affordable. Will you begin to pray about the possibility of going to be used in a mighty way by God? Pick up an application by calling the church or picking up a form in the entryway of the sanctuary and return it to Veronica in the church office!

Blessings, Pastor Dan

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In my last year's January article, I related the story of why I started growing my beard and why I shaved it off on New Years day. Obviously, if you have seen me lately, you have noticed that I did not grow it this year...and you may be wondering why?...as a matter of fact...some of you have asked me why...why no beard this year? Well, the short answer is because this is an odd numbered year, and I have only chosen to grow it on even numbered years. So, I guess I give my face sort of a Sabbath rest every other year. Enough about my beard.....God's word encourages us to place our trust in Him, and rest in His love and grace. The Gospel writer Matthew as he quotes Jesus says: "**Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.**" (Matt. 11: 28-30). Yes, I encourage you to find your peace in your relationship with King Jesus this new year. Trust in Him, seek His power, cast your cares on Him, His shoulders are broad and His back is strong. He can carry you when you need Him to. Often I need Him to carry me. I bet you do as well. The good news is **HE CAN** carry you through this whole new year. So....let Him.

Because of His grace,

Pastor Sam

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4 STUDENT MINISTRIES

ello Church,

appy New Year! As you make all of your New Year's resolutions to work out consistently, eat healthier, wake up earlier, etc.--my prayer is that this year would be a fruitful year of ministry. Join me in asking the Lord to make this year where we, the people of God at Coronado Baptist Church and the city of El Paso, would humble ourselves, seek His face, and be used to further His Kingdom. 2017 was a great year, filled with a lot of fruit--but the Lord wants to do a new thing in 2018!

Be Blessed,

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YOUNG MARRIEDS MINISTRY

Our CBC young married ministry ended the year strong and with lots of joy. We had our first annual Christmas party last week as we enjoyed a potluck breakfast, along with a white elephant gift exchange. We had a total of sixteen families represented and look forward to celebrating in the upcoming years. We are also very excited about our upcoming ministries for the new year. Blessings to all, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In His grip,

Erick Jimenez



Erick F. Jimenez

Director of Young Marrieds under 40 & Local Evangelism
Discipleship

Children's Ministries

The Greatest Family Gift!

It's hard to believe the Christmas Holiday Season is upon us, yet again. In an effort to combat the overly materialistic hue Christmas has taken on, some will bemoan the tradition of gift-giving.

I won't be one of them. But don't get me wrong – I agree that, far too often, we've allowed Christmas to become what it is not. It's obviously not about running over fallen shoppers to get the "it" toy for a son or daughter.

However, at its core, you and I know that Christmas is about giving. It's about God *giving* the world the gift of His Son. It's about God *giving* the gift of salvation to those who would accept it.

The single best thing parents can give to their children is an authentic, vibrant faith. Modeling this faith is vital.

As much as intentional parenting matters, though, we would be wise to remember that salvation and faith are supernatural matters. As such, I urge you to pray for your children, trust the Holy Spirit to speak into their hearts, and rely on the grace of God.

Merry Christmas!

Carolyn Stewart

and

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas! As we move into 2018 I wanted to let you know of a few things happening in Women's Ministry in January. First, on Saturday December 13th we will have our women's ministry meeting in room 205/206 in the CLC. ALL women are invited! We would love your ideas for the upcoming year. It's from 9:00 till noon, and in a previous publication I erroneously said we would meet in the Osborn room, but we have moved the location to the CLC, upstairs where WOW meets on Tuesdays.



Second, we will have our first night of Praise and Worship, prayer and testimony led by Laurie Koval on Sunday evening, January 14th at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. We were in the Osborn room last year but will be moving into the sanctuary, so invite your friends! We will have lots of room!

Third, we are excited that Teresa Shaw will be leading a study of Shaunti Feldhahn's book *The Kindness Challenge* on Thursday's, starting January 11th, 9:30/11:30 in the Osborn room. No child care is available for this study. We found out when Shaunti was here that there's a video and questions with discussion, to go with each chapter of the book. If you bought a book at the luncheon bring your book and join us! You MUST SIGN UP! Please RSVP to my email pmcclatchey@elp.rr.com or call the church office and let us know if you have a book or will need one if you're coming to this study. We loved her Challenge at the women's luncheon and can't wait to see where we can apply more kindness in our personal lives and here at CBC. Looking forward to the plans God has for Women's Ministry in 2018. Hope you can join us.

Pam McClatchey

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CELEBRATE RECOVERY

hope

Our pastors have declared 2018 the year of HOPE at Coronado Baptist Church. Paul identifies hope in **1 Timothy 1:1 when he says, "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope."** What or

Who is your hope for 2018? Each year in CR we start our lessons over and start at the beginning. In CR, our third lesson is on HOPE and it deals with Principle 2 which states, "Earnestly believe

that God exists, that I matter to Him,

and that He has the power to

help me recover." In this

principle we come to

understand that God wants

to fill our lives with His love, His

joy and His presence. We use

acronyms a lot in CR and the

one we use for HOPE is *H stands for Higher Power whose name is*



Jesus

Christ. This is the principle in which

we begin to connect with Jesus and realize that He can

and wants to do for us what we've never been able to do

for ourselves. As Jesus says in 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My

grace is enough for you; for where

there is weakness, my power is

shown the more completely."

The next letter is *O* which stands

for *Openness.* Hope, as a verb,

is openness to change. Hope

opens doors where despair

closes them! The letter *P* tells us

about *Power to change.* We

cannot recover under our own

power. If we could have, we would

have. It's in this principle we learn the *Power to change*

comes from God's grace. And *E* stands for *Expect to*

change. When you turn over the reins to God, the

changes you've longed for are just steps away. Will you

turn over the reins to Jesus Christ your Higher Power in 2018

and allow Him to complete the work He started in you?

Celebrate Recovery will walk alongside you without

judgement and take you through the steps along the road

to recovery.



Kathleen Armstrong

CR Ministry Leader

Matthew

1	1	17	13:1-32
2	2	18	13:33-58
3	3	19	14:1-21
4	4	20	14:22-36
5	5:1-26	21	15:1-20
6	5:27-48	22	15:21-39
7	6	23	16
8	7	24	17
9	8	25	18:1-20
10	9:1-17	26	18:21-39
11	9:18-38	27	19:1-15
12	10:1-23	28	19:16-30
13	10:24-42	29	20:1-16
14	11	30	20:17-38
15	12:1-21	31	21:1-22
16	12:22-50		



Brothers and Sisters at Coronado Baptist Church,
 The phrase is simple and the words are few, but behind them is a whole lot of appreciation and all the visit and prayers were an inspiration to me during the most traumatic time of my life. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

Love in Christ,
 Rosie Cortez

Thank You for your thoughtfulness by sending the beautiful arrangement to my mothers funeral! I appreciate your sweet expression of sympathy.

With Love,
 Ricky and Sandra Pearson



Elder
 Spotlight

Invite a neighbor or a friend over during the Christmas season to share a meal and the Gospel!

Deployed Military

Jeff Kaldahl Les Standfield
 Mitchel Clark James Trask
 Drew Thomas

If you know of anyone deployed from our church please call the front office so we can update our list.
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In Need Of Healing

Gene Barker
 Dorothy Ortega
 Star Hobdy
 Joy Ayres

And all those in our church body who are living with long-term illnesses, cancer or dealing with cancer-related issues.

Also be in **PRAYER** for:

- ❖ Our pastors, staff, and their families: physical, emotional, & spiritual blessings!
- ❖ Upcoming outreach and encouragement events planned for January.



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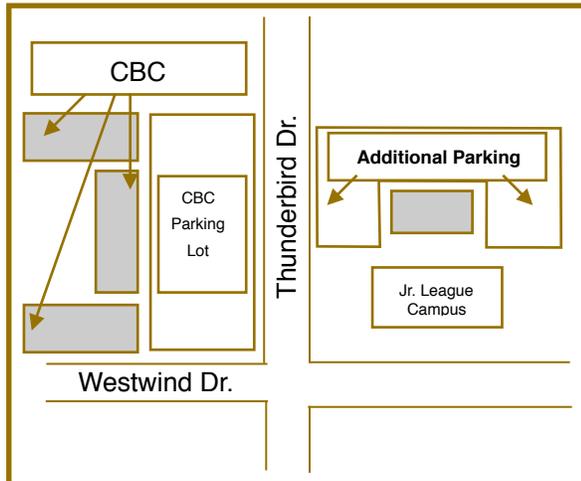
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