

June 24, 2026 – Day of Fasting/Prayer HCC

Scriptures

Fasting is explicitly mentioned in Scripture more than 70 times, and it is mentioned implicitly even more. If fasting was such a big deal to God's people and to God's Son, then *why not make it a big deal to us?*

12 "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."

13 Rend your heart and not your garments.

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Joel 2:12, 13

14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers:

Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Acts 13:1-4

Quotes:

Fasting is a perfect quieting of all our impulses, fleshly and spiritual. Fasting is not meant to drag us down, but to still us. It is not meant to distract us from the real, but rather to silence us so that we can hear things as they most truly are.

St. Thomas Aquinas

Jesus knew that fasting is not about us somehow getting God's attention. Instead, it's about God getting all our attention. Fasting is not ultimately about WHAT we let go of but WHO we will let take hold of us.

Dave Clayton, Nashville

Warm-Up, Finish the Sentence: (all together) – 15 minutes

“Father, I am thankful for...”

“I love you Lord, because...”

“One of the best things about you Father is...”

Walk the Building: Pray over VBS, HKM, HSM, (in small groups) - 15 minutes

Group 1 – Children’s Wing, Classrooms, Lounge, Café/Entry, Preschool, Attic

Group 2 – Adult education, Fireside, Nursery, Auditorium, Kitchen, Offices

Find a Place inside/out of the Building to Pray for... – (30 minutes together)

1. Pray for Someone who Needs the Lord – Acts 26:16-18

2. Pray for Someone with Health Concerns – Jeremiah 17:14

3. Pray for New Laborers for the Harvest - Luke 10:2

4. Pray for ‘BEYOND’ Vision: 3 Buckets – 2 Corinthians 10:15,16

- Expand the Kingdom (throughout Licking Co & beyond)
- Grow the Body (into the full measure of Christ)
- Equip the Church (with tools & resources for the task)

5. Pray for a Deacon, Elder, Staff & families

Deacons – Santiago Angle, Scott Brown, Josh Conley, Dan Cooperrider, Tim Finck, Bryan Gaul, Bob Grashel, Gregg Graham, Kris Kasson, Mike Keaser, Jeff Lees, Cliff Mason, Josh Mumford, Luke Sanford, Tim Ward, Tom Whitten, Marc Wilken

Elders - Stan Belville, Jeff Burns, Tony Guglielmi, Sam Mason, Kevin Mack, PC Roy, Jerry Billman

Staff – Josh Davis, David Linn, Jordan Tuttle, Mary Beth Roy, Ashleigh Westerfelt, Sandy Spence, Jana Nethers, Jonathan Mack, Beckie Dudgeon.

Potential Trustees – Mark Smith, Cliff Mason, Matt Geinger???

6. Pray for Summer Ministry - CIY, VBS, Camps, Champions, Recovery, Fidelis...