

# YCC Newsletter

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## Do Not Forget!

God has given us His Prophetic Word to run with this year ...

### 2021 - Arise & Shine

(Isaiah 60:1-2; Isaiah 58:8-11)

So remember to wage a good warfare with it in your daily prayers! (1 Timothy 1:18)



## A Word In Season

*“Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. [13] And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:12-13)*

## Praying & Fasting The Way That Pleases God

*“And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.” (Matthew 6:5)*

*“Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.” (Matthew 6:16)*

In both of the scriptures quoted above regarding

praying and fasting, Jesus teaches us to avoid hypocrisy. In other words, we must ensure that we pray and fast from a heart of sincere devotion to God! This is because God is never pleased nor will he ever accept anything we offer to Him except we offer it with all our heart!

## PRAYER AND FASTING

*“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13)*

Furthermore, Jesus quoting the prophecy of Isaiah said, *“Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, [8] This people draweth nigh unto me*

*with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.” (Matthew 15:7-8).* Also, *“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13).* God wants sincere hearts in full devotion whenever we seek to fellowship with Him! Now, a sincere heart is a heart of obedience. That is why the Bible says, *“... to obey is better than sacrifice...” (1 Samuel 15:22).* This is also what the Bible teaches us in Isaiah 58:1-14 about the kind of fasting that God accepts, and in 1 John 3:20-22 about the kind of prayer that receives an answer from God. Therefore, as we pray and fast this month let us seek God with sincere hearts!

## If You Delight Yourself In God’s Word He Will Give You Your Heart’s Desires!

*“Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.” (Psalm 37:4)*

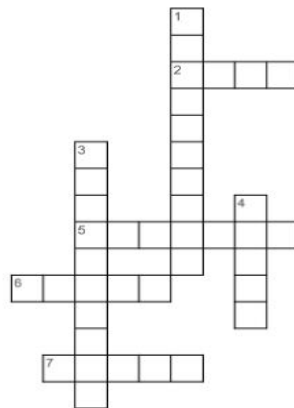
As you seek God with prayer and fasting this month, choose to make

the Word of God your number one desire. This is because when you put God’s Word first in your life, God will bless you with the blessings He reserves for those who obey Him! (see Psalm 1:1-3; Psalm 112:1-10). Delighting yourself in

the Word of God is the number one way of honouring God because God Himself has *magnified His Word above all His name* (see Psalm 138:2). Be like Job who *esteemed God’s Word more than his necessary food* (Job 23:12)!

## December Bible Crossword Puzzle

### Praying and Fasting



#### Across

- 2 Who was on a storm-tossed ship with 275 passengers who had not eaten for fourteen days? (Acts 27:33)
- 5 The people of what city fasted after hearing Jonah preach?
- 6 Who fasted for forty days in the wilderness?
- 7 What king fasted after his son, who was born through an adulterous affair, died?

#### Down

- 1 Jesus warns us that when we pray, we should not be as the \_\_\_?
- 3 According to Exodus 34:27-28, where was Moses when he fasted for forty days?
- 4 Acts 10:1-3 tells of Cornelius, a Roman centurion, fasting and praying when an angel appeared before him and told him to call for a particular man. Who did the angel tell Cornelius to contact?

Answers to **November** Bible Crossword Puzzle: **Across:** 2=WRATH; 4=GOLD; 5=SILVER; 7=SOLOMON  
**Down:** 1=ANT; 3=APPLES; 6=LION

## Faith Strengtheners

Here are some Scriptures to strengthen your faith this month:

*“Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.” (Mark 9:23)*

*“Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?” (John 11:40)*

*“And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.” (2 Chron. 20:20)*

*“We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I*

*believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;” (2 Corinthians 4:13)*

*“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Romans 10:10)*

*“Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.” (Acts 27:25)*

## Prayer Enhancers

Here are some Scriptures to enhance your prayers this month:

*“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” (John 15:7)*

*“Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye*

*pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. [25] And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. [26] But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.” (Mark 11:24-26)*

*“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: [15] And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.” (1 John 5:14-15)*

# December Bible Reading Plan

1 Ezek. 41-42; Prov. 1; Titus 1-3	15 Hos. 12-14; Prov. 15; 1 Pet. 4-5	29 Zech. 5-9; Prov. 29; Rev. 15-17
2 Ezek. 43-44; Prov. 2; Philem.	16 Joel 1-3; Prov. 16; 2 Pet. 1-3	30 Zech. 10-14; Prov. 30; Rev. 18-19
3 Ezek. 45-46; Prov. 3; Heb. 1-2	17 Amos 1-3; Prov. 17; 1 John 1-2	31 Mal. 1-4; Prov. 31; Rev. 20-22
4 Ezek. 47-48; Prov. 4; Heb. 3-4	18 Amos 4-6; Prov. 18; 1 John 3-4	
5 Dan. 1-2; Prov. 5; Heb. 5-6	19 Amos 7-9; Prov. 19; 1 John 5	
6 Dan. 3-4; Prov. 6; Heb. 7-8	20 Obad.; Prov. 20; 2 John	
7 Dan. 5-6; Prov. 7; Heb. 9-10	21 Jonah 1-4; Prov. 21; 3 John	
8 Dan. 7-8; Prov. 8; Heb. 11	22 Mic. 1-4; Prov. 22; Jude	
9 Dan. 9-10; Prov. 9; Heb. 12	23 Mic. 5-7; Prov. 23; Rev. 1-2	
10 Dan. 11-12; Prov. 10; Heb. 13	24 Nah. 1-3; Prov. 24; Rev. 3-5	
11 Hos. 1-3; Prov. 11; James 1-3	25 Hab. 1-3; Prov. 25; Rev. 6-7	
12 Hos. 4-6; Prov. 12; James 4-5	26 Zeph. 1-3; Prov. 26; Rev. 8-10	
13 Hos. 7-8; Prov. 13; 1 Pet. 1	27 Hag. 1-2; Prov. 27; Rev. 11-12	
14 Hos. 9-11; Prov. 14; 1 Pet. 2-3	28 Zech. 1-4; Prov. 28; Rev. 13-14	

May God bless you abundantly, anew this month, as you obey His instruction that: ***“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”*** (Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3).

## Healing Scriptures

The Bible says the Word of God is HEALTH to all our flesh! (Proverbs 4:20-22) In other words, the Word of God can heal us of all kinds of disease if we steadfastly believe it with our hearts and confess it with our mouths in faith (Romans 10:10) Also: ***“For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord...”*** (Jer. 30:17) The following are Scriptures that

promise us Divine Healing. Please study/meditate in them diligently and use them to pray in faith for your healing/health. You may choose to use them in addition to your Doctor’s prescribed medication IN JESUS NAME (Col. 3:17)

**Isaiah 53:1-5; Matthew 8:14-17; Matthew 4:23-24; Matthew 8: 5-13; Matthew 9:20-22; Matthew 9:27-33,35; Matthew 10:1; Mat-**

**thew 14:14; Matthew 14:34-36; Matthew 15:29-31; Matthew 17:14-21; Mark 7:24-30,31-37; Mark 16:14-18; Luke 5:17-26; Luke 6:6-10,17-19; Luke 13:10-17; Luke 17:12-19; John 5:1-14; John 9:1-7; John 11:1-4; Acts 3:1-16; Acts 5:12-16; Acts 9:32-34; Acts 10:38; Acts 14:8-10; Acts 19:11-12; Galatians 3:13-14; James 5:14-15; 1 Peter 2:24; 3 John 2; Jeremiah 17:14**

## Prayer Focus for the Month

- Pray for all men and rulers of the nations (1 Timothy 2:1-8; Proverbs 21:1).
- Pray for Israel and Peace in Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-7; Numbers 24:5-9).
- Pray for Christians suffering persecution (Psalm 142:1-7; Hebrews 13:3).
- Pray for GRACE for everyone of us to diligently fast and pray in the way that pleases God (Matthew 6:5&16; Isaiah 58:1-14).
- Pray in agreement with God’s Word that everyone in the Church will experience Divine Comfort On Every Side throughout 2022 and beyond (Psalm 71:21; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4).
- Pray the prayer of agreement, for answered prayers as God wills, regarding everyone’s prayer requests in the Church (Psalm 20:1-9; Matthew 18:19-20)

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## YESHUA CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Yeshua Christian Church is a purpose driven Church born by the will of God for the glorification of Jesus Christ and the blessing of mankind. It is the Church arm of Yeshua Trust – a Christian charity registered in the U.K. (Registered charity No. 1051006).

In addition to the GENERAL VISION for the Church of Jesus Christ which is clearly stated in Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-18, Yeshua Christian Church has been commissioned by God to fulfil the following specific vision:

- Build a people who are PERSONALLY fulfilled in Jesus Christ i.e. a people who are whole in Christ. This involves wholeness in their spirit, soul and body.

**Scriptural reference:** *"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."* (3 John 2).

- Chart a path to personal fulfilment in Christ via the teaching of the uncompromised Word of God and the impartation of the Holy Spirit so that the people may understand not just the Word of God but also the Way of the Holy Spirit.

**Scriptural reference:** *"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of Power; that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."* (1 Corinthians 2:4-5).

- Arrive at the ultimate end where such people, having been built up and personally fulfilled in Christ, may become TRUE WORSHIPPERS who worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

**Scriptural reference:** *"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth."* (John 4:23-24).

In a nutshell, therefore, the vision of Yeshua Christian Church is to build a people who are PERSONALLY FULFILLED in Christ Jesus via the Word and the Spirit to the ultimate end that they may become TRUE WORSHIPPERS of God.

# JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!



## BIRTHDAY & WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS



We wish all our members whose Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries fall within this month **HAPPY CELEBRATIONS.** May the Blessings of the Lord continue to abound over your lives and relationships in Jesus name.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

- **Annual December Prayer & Fasting 2021:** The Fasting & Praying theme this year is: *"2022 - Divine Comfort On Every Side"* (Psalm 71:21; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
- **Daily Prayer Network:** Remember to participate in our Daily Prayer Network by praying in the Spirit from 6-7 pm daily, throughout this month.
- **Church Building Project:** Remember to prayerfully and financially support our Church Building Project on an ongoing basis. Also, help share the vision with others as the Holy Spirit leads you. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## PASTORAL COUNSELLING

Do you need sound Scriptural Counselling in any area of your life?

As it is written:

*"For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts."* (Malachi 2:7)

See the Pastor to book an appointment.