**Transition: Change, Shift: Move**

**It’s Time to Re-CREATE For So Much More in 2023!**

**CFSMM – New Year Consecration Guidelines**

**January 8th – January 28th**

*Please read this consecration guideline thoroughly and refer back to it throughout your fast in order that we might all remain on the same accord. May God richly bless you as you undertake this special time of drawing closer to Him!*

It has been said that “Whenever God intends great blessings for His people, He first sets them to praying and fasting.” It has also been noted that prayer and fasting are two of the most powerful weapons in a Christian’s walk; they have the power to transform nations and to change the course of history! We are embarking upon this season of prayer and fasting precisely because we are ready for such transformation!

“Therefore is any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all thing are become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

**TRANSITION**: A passage from one state to another: **CHANGE**

**SHIFT:** To change the place, position or direction of: **MOVE**

The bible is full of TRANSITION: CHANGE, SHIFT: MOVES

As we move through the bible time and time again we see God bring TRANSITION AND SHIFT. Things going one direction, then miraculously CHANGED and now going in another.

We see one being brought down and another brought up.

We see captivity then we see liberty.

We see weeping then we see joy.

We see darkness giving way to light.

We see death giving way to life.

We see the old giving way to the new.

**WE SEE TRANSITION! WE SEE SHIFT! THINGS CHANGING, THINGS MOVING!**

These things did so, for no other reason than God said **“IT IS TIME”!**

What if this year God is saying to you ... **“IT IS TIME”!**

**Re – CREATE**

“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.” Isaiah 43:19

**FOR SO MUCH MORE**

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.” Ephesians 3:20

This year we are praying and believing God for

1. Family Miracles
2. Divine Favor
3. Lifetime Harvest

IN OTHER WORDS: we are praying and looking for **TRANSITION/SHIFT** so that we can **RE-CREATE FOR SO MUCH MORE!!**

**Guidelines**

Matthew 6 speaks of three duties of every believe: Prayer, Fasting and Giving. On this consecration, we as a church are being challenged to offer God our best in each of these areas.

1. **Prayer** – this will be a season of prayer and fasting. This will be a time of hearing from the Lord and for you to speak to Him. This is a time to come clean with yourself and the Lord about that part of you that has been hindering your walk with the Lord. This is time to **TRANSITION and SHIFT**. I encourage you to carry your Bible and notebook or journal into your prayer time.
2. **Each member is asked to designate a daily prayer time.** Set achievable daily appointments with God and be faithful to those times of prayer. The key is to make prayer a priority. Make an appointment with God and keep it.
3. **Congregational Prayer.** There will be altar prayer each Sunday morning at 9:45 am. All members and especially leaders are expected to be in attendance. Tuesday prayer will be from 7:00 – 7:30 pm on zoom. There will be altar prayer each Thursday night at 7:00 pm. If we pray together, we stay together.
4. **Giving** – each member is asked to pray and bring a special offering of obedience and faith during this fast. Remember, the three-fold cord of giving, praying, and fasting that Jesus spoke of in Matthew 6 may well be the key to your hundredfold return in this year! **Allow God to challenge you to trust Him in new dimensions in your giving. Please keep in mind that if what you bring doesn’t mean anything to you, it won’t mean anything to God either. Give God your best gift!**
5. **Fasting** – everyone is asked to unite during this month in one of three biblical methods of fating. The church will fast through midnight Monday through Friday starting midnight on January 8th, you can use your own discretion on Saturday and Sunday.
6. **The “Divine Intervention Fast”** – the total abstinence from food and water (Acts 9:8,9; Ezra 10:6; Esther 4:16) **This is a fast that was observed biblically in times of great crisis. It was a fast for life – threatening situations or during times of great travail for a city or a people.** You may choose to participate in this powerful form of fasting from 9pm til 4pm daily. Remember, it is recommended that one should never go without water for more than about 3 days, and it is highly recommended that you drink as much purified water as possible during the hours between fasting to cleanse your system.
7. **The “Warfare and Wisdom Fast”** – the fast that restricts the diet to vegetables, fruits, water, and pure unsweetened fruit or vegetable juices (Daniel 1:12, 15, 17 and 10:2,3,12,14). No breads, meat, pasta, desserts, sweets, or sweet drinks. **This fast, also known as the “Daniel Fast,” is for times of conflict and spiritual warfare when supernatural wisdom and understanding are needed**.
8. **The “Children of Victory Fast”** – for our children under the age of 13, parents should use their discretion, but encourage their children to experience the joy of a lifestyle of fasting and prayer. Children can easily and successfully complete the Daniel Fast. They may also be encouraged to fast until lunchtime with no snacks between lunch and dinner, or to fast with just water and juices until dinner daily. The important thing is that they make a sacrifice that means something to them.
9. Every member is asked to participate in the consecration for its **entirety January 8th – January 28th.**
10. Participating members should cut back on secular television and other secular media (other than Christian music or ministry) during the time of this consecration. Allow God to lead you in this. The same should apply to frivolous emails or web surfing. The goal is not just to go on a diet or “health fast,” but also to really position us to hear from God by placing Him at the center of our attention.
11. “Martial relations” may be cut back at the discretion of each married couple

**Prayer Focal Points** - *please see additional information for scriptures to read and meditate on*

**Week of January 8th** – Focus on Family Miracles *(Church Family and Individual Family)*

**Week of January 15th** – Focus on Divine Favor *(Personally and for the CFSMM Family)*

**Week of January 22nd** – Focus on Lifetime Harvest *(Spiritually, Emotionally, Mentally and Financially) Pray for a revival at CFSMM*

**Additional Prayer Points**

* Pray for Apostle Saunders, Lady Saunders and the leadership at CFSMM
* Pray for the membership at CFSMM. The present members and those that are on their way.

**Anticipated Results**

The results and rewards of properly seeking God in fasting and prayer are too numerous to detail here. Allow me to summarize them in the words of Jack Frost, author of **Pulling Down Strong-Holds**

* “If you desire to minister to your family, **you will fast**.”
* “If you desire to break bonds of wickedness**, you will fast**.”
* “If you truly desire to minister to the broken-hearted, **you will fast**.”
* “If you desire to stand in the gap for others, **you will fast**.”
* “If you desire to restore and rebuild, **you will fast**.”
* “If you desire to walk in authority over darkness, **you will fast**.”

“**If you desire: spiritual strength, answered prayer, divine health, spiritual guidance, wisdom from above, knowledge becoming understanding, refreshing and restoration, supernatural protection, favor with God and favor with man, fruitfulness in ministry, dying to the self-life – Then You Will Pray and Fast! The supernatural flows forth from a lifestyle of prayer and fasting.”**

Let’s prepare to **Transition: Change, Shift: Move as we Re-Create For So Much More!** When we come together on one accord pray, fast and seek the face of God, cancers are healed, terminal diseases are obliterated, lost family members are saved, addictions are broken, relationships are restored, ministry assignments are birth or confirmed and poverty is destroyed.

**“It Is Time for MORE!!**

**Additional Prayer Information**

Prayer is not an obligation – it is an opportunity

Prayer is not just a requirement – it is a privilege

It is an invitation to experience the Power of God!

Prayer should be a conversation, a dialogue between a child and a father, between a friend and a heavenly friend. Take time to listen, listening is every bit as important as talking. Listen to the Lord **I Samuel 3:9 - 10**

Your prayer can shake the ground around you **Acts 4:31**

As you pray don’t pray for materialistic things. God knows what you need but as Luke 12:30 – 31 says, “Seek ye the Kingdom of God and all things (needed things) shall be added unto you.”

**Prayer not only changes things, It changes ME!**

Pray through your doubts, through your fears and refuse to give up.

Prayer is not about changing God’s mind, but finding God’s mind. Prayer is the key to maintain a godly perspective.

1. The Purpose of Prayer – Ephesians 3:14
2. The Necessity of Prayer – Psalms 37:4
3. The Command to Pray – Luke 18:1, Luke 11:2, James 4:2
4. Knowing God Through Prayer – Nehemiah 1:5 – 6
5. Hearing from God through Prayer – Psalms 143:8. I Samuel 3:10, John 10:27
6. Strengthening Your Faith Through Prayer – Jeremiah 33:3
7. Seeking Forgiveness Through Prayer – 1 John 1:9, Luke 5:10, Psalms 51:2
8. Gaining Perspective Through Prayer – 1 Peter 4:7, Ephesians 3:20, James 1:5
9. Receiving God’s Provisions Through Prayer – Philippians 4:19, Psalms 37:25
10. Asking for God’s Protecting Through Prayer – Psalms 46:1, 1 Corinthians 10:12
11. Making a Prayer a Priority – Matthew 6:33
12. Bring Every Situation to God - Psalms 55:22, John 4:29 - 30
13. Pray with A Sincere Heart – 2 Chronicles 7:14, Matthew 6:5 - 6
14. Pray Constantly – I Thessalonians 5:16 – 18, Romans 8:27
15. Pray Persistently – Colossians 4:2, Luke 11 – 5:10
16. Pray Boldly – Hebrews 4:16
17. Pray Using Scriptures – John 15:7, Proverbs 3:5 – 6, Psalms 119:105
18. Pray for Others - I Timothy 2:1 – 4, Psalms 33:12
19. Pray for God’s Will to Be Done – Matthew 7:10, Johns 4:34, Luke 22:42
20. Seek God’s Will - Romans 12:2, Psalms 143:10
21. Answers from God – Isaiah 30:18
22. A Heart for Obedience – Psalms 40:8
23. Deliverance from Temptation – Matthew 6:13, I Corinthians 10:13, John 16:33
24. Strength in Times of Weakness – Psalms 62:8, 2 Corinthians 12:9
25. Greater Love for Others – Ephesians 3:17 – 18, Ephesians 1:15 – 21, Johns 15:13
26. A Spirit of Gratitude – Nehemiah 8:10, Thessalonians 5:18, Philippians 1:21