

## ***...From the Pastor's Desk***

The **50-DAY CONSECRATION** begins April 9<sup>th</sup> through May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We are revising the guidelines to serve True Holiness Deliverance Tabernacle (THDT) – Sanford.

**On Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**, THDT will begin the 50-Day Consecration by **fasting** from midnight to 5:00pm daily and by **praying** for one hour (7:00 to 8:00pm) every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. At the end of the prayer hour, we will read Joel 2:15-18 (the Consecration scripture); followed by praying for any special prayer requests and giving thanks for all praise reports. **Prayer and fasting are the strength of the Consecration.**

**WHY 50 DAYS:** The 50<sup>th</sup> day from Easter represents 40 days that Jesus walked on earth after His resurrection plus 10 days from the time of His ascension into glory before the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on earth. (Acts 2:4) At the end of the 50 days we celebrate **“Pentecost”** which is derived from the Greek word **“pentikostos iméra”** and means **“fiftieth day”**. Originally the feast of Pentecost was the time when the first fruits were formally dedicated. The events of Acts Chapter 2 transformed the Jewish festival into a Christian one. Pentecost is known as **“White Sunday”** deriving its name from the white garments of those seeking baptism at this festival. On our 50<sup>th</sup> day of the Consecration (**May 28, 2023**) we will celebrate **“Pentecost”** at Sanford True Holiness Deliverance Tabernacle.

**DRESS CODE:** Men: dark pants, white shirts (no ties) during services. For Women: wear all white with white head coverings during the services. (1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 11:4-11; Ecc. 9:8)

**FASTING:** The abstinence from food for a period of time is part of the Consecration. (Joel 2:15, 16; Matt. 4:2; Jer. 36:6) Each member will select at least one day (between Monday – Saturday) to Fast from Midnight to 5:00pm the next day creating a church chain fast. On Sundays, all members are to fast until after the service. (If you are on medication, eat what you need to take your medicine, then rejoin the consecration.)

**PRAYER:** Prayer is our conversation with the Lord. (Luke 18:1; Matt. 6:6; John 16:23, 24; Luke 6:12) All members should select a 5-minute block during the Monday, Wednesday, or Friday prayer hour (7:00-8:00pm) to pray aloud through Zoom.

### **SCRIPTURES THAT WILL SUPPORT FASTING**

Joel 1:14; Joel 2:15,16    Jesus Fasted: Matt 4:2    The Early Church Fasted: Acts 14:23; Acts 27:33; Acts 13:2-3  
Paul Fasted: II Cor 6:5; II Cor. 11:27    Anna Served God with Fasting: Luke 2:36-37

### **ALONG WITH FASTING, WE MUST PRAY.**

Romans 12:12; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:12; Mark 11:25; Jude 20; Num. 21:7; I Tim. 2:8; Psalm 55:17; Luke 11:1; James 5:16;  
I Peter 3:7; I Cor. 14:15; Col. 4:2; Acts 16:13; Rev. 5:8; Matt. 21:22    Jesus Prayed All Night: Luke 6:12