

PETER'S ROCK FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST



5 DAYS OF CONSECRATION
MAY 1ST – MAY 5TH



Elder Joseph L. Hawkins, Pastor

Five-Day Consecration

May 1 - May 5, 2026

Thank you for joining us during this time of Consecration and for seeking the face of God. It is time we set ourselves aside and dedicate ourselves to the Lord. Understand that to consecrate something means to set it aside, to dedicate it to a separate purpose. As believers, we are to live consecrated lives, separated from the world and dedicated to the Lord's use.

Consecration is something that must first happen in the heart and in our spirit man. We must separate ourselves from the world and be dedicated to God in our hearts before we can lead consecrated lives on the outside. Often, we try to be consecrated first on the outside, modifying our behavior before we change on the inside. Understand this, we cannot consecrate ourselves by outward action only.

Yes, a believer should refrain from certain things, but we must transform our hearts to bring lasting change to our lifestyles. When we seek transformation in our spirits and souls, we will see changes take place in our behavior. The more we determine to get into the Word, and the more we pray, the more we fast, the more we read our Bible, the more we give, the more we will become close to God, and the more changes will take place in us. And, when changes take place in us, they always show up on the outside.

God expects us to live lives of Consecration to Him. Dedicate yourselves to Him and His service. To do so, we must make the quality decision to pray, fast, praise and worship, read the Bible, give, and follow His leading when He tells us to get away from something, whether it is an activity, person, etc. God will speak to our hearts and show us areas that need adjustment. It is our responsibility to listen and obey. That is how Consecration happens- it is an inward process that results in outward change. However, it begins with a decision to dedicate yourself to Him. We cannot be half-in-half Believers. We must all be in for Jesus. Otherwise, we end up being lukewarm in our faith.

Make the decision today to adopt a serious mindset as we consecrate ourselves to God for five (5) days by praying, fasting, praising, getting in the Word, and giving. It's during this time that we will enjoy our time with the Lord and move forward in all He wants us to do and all He has for us. I am persuaded that God will grant us triple grace and favor beyond measure; prepare for Him to work a miracle in your life and in the lives of your loved ones.

During this time, we will follow a structured plan in fulfilling our prayer and fasting objectives. We will be doing a complete fast each day from 6:00 am until 3:00 pm. That means no food or liquids during the fast time. Before participating in this Consecration, you are advised to consider your personal health needs and to consult with your personal physician (if necessary).

Earnestly seek God's guidance and wise counsel. If you need to modify the schedule because of health reasons, do so. Remember that this is truly a heart consecration. Do as much as you can. Go as far as you can.

During this time, let's not seek God's hand, but let's seek God's face. His hand will supply, but only His face will satisfy. So, let's get started by praying this prayer:

"Jesus, with Your help and Your power, today I consecrate everything to You – all I had, all I have, and all I will ever have; all I have been, all I am, and all I will ever be. I offer it all up to You, Lord. I consecrate my time, my possessions, my wealth, my reputation, my family, my relationships, my accomplishments, and my ministry to You. I consecrate and offer up my hopes, dreams, desires, and will to You, Father. They all belong to You. I consecrate all of this to You for Your purpose and glory.

I consecrate each day to You. I consecrate my hands, my eyes, my thoughts, my words, my emotions, and my actions to You every day. I offer them to You as "instruments of righteousness." Sanctify all of these, that I may be a "living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to You."

Jesus, I offer up and consecrate to You all my pain, hurt, anger, hatred, sin, fear, bitterness, resentment, sorrow, and unforgiveness – all of the defiling, desecrating, and unrighteous acts done by me and done to me. Jesus, I want to be holy and whole. Heal me emotionally, deliver me spiritually. Heal my body. Set me free from shame and guilt, fear and anxiety, depression and despair. Break any curses spoken over me by myself or others. I consecrate to You the times I have allowed myself to be offended.

Jesus, today I bind my heart to Your heart. I bind my mind to Your mind. I bind my will to Your will, and I bind my ways to Your ways. Jesus, I loose any stronghold thinking, negative emotions, and every critical thought that keeps me from knowing and loving you as my Lord.

Jesus, make me like You – loving the Father with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength; and loving others as I love myself. Help me to make You first, so that I can serve You and others with no thought of my own reward. Help me to be a servant to the world, walking in peace and joy, secure in the knowledge that You will never abandon me or forsake me. Help me daily to give up the right to myself – not for any benefit to me, but for Your Kingdom purposes and Your glory. Jesus, I want You to be the thought that moves me to action, the gate by which I enter, the road I walk along, the purpose for which I live, and the destination I am yearning for. You, and You alone, are the highway to holiness.

I want to be on that highway. I consecrate myself and my things for these purposes, but without You in my life, none of this is possible. Jesus, I need You every day.

Jesus, protect me from the attacks of satan and his demons – large and small. Place a shield of protection around me and assign angels to watch over me. As soon as I surrender myself to You, I am on satan’s radar screen. Hide me as I meet you in the secret place and hold me close.

Lord, I trust You. Help me now to place all it in Your hands, for You are Faithful. Apart from You, none of this is possible.

There is no better place to live than under the wings of You, my Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lover of my Spirit, soul, and body – my Lord and my God, my Father, my Friend, my Protector, my Deliverer, and my Healer.

I ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord, and I believe by faith it is done.

Hallelujah! Amen!

FRIDAY

May 1, 2026

FOCUS: Prayer

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

St. Matthew 6:5-15

St. Mark 11:24-26

Prayer is a doorway to a relationship with God. He promises not only to listen when we call, but also to show Himself when we seek Him: *"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart"* (Jeremiah 29:12,13).

We may not fully understand prayer, but if we keep doing it, it will produce results. Promises like this one encourage me: *"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective"* (James 5:16). I don't always feel powerful. Still, I'm discovering keys to growing in my prayer life.

There are times when we forget the amazing privilege of just talking to God. Sometimes we are guilty of turning our prayer into a to-do list for Him. Of course, God wants to hear our requests, but He also wants to hear our thanks, praise, and laments. He takes joy in hearing our voices.

There are times when we can become so distracted 8
and sidetracked while trying to pray.

When we sit down to pray, our minds take off. The grocery store run we planned for later in the day takes on emergency "must do now" priority.

An upcoming project I needed to start yesterday keeps popping into my mind, and I find myself wondering what's happening on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram. You may get sidetracked and distracted, but you must continue to pray. If you keep returning to prayer, even for just a few minutes at a time, you will develop a stronger prayer life.

One of the biggest roadblocks to prayer is that we complicate it. We think we have to compose eloquent and fervent petitions for it to count. We assume we have to pray for a long time for God to hear, and we berate ourselves when our minds wander. The most effective prayer is the simple one-sentence plea lifted when we feel hard-pressed by stress or trouble. The most powerful prayer I know is just one Word: "*Jesus!*" He comes when we call. A short, simple cry to the God of heaven can result in big answers, such as His giving us peace in our anxious moments or wisdom on how to handle a situation.

We don't have to put on happy, holy faces to pray. Sometimes we're hurting so bad we don't feel like worshiping or giving thanks. Our minds can't even find the words we think God wants to hear. At times like that, focus on getting real with God.

When you talk to God, talk to him as you would to your best Friend, pouring out all your sadness, frustration, and fear. When I bare my heart to Jesus, I feel closer to Him. I remember He's my dearest, most faithful Friend.

In your prayer, always remember to repent. Jesus taught us to pray *"Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."* (St. Matt 6:11-12). The word "repentance" makes us squirm because we don't like being reminded of our sins and shortcomings, yet confessing them paves the way for renewal. We all sin, and repentance sets us free from guilt. It enables us to taste more of God's grace. Unconfessed sin sets up a roadblock in our relationship with God, but repentance removes obstacles to our spiritual growth. Our repentance and God's forgiveness quiet the voice of Satan, the accuser who wants to heap guilt and condemnation on us. So in praying, ask God for forgiveness.

When we pray God's Word back to Him, we align ourselves with His Spirit and His will and experience something powerful. You can use Scripture as a springboard for prayer as you read it. Praise God for an attribute you see mentioned. Turn verses into prayer requests for yourself or people you love. Return His Word to Him and declare, *"Lord, You said in Your Word we are healed by Your stripes; Your Word says we are more than conquerors."* God delights in knowing that you know what He says.

The greatest mystery of prayer is that God speaks. But we can't hear Him if we make it into a monologue by doing all the talking.

Once in a while, experiment by practicing silence after your time of praying and reading your Bible, and ask God, "What do you want to say to me?" Then, remain silent for a few minutes and see what impressions come to mind.

Finally, don't stop praying and don't stop talking to God, even though it seems you are getting no answers. You must continue to trust God's faithfulness. Keep praying because there is power in persistence. Jesus told his disciples that *"men should always pray and not give up"* (St. Luke 18:1).

Don't condemn yourself when you do not feel like a powerful prayer warrior, because we can all be sidetracked and become distracted. Even your muddled requests and lightning cries for help bring the God of heaven to your side. God invites you to Himself. As you draw near to hear His voice and talk to Him, you will discover the power of prayer.

LET'S PRAY:

My Father, and my God, thank you for giving us prayer as a way to communicate with you. Forgive me for treating it with carelessness. You long for me to pray in faith, believing and trusting that you will reveal yourself to me. Please open my eyes to understand what's happening in front of me and behind the scenes. Give me the power of your Spirit so that I can believe that my prayers matter. Pour out your wisdom on me so that I can know how to pray and what to pray. Your Spirit in me is the same Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead, and I long for you to flow through me continually so that I may be pure, refined, and prepared for your purpose for my life. Thank you for hearing my prayer and loving me. In Jesus' name, Amen!

SATURDAY

May 2, 2026

FOCUS: Fasting

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 58:3-8

St. Matthew 6:16-18

Fasting is essentially giving up food (or something else) for a period of time to focus your thoughts on God. While fasting, many people read the Bible, pray, or worship. The Bible mentions fasting more than fifty times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Scripture presents fasting as a powerful way to connect with God and shows its rich history in both. In the Old Testament, people often fasted in times of deep sorrow or to humble themselves before God. Take David in Psalm 35:13, for instance—he fasted to express his humility before the Lord. In the New Testament, fasting becomes a way to draw closer to God, centering one’s heart and mind on Him. Jesus exemplifies this in Matthew 4:1-2, fasting for 40 days in the wilderness to prepare for His ministry.

Fasting is a spiritual discipline designed to draw closer to God, strengthen your Spirit, and subdue physical desires through intentional self-denial. Key lessons include humbling oneself, increasing dependence on God rather than food, and replacing physical sustenance with prayer.

It is not for show, but for cultivating obedience and inner spiritual focus.

Fasting creates space for prayer and spiritual reflection, shifting focus from physical needs to divine dependence. It helps master physical appetites and desires, teaching self-control. It is a way to express sorrow for sins and to humble ourselves before God. Use it to strengthen your Spirit, resist temptation, and seek guidance.

Fasting is not a way to force God to answer prayers, but rather a way to align oneself with His will. Fasting is not a weight-loss diet; while it may occur, it should not be the primary goal. Fasting is not a merit-based system to make God love you more. Fasting isn't for God; it's for you, wanting more of God.

You're also encouraged to keep your fasting between you and God; as Jesus teaches in Matthew 6:16-18, we shouldn't appear somber to signal that we're fasting. It's a private practice, meant to nurture a quiet, deep relationship with God. Fasting often goes hand in hand with prayer, creating an intentional time of worship.

Before fasting, prepare your heart through prayer and reflection. If you have health concerns, consult with a healthcare professional if necessary. Start your fast with prayer, dedicating the time to God and seeking His strength and guidance. Spend the time you would usually spend eating in prayer, reading Scripture, and 14 seeking God's presence.

Use the end of your fast as an opportunity to thank God for His guidance and to reflect on the spiritual insights you gained.

Common spiritual dangers in fasting include developing spiritual pride, which makes us think we are better or more spiritual than those who don't fast; formalism, which turns fasting into a routine devoid of its true meaning and purpose; and hypocrisy, in which we try to impress others with our fasting – a problem that Jesus especially warned about (Matt. 6:16–18).

Legalism is another common danger in fasting and involves regarding fasting as a means of earning a better standing before God (and thus better access to His blessings). This happens when we come to see fasting as something we do for God. Practice fasting in private to maintain a sincere heart, not for show. Also know and understand that God values sincerity more than the length of time you fast.

LET'S PRAY:

Father, I come before you today along with my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who are fasting today. I pray that my faith and my hunger for you increases. As my body aches for its next meal, may my soul long even more intensely to be filled with Your Spirit. You are all I need. As I fast today, strengthen me to serve my brothers and sisters. Father, may my fasting unite me with You. May my fasting help me surrender myself, my day, and my life to You. May the sacrifice I'm making not fill me with pride, but instead, humility and a greater dependence on You. Lord, in my fasting, may I detach from the comforts, sins, and temptations of my flesh and unite myself to You. I love You, Lord. Be with me now and always. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen!

SUNDAY

May 3, 2026

FOCUS: Praise and Worship

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 100

Psalm 150

St. John 4:23-24

Praise and worship are closely connected but not identical. Praise is an outward expression of gratitude for what God has done, while worship is an intimate, heartfelt submission to who He is.

Praising God means expressing warm admiration and thanking Him for His actions. It is telling others how good God is. We praise God in the form of singing, playing instruments, clapping, shouting, dancing, and speaking of His goodness. The purpose of praise is to give God the glory, to thank Him for his works, and to lift our spirits.

Worship is the highest form of honor and respect—to bow down or prostrate oneself before God. It is the heart's inner focus on God. It is a personal, intimate conversation between you and God. True worship is not just about singing, but about living a life of obedience to God's commands, intending to experience the presence of God.

You can think of it like this: praise is celebrating God's works, while worship is surrendering to God's nature.

Praise takes us into God's presence, while worship keeps us there. Praise is often louder and more outwardly celebratory, while worship is often deeper and quieter, though both can include music. We praise God for *what* He does; we worship Him for *who* He is.

Anyone can praise God. But worship is done only in the Spirit and in truth. When we worship in the Spirit, that means our worship comes from our heart and is filled with the Holy Spirit. When we worship in truth, it means our worship aligns with the Bible, rather than just our emotions. Worship is a matter of the heart, not just the action.

People express praise and worship in different ways, such as singing songs and hymns, praying and giving thanks, clapping, dancing, lifting hands, silent reflection, surrender, and even playing instruments.

True worship isn't just about music—it's about your heart. God looks for sincerity, humility, obedience, and love. You can worship and praise God anywhere, not just in church.

LET'S PRAY:

Holy Father, You are so good, and Your mercy endures forever. I praise You for that today. Thank You! Father, You deserve so much worship and adoration. You deserve the highest praise, the most passionate worship, and the utmost and highest devotion. Thank You that! In Christ, Your promises are "Yes" and "Amen." You are ever ready and willing to fill and refill me with Your power, Your Spirit, Your boldness, and Your heart of love.

Father, give me a heart of worship, so I can worship You as Jesus worshiped You while He was on the earth during His ministry. I ask that You change my heart and help me to lift You, the way You deserve.

I am sorry that I let worship cease being a priority. Please forgive me. I am so sorry that I have let distractions set in, like checking my phone, looking at my watch, or watching others around me. Please forgive me for all the times I have slighted You. I repent of it... forgive me, and wash me clean. Cover me with the blood of Jesus, and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. This is a prayer in my Big Brother Jesus' name, Amen!

MONDAY

May 4, 2026

FOCUS: Reading The Bible

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Psalms 119:11

Psalm 119:105

The Bible is so important that Jesus said of Scripture, *"Man does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God"* (Matthew 4:4). That is, we can stuff our faces with what the world offers, but it'll never fully satisfy the way God's Word can. Therefore, reading the Bible is not an option; it is a necessity. You cannot grow spiritually strong without it. Reading the Bible requires spiritual discipline, so we must approach it with consistency and intention.

When you lack the desire to read the Bible, pray, and ask that God would give you a desire for His Word. Then, build time into your day to read Scripture and make it a priority. Reading the Bible is essential for learning about and understanding God's character, receiving guidance for daily life, and growing spiritually. It acts as an instruction manual for living, providing wisdom, comfort, and truth to discern right from wrong. Regular reading transforms hearts, equips believers for good works, and strengthens faith.

Reading it isn't just about getting through pages—it's about understanding God's Word and applying it to your life. The Bible is God's message to humanity and a guide for our daily living. It's also a source of wisdom, correction, and encouragement. It's God's Word; it is God's love letter written to His people, which includes you. So ask God to help you understand His Word. Ask God to use His Word to teach you, to direct you, and even to redirect you when necessary. Ask Him to use His Word to help you know Him and love Him.

As we read our Bible, it helps us know God, and we will see how it reveals God's character and His plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Bible is a "lamp to our feet," offering wisdom for daily decisions, navigating challenges, and understanding how to treat others. In a world with many falsehoods, the Bible provides a standard of truth and protects against deception. The Bible is a source of nourishment for the soul and a weapon against spiritual discouragement.

Although writers recorded the Bible over 2,000 years ago, its words has remained accurate and applicable to believers' lives throughout the years. The Bible is our sole and primary source for every revelation and life principle given to us by God, and it serves as an infographic of His plan for humankind.

Understanding Bible verses can sometimes be discouraging. That's why God has blessed us with Bibles of different translations.

Popular Bible translations include the King James Version (KJV), published in 1611. This formal equivalence translation is known for its poetic language, though it uses older English and relies on fewer ancient manuscripts. New International Version (NIV), is a balanced "thought-for-thought" translation that is easy to read, making it ideal for new believers and general reading. English Standard Version (ESV) is a "word-for-word" translation that prioritizes accuracy to the original text, popular for study. New Living Translation (NLT) is a dynamic, thought-for-thought translation focusing on clarity and modern language, making it highly readable. New King James Version (NKJV) includes updates to the KJV's language while maintaining its traditional word structure. New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is often used in academic settings, aiming to balance accuracy with modern, gender-inclusive language. The Message (MSG) is a highly readable, contemporary paraphrase of the Bible by Eugene Peterson, ideal for personal devotions and for gaining fresh perspectives through its engaging, conversational language. Many praise it for making Scripture accessible to new readers, but scholars generally consider it a secondary resource rather than a primary tool for in-depth theological study. Choose a Bible for you, and begin reading it.

Ask the Holy Spirit to direct you as you start reading your Bible. Make reading your Bible a daily discipline, like reading your emails, scrolling on TikTok, or checking Facebook. Then, in prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten you as to what it means to you.

LET'S PRAY:

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving faith that saves us from our sin and gives us hope. Thank You for the Good News: *Christ came, died, and rose from the dead to forgive my sin.* I desire to know You and Your purposes better as I read Your Scriptures. Help me get into the Bible daily, and for Your words to get into me. Help me to recognize my need and to hunger for Your truth. As I read, feed my soul like I eat a hearty meal. Give me life abundantly as I follow its instruction today. As I read Your Word, I pray that You would help me memorize and keep its truth in my heart. So may I be ready to wield it like a sword when faced with the temptation to sin. Show me how to walk in a way that pleases You. Reveal to me the depth and width of Your great love as I read my Bible daily. In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen!

TUESDAY

May 5, 2026

FOCUS: Giving

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

St. Luke 6:38

Malachi 3:8-10

Christian giving is a joyful act of worship, reflecting God's generosity and stewardship of His resources. It should be proportional to how God has blessed you. You should give cheerfully rather than reluctantly, do sacrificially rather than just out of surplus.

Giving acknowledges God as the owner of all things and is not just a transfer of funds but a demonstration of gratitude. Those who have received more should give more, yet giving is for everyone. It is to be done "as God has prospered" an individual. The Bible teaches us that God loves a cheerful giver, not one who gives reluctantly or under compulsion.

The value of your giving is not in the amount, but in the sacrifice, as shown by the parable of the widow's offering. If you really want to see God give back to you, make giving a priority, not what is left over, by giving from the first part of your income to honor God.

When we give, it should not be done to gain approval from others, but rather in secret to honor God. We should not give to be seen, but there's nothing wrong with being seen giving.

Giving supports the work of God, provides for ministry staff, and helps the church serve the community. Scripture strongly emphasizes giving to the poor and weak. Giving helps break the hold that money and material "stuff" can have on our lives.

The Bible teaches that generous giving results in receiving back from God in abundance—a "good measure, pressed down." Generosity leads to spiritual growth and replenishes the giver so they can continue giving. It's an act of worship where we offer our resources.

Giving is not just about money. It's about the condition of your heart. God cares more about how you give than how much you give. It honors God, shows trust in God as our provider, helps those in need, breaks selfishness and greed, and reflects God's love, because God Himself is a giver.

There are four resources we should be willing to give from: our money, our time, our talent, and our love. Giving our money is done through tithes (a portion of income) and offerings (freewill giving beyond the tithe). Giving of our time means serving in church or the community, or helping someone in need. Giving of our talents is using the skills or gifts that God has given us to bless others.

Giving our love means we show kindness, forgiveness, and encourage others through words or deeds.

We should give regularly, with joy, and trust God with the results of our giving. We do reap what we sow. Let's give not out of pressure or guilt, nor expecting immediate rewards, but out of our hearts of gratitude for all God has given us through Christ Jesus. Giving isn't about losing—it's about participating in God's work and reflecting His generosity.

LET'S PRAY:

Lord, I thank You for what You have given me, so many blessings that I cannot begin to count them, they are without number. Lord, I pray that You would develop in me a giving heart that glorifies You, a cheerful heart that desires to give back to You, and pour a small measure of the over-abundance that You have poured into my lap. Help me to understand and apply your principle of giving that says, *"give, and it shall be given back unto you, good measures, shaken together, men would give to me"* (Luke 6:38). Forgive me for times I was selfish about giving and times when I held back from giving because of my feelings and emotions. There have been times, Lord, I held on to something when you told me to give. I judged the receiver, and I doubted Your voice. Forgive me.

I know that the attitude I have developed is not pure, nor is it founded on true biblical principles, so I come to You now to ask You to change my heart in regard to giving, so that it more truly reflects a heart that pleases You. I ask that You give me wisdom to know what to give, when to give and whom to give to. Change my attitude towards giving, I pray, knowing that all things come from You and it is from the over-abundance of the bountiful supply that You have graciously poured into my lap, that I am giving back to You. Give me, I pray, a giving heart, a generous heart, and a grateful heart. Develop in me a heart that is filled with thanks and praise to You, for all that You have done for me. Hear my prayer, Lord. I ask this in Jesus' name, Amen!



Peter's Rock Family Worship Center
223 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive West
Starkville, MS 39759
Ph: 662.323.5119
Email: info@petersrockfwccogic.org
Web: <https://petersrockfwccogic.org>