

New Bethel Church Consecration Schedule January 2024



Type of Consecration: Complete Fast

<u>Purpose of Consecration</u>: This season of consecration will exemplify manifestations of a new anointing in the lives of those that will please God by submitting their lives to Him and also serving Him! The Lord said in the Word of God, behold, I will do a new thing. The Lord will initiate the new thing in our lives, but it will also require that we demonstrate its presences through faith elevation and manifestation of new exploits.

The Lord constantly expresses His intense interest in our faith walk as demonstrated by Hebrews 11:5-6. Also, when Israel was redeemed in Isaiah chapter 43 and became a witness for God, the Lord promised Israel He would destroy their enemy Babylon and do it in a manner that would make what He did to Egypt pale in comparison. Consequently, He said to Israel in Isaiah 43:18-19, "Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." We must commit ourselves to total dependence, reliance, and trust upon the Lord in every facet of our lives. Let us prepare ourselves for the new thing to occur.

Application: We must FAST, PRAY, and GIVE as we walk toward fulfillment of God's promise. We know that it is imperative that we bring our bodies into subjection through **fasting**. We are demonstrating our faith in God's willingness and ability to manifest the promise in our lives through **prayer**. Every time the Lord's logos (His word) becomes rhema (revelation), we must honor the Lord by demonstrating our gratitude through an offering or seed of thanks**giving**.

Scripture References: Hebrews 11:5-6; Isaiah 43:1-25; Exodus 14:13-31; Genesis 35:9-15; Genesis 41:1-57; Luke 1:57-66; and Haggai 2: 9-12 (Review all scriptures in the King James Version)

First Fruit Offering Scriptures: Joshua 6:18, Deuteronomy 15:19, Deuteronomy 26:2, and Nehemiah 10:37

Dates/Times:

Monday, January 1, 2024 (beginning at 5:00 PM)
(We will begin honoring this fast by only consuming one meal after 5:00 PM.) through
Monday, January 22, 2024 (ending at 5:00 PM)

Details:

• <u>*Fast*</u> – No food or drink until after 5:00 PM. You may consume one meal after 5:00 PM. After the meal, do not consume any food or drink until after 5:00 PM the next day. This process will continue through the fast ending date.

(Personal adjustments for medical reasons are strongly encouraged. Brushing your teeth with toothpaste and rinsing with Listerine twice is recommended. As needed, mints may also be used to freshen your breath throughout the day while interacting with others.)

- <u>Pray</u> Prayer will be held at New Bethel on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning at 6:30 PM (except on Wednesdays prayer will begin at 7:00 PM).
- <u>*Give*</u> At any time during the fast, give a first fruits offering of your salary. It could be one hour, one day, one week, or one month of your annual salary.

Pastor is asking that everyone give at least one day's salary as a first fruit offering to the Lord. <u>*Example of first fruit calculations</u>*

<u>One hour's first fruit</u> – divide annual salary amount by 2,080 hours (\$50,000/2,080=\$24.04 offering amount) <u>One workday's first fruit</u> - divide annual salary amount by 264 days (\$50,000/264=\$189.39 offering amount) <u>One work week's first fruit</u> – divide annual salary amount by 52 weeks (\$50,000/52=\$961.54 offering amount) <Days included are only for days that would be worked in a 40 hour work week throughout the year.>

Important Note:

As you are managing your health and hygiene during this consecration, a simple rule should always apply, "BE HONEST WITH GOD!" Any spiritual benefits derived from this consecration are only going to be realized as a result of your character and commitment.