

Dear New Birth family,

We've come this far by faith! The **COVID-19** pandemic has wreaked havoc on the entire earth. The way we've traveled, the way we've worked, how our children learned, and the way we've worshiped was all upended. Through the grace of God amidst so many deaths, incalculable trauma, foreign wars, and domestic racial tension, we have stood as a beacon light of hope shining bright for the entire world to see. With favor and mercy being our lamplight, it still doesn't deny the post-traumatic stress that lingers within so many.

I'm excited to share with you that we are coming back to worship in person Resurrection weekend, but to be clear, this isn't a casual event. It's a spiritual journey. To be in a sacred space with clean hands and a pure heart requires more than mere temperature checks, but soul cleansing and consecration. The season of Lent offers us such an opportunity. It's the period between Ash Wednesday and Resurrection Sunday where we make sacrifices of self-denial in an attempt to draw closer to Christ. I'm challenging our entire congregation and community to go on a journey to the cross that will amplify our spiritual lives. Everybody's path is different, so I've carved out two different fasting teams. Take a moment to consider what resonates the most as you strive towards righteousness.

The first team is the **Champions Circle** who will commit to:
No sugar, starch or soda

The second team is the **Conquerors Circle** who will commit to:
No social media, streaming (YouTube, Netflix etc.) and no secular music

This is not an act of punishment, but strengthening. In those weakened moments where you long for what you are sacrificing, you should pray, meditate, reflect, and journal.

Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday we will have a prayer conference call at 6AM and 6PM. Each Tuesday will be streamed online. Set your clocks to spiritually set up your life. Something good is getting ready to happen for you.

Conference Call Number: (609) 663-5452

In addition, join us for our special Resurrection Offering in-person or virtually. God has pressed on my heart for 100 partners to sow a \$1,000 offering or 1,000 partners to sow a \$100 offering. During this Lenten season, I will be praying that God raises your name to the top of the list, raise people to help you and your vision, raise new opportunities in your path, clients to support your business, and raise your health and spiritual expectations.

Click Here to complete the Resurrection Challenge Commitment Card.

Excited to serve,


Senior Pastor