

Covenant of Prayer

I will covenant with the Hampton Christian Church for 40 days of Prayer during Lent. This will be a time to lift up the leaders of the church, their ministries, and the future leaders and ministries of the church as well as other needs and concerns in the world and our community. This will also be a time for me to commit to growing closer to God through prayer, Bible Study, and other Spiritual Disciplines.

Name and Date

Notes

Notes and Other Prayer Needs

**40 DAYS OF
PRAYER -
HAMPTON
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH
2010**



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

2 Chronicles 7:14



During the season of Lent, you are invited to join us in 40 days of prayer for the life of the church body, corporately and individually. Scripture contains several examples of spending 40 days in intense prayer before significant events occurred. Moses gave himself to prayer and fasting twice for 40 days on Mt. Sinai. The first time (Ex. 24:18-chapter 33) resulted in receiving major revelation from God - the Ten Commandments, laws and entreating God not to destroy the nation of Israel. The second time (Ex. 34:28-35) the Ten Commandments were renewed. Elijah spent 40 days in prayer on Mt. Horeb (I Kings 19:1-18) for personal renewal. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness defeating Satan and preparing for ministry (Matt. 4:1-11).

I am inviting and calling the church to a time of prayer for the renewal and transformation of our church. That will not come about without God's leading and our submitting to His call and His plan for us. Listed in this brochure is a list of prayer topics to help guide us for each day of the week. These are just helps and guides but will focus our prayers for the life of the church and for you and your family too.

The Sundays leading up to Palm Sunday and Easter will be focused on stories from the life of Jesus. It is important to hear again the stories from the life of Christ and to hear Him speaking to us today. Our Wednesday soup suppers and study times will be a time to gather around a table and then to share in the Word of God by looking at, ***"If Christians Were Really Christian"*** together as we journey through Lent. Psalm 139:23-24 says, "Search me God and know my heart, test me and know my thoughts, see if there is any wrong way in me and lead me in the way of everlasting." I hope that this is a time of renew and refocus for you, your family and the church.

SUNDAY

- Worship
 - Spirit led worship that engages and draws people to God
 - Sunday's worship leaders including pastor, choir, elders, deaconate and readers
- God's revelation, vision, and leading in the life of the church
- Testing our hearts and lives and listening to God's leading (Ps 139)

MONDAY

- Christian Education and Youth
 - Sunday School Teachers and Students, Youth and Youth Leaders
- CWF and DMF
- Small Groups
- Testing our hearts and lives and listening to God's leading (Ps 139)

TUESDAY

- Membership and Evangelism
 - Spiritual Development of Members
 - Attraction and inclusion of new members and visitors from outside the church (think empty chairs)
 - Inactive members who need to be reconnected with (think empty chairs)
- Those within the church who are in need of healing
- Your spiritual development and God's calling in your life
- Testing our hearts and lives and listening to God's leading (Ps 139)

WEDNESDAY

- Outreach – World and Local
 - Outreach to those in need in new and exciting ways
- Families in the church and community
- Military men and women
- Our country, state, and local leaders
- Testing our hearts and lives and listening to God's leading (Ps 139)

THURSDAY

- Property
 - Care and use of church building, property, and parsonage
- Testing our hearts and lives and listening to God's leading (Ps 139)

FRIDAY

- Stewardship
 - Giving to the church
 - Use of the gifts and resources that we have been given
- Your stewardship of time, talents, & resources
- Testing our hearts and lives and listening to God's leading (Ps 139)

SATURDAY

- Leadership of the Church
 - Pastor, Elders, Deacons and Alter Guild
 - Board
- Personal rest and renewal - Sabbath
- Unity of our Body with Christ as the head
- Region and General Church
- Testing our hearts and lives and listening to God's leading (Ps 139)

It is my prayer and hope that as a church we will come together in prayer for the life and future of our church body & what God has in store for us.