From the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

Our theme for January is "It is 2018 and we are going to see the King."

'Going to see the King' is a phrase taken from the gospel music hit song, "Take Me to The King", by Tamela Mann. The song is about taking steps to get close to God. That is our goal too. To attain this during the month of January we are collectively entering into a corporate (group) fast for 21 days. The fast will begin on Monday, January 8 and end on Friday, January 28.

As you know, fasting is the biblical practice of abstaining from food, drink, or other pleasures as an act of worship and consecration to the Lord. It is to be accompanied by prayer and time spent reading the Bible. Many people in the Bible fasted, including David, Moses and Queen Esther.

I am asking all members of the church to fast from something during this time frame. Instead of food, you may opt to fast from a favorite hobby or pastime. All of us can make this sacrifice for God's glory.

Daniel's fast is widely known and followed, probably because it is detailed in the book of Daniel, and it works! I began including fasting into my spiritual disciplines many years ago, and have experienced spiritual breakthroughs. According to Daniel 10:2-3, "no choice food, no meat or wine touched my lips." This means he ate only fruits and vegetables.

Like Daniel, we need a spiritual hunger for God, and seek spiritual food-closeness with God.

Our Prayer Ministry will provide a prayer handout to accompany our fast. This will be a powerful event for our church. I am excited about the move of God at The Park.

Your pastor-

Dr. Sheron C. Patterson

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation 2018

- CONFIRMATION CONNECTION
  January 19 -21, 2018
  Bridgeport Camp
- PARENT MEETING on Jan. 7 at 12:15 in the Justin Blalock Room.

CHRYSALIS is scheduled for January 13-15. Registration is now open. The deadline is Dec. 31. See Kathy Griffith for registration forms.

Chrysalis

CHILDREN AND YOUTH WILL WORSHIP WITH THEIR FAMILIES ON DEC 31ST

Please come out for the 13th Annual MLKing Symposium, sponsored by the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture, on Monday, January 15th, from 7:00 – 8:45p.m. at the Moody Performance Hall located at 2520 Flora Street. Dr. William Barber is the keynote speaker and Dr. Sheron C. Patterson will be one of the community leaders chosen to speak on a panel that engages Dr. Barber in additional thought.

FORWARD TOGETHER

13TH ANNUAL MLK SYMPOSIUM

FEATURING REV. DR. WILLIAM J. BARBER II
Greenleaf Christian Church – Goldsboro, NC
President of NC NAACP
Architect of the Forward Together Moral Movement

JANUARY 15, 7:00 – 8:45 PM

MOODY PERFORMANCE HALL
2520 FLORA STREET
DALLAS, TX 75201

$20 – GENERAL ADMISSION
$10 – TEACHERS
STUDENTS ARE FREE

JANUARY SERMON SERIES

"It is 2018 and we are going to see the King"

A sermon series on seeking the face of God

JAN 07
FASTING

JAN 14
VALOR
(Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

JAN 21
SEEKING GOD

JAN 28
REPENTANCE