



SJC 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting begins Wednesday, March 23 and ends Friday, April 15 (Good Friday). During the 21 days of prayer and fasting, we will join together in a church-wide daily prayer at 6:00 AM. Also, we encourage you to keep a reimagining and rebuilding prayer journal to commemorate your prayer and fasting journey. Visit www.sjbcfamily.com to download the SJC 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting Guide.

Let us enter this fast with passion and the example of Nehemiah. He sat down and wept. Then he fasted and prayed before the God of Heaven. *“Lord, let Your ear now be attentive, and Your eyes open, that You may hear the prayer of Your servant”* Nehemiah 1:6.

Important Dates:

- March 15-16 – SJC 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting “Let’s Talk About It”
- March 22-23 - SJC 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting Consecration
- March 23 – April 15 - SJC 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting (21 DPF) Begin
- March 23 – April 17 - 6:00 AM Daily Prayer Call
- Sat. April 9 – Children & Youth Event and Holy Week in a Box
- Sun. April 10 - Palm Sunday
- Sun. April 10 – Easter Program
- April 11-13 – Holy Week Revival, 7:00 PM GP Campus
- Fri. April 15 – 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting End
- Fri. April 15 – Good Friday Service, 12 Noon GP Campus
- Sat. April 16 – Saturday Resurrection Service, 10:00 AM GP Campus
- Sun. April 17 – Resurrection Services, 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM Grand Prairie Campus and 10:30 AM Southlake Campus

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There are five components of SJC 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting:

- Personal Quiet Time
- Church-wide Prayer Call
- Personal Fast
- 21-Day Devotional
- Personal Journal

(1) Personal Quiet Time:

Daily personal devotion or quiet time is simply time set apart to spend with God. During this season, plan to set aside more time to spend with God every day and be consistent. Quiet time is an important part of a Christian's everyday life. This time should allow one to draw closer to God without distractions. It consists of practicing the spiritual disciplines of prayer, worship, listening, journaling, scripture reading and meditating on God's Word. We must desire to know God better and be willing to obey the Lord God that we seek to know. It is imperative that every believer intensifies his or her commitment to living in accordance and obedience to the Word of God to experience the glory of the Lord like never before!

(2) Church-wide 6:00 AM Prayer Call:

Join the SJC Family for a daily 6:00 AM prayer call that begins Wednesday, March 23 (including Saturday and Sunday) and ends Friday, April 15 (Good Friday). Each day there is a prayer focus and scripture. Each morning Pastor Davis and/or SJC representative will lead in devotion and prayer. **CALL-IN NUMBER: 530-881-1212 / MEETING ID: 291-359-153**

(3) Personal Sacrifice/Consecration and Fasting:

Choose your personal spiritual sacrifice. Your personal sacrifice may include a food fast (like the Daniel Fast), minimizing the use of technology/television/media or eliminating non-essential spending. Your personal sacrifice should be so impactful that in your suffering you are constantly reminded of the power and presence of God in your life to strengthen your relationship with God which is the focus of your sacrifice.

Divine cleansing and renewal of our bodies often includes eliminating the following from your diet: Junk foods (chips, cookies, donuts, pastries, soda, candy, etc.); fast foods (tacos, burgers, fries, etc.); fried foods, processed food, dairy, meat, etc. Pray for God's wisdom to make appropriate choices of food and drink during this time of consecration. Remember to drink plenty of water and get sufficient rest.

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(4) 21-Day Devotional:

We will start each day with The Word, prayer, and an intentional focus on working with a Purpose of Rebuilding. The people had a mind to work. In order to rebuild, we have to be spiritually awakened. It is our prayer that we “stay woke” and we are fully aware of the Lord’s presence. When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it” (Genesis 28:16).

In these 21 days of Prayer and Fasting we will pray God’s word with intention, working with the purpose to rebuild our faith, family, finances and fitness. “We are Doing A Great Work and We Won’t Stop.” Neh. 6:6

- With the purpose of rebuilding, we can’t afford to Abandon the Work
- With the purpose of rebuilding, we can’t afford to Abandon our Witness
- With the purpose of rebuilding, we can’t afford to Abandon our Worship

We will continue to reimagine ministry with the purpose of rebuilding. In Nehemiah, God directed His leaders to rebuild what the enemy had destroyed so that God may be glorified, worshipped and praised. Today our purpose remains the same. Our Pastor has called us to reimagine ministry in these changing times. We ask ourselves what areas of our lives are we trusting God to rebuild today; our faith, our families, our friends, our finances. During these past pandemic years, we have dealt with much uncertainty - loss of friends and family members, jobs, and even health. God is in the business of restoring and rebuilding. Like Nehemiah, during this season of fasting and prayer with the focus of rebuilding, we will hold our swords (God’s Word) in one hand while we work with the other. We will trust the Lord to lead us in the way we should go as we seek to restore, repair, and rebuild. Be reminded of the saying, “Pray as if everything depends on God, but work as if everything depends on you.”

Remember God’s joy is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10). We must remember this, especially when things get tough. The enemy will use every possible device to get us to focus on our problems. We will give him less attention and give more attention to Jesus, our Savior. We will not be led astray from our devotions to him. We are advancing; in Him, we cannot lose.

(5) 21-Day Journal – journal your 21 days of fasting and prayer journey

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SJC 21 DPF DEVOTIONAL AT-A-GLANCE

| | DAY | READ | REIMAGINE /REBUILD |
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| | WORD | | |
| Day 1, Wednesday, Mar 23 | Commitment to 21 days of Prayer and Fasting and Journaling the Journey | Psalms 51:10-12, Matthew 22:37-38, Daniel 6:10 | Write out your fasting plan and complete the online commitment form. |
| Day 2, Thursday, Mar 24 | Closer Walk | Psalms 24:3-4, Psalm 32:5, Matthew 5:23-24 | Make amends! If someone has something against you – go make amends with this person. |
| Day 3, Friday, Mar 25 | Divine Guidance | Psalms 43:3, Psalm 37:23, Psalm 32:8 | Write your personal vision and mission statement or complete a vision board. |
| Day 4, Saturday, Mar 26 | Personal Time | Nehemiah 8:10, 1 Samuel 12:24, 1 Chronicles 28:9 | Unplug for at least one hour today and spend time in God's Word. |
| Sunday, Mar 27 | WORSHIP | Romans 14:11, Philippians 2:10-1, John 4:24 | Participate in a live or virtual worship experience. |
| Day 5, Monday, Mar 28 | Develop Heart of Worship | Romans 12:1-2 | Write down at least five reasons why you love God, and thank Him for loving you. |
| Day 6, Tuesday, Mar 29 | Sing Songs of Praise | Nehemiah 12:27 | Identify what song exemplifies the love and thankfulness that you have for God and share it with a friend. |
| Day 7, Wednesday, Mar 30 | Solitude and Silence | Psalms 62:5 | Find a quiet place to meditate on God's goodness and allow Him to show you His Will for your life. |
| Day 8, Thursday, Mar 31 | Praise God with Others | Hebrews 10:24-25 | Call someone and share how God has worked in your life this week. |
| Day 9, Friday, Apr 1 | Tithes and Offering | Malachi 3:10 | Pray about how you might start or increase your tithes and offering. |
| Day 10, Saturday, Apr 2 | Spiritual Gifts and Purpose | 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 | Take a spiritual gifts assessment to identify your spiritual gifts and where they can best be used in the body of Christ. |
| Sunday, Apr 3 | WORK | 1 Corinthians 12:13, 27, Colossians 3:23, Proverbs 16:3 | Pray a special prayer for your work in the Kingdom of God. |
| Day 11, Monday, Apr 4 | Pastor | Jeremiah 3:15, Acts 20:28 | Let your Pastor know how he/she has affected your life. |
| Day 12, Tuesday, Apr 5 | Staff/Pastoral Support | Hebrews 13:17, 1 Timothy 5:17 | Contact a staff person and/or someone from the pastoral support ministry and ask how you can help them. |

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| DAY | READ | REIMAGINE /REBUILD | |
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| Day 13, Wednesday, Apr 6 | Membership/Volunteers/ Ministry Leaders | 1 Cor 12:12, Romans 12:4-5, Hebrews 10:25 | Text, call or send a card to encourage a member, volunteer and/or ministry leader. |
| Day 14, Thursday, Apr 7 | Upreach Ministries: Member & Guest Services, Traffic Ministry, Worship & Arts | Psalms 84:10, Romans 12:9-13 | Give a smile and a thank you to the Traffic Ministry & Member and Guest Services and encourage the Worship & Arts Ministry as they minister. |
| Day 15, Friday, Apr 8 | Inreach Ministries: Adult Discipleship Ministries, Children Ministry, Chosen Youth Ministry, Christian Education, Connect Ministries, Counseling Ministry Victory, Operations Ministries | 1 Corinthians 12:12, Romans 12:12, Hebrews 6:1, Ephesians 3:16 | Join or recommit to working in a ministry using your spiritual gifts. |
| Day 16, Saturday, Apr 9 | Outreach Ministries: Counseling Ministry Victory, Local Outreach and Global Missions | Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Timothy 4:5 | Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with a stranger and/or reach out to someone dealing with depression, divorce, and grief. |
| Palm Sunday Sunday, Apr 10 | Palm Sunday | Luke 19:38-40, Isaiah 1:17 | Ponder the inequities of society that call for us to speak up and pray about how you can be an agent of change like Jesus. |
| Day 17, Monday, Apr 11 | Salvation | Ephesians 2:9, John 3:16, 1 Timothy 2:3-4 | Take time to pray: Lord, fill me with your heart's desire for lost souls. |
| Day 18, Tuesday, Apr 12 | Evangelism: Family and Friends | 1 Peter 3: 15, 2 Corinthians 5:20, 1 Corinthians 11:1-2 | Ask the Lord to show you loved ones and those that are without hope. Then, reach out to them. |
| Day 19, Wednesday, Apr 13 | Evangelism: Community | Acts 2:46-47 | What can you do differently to make a greater impact in your church ministry and the community? |
| Day 20, Thursday, Apr 14 | Evangelism: Nation & Global | 1 Corinthians 3:5-9, John 4: 35-38 | Research a ministry in your area that support national and global mission and find out how you can be of service. |
| Day 21, Good Friday, Apr 15 | Completion Of Fast | Ezra 8:23, Isaiah 58:12, Psalm 69:10, | Review journal and reflect on the last 21 days. Break your fast without losing your increased intimacy with the Lord. |
| Holy Saturday, Apr 16 | HOLY SATURDAY | Matthew 27:57-61, Proverbs 21:3 | God wants us to do acts of selfless love. How will you demonstrate this love? |
| Resurrection Sunday, Apr 17 | RESURRECTION SUNDAY | Luke 24:1-12 | Thank God for the joy of His resurrection which conquered the grave once and for all. |

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SJC 21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING DEVOTIONAL

Day 1 – Wednesday, Mar 23 - COMMITMENT TO THE SJC 21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING AND JOURNALING THE JOURNEY

“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.” KJV Psalm 51:10-12 (Matthew 22:37-38, Daniel 6:10)

Commit to the fast and develop a deep and intimate relationship with God in this season of consecration. Discover the specific assignment He has for you, starting with first things first, a focus on Him and all He has done in your life. Take a moment and think about your relationship with Jesus. Commit to moments of quiet prayer and intense focus on the Lord during this fast. Decide where your place of prayer will be during this fast. Create space in each day over the next 21 days for time alone with God and make these moments of consecration a priority.

Rebuild/Reimagine: Write out your fasting plan and complete online commitment form.

Day 2 – Thursday, Mar 24 - CLOSER WALK

“Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.” Psalm 24:3-4 KJV (Psalm 32:5; Matthew 5:23-24)

Today we draw near to God. We do this by uncovering the ‘ugly’ side. We confess our sins and “He is faithful and righteous to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Also, “if you hold anything against any one, forgive them, so that your father in heaven may forgive you your sins. (Mark 11:25) It’s not until we recognize the depth of our sin that we realize the depth of God’s love.

Rebuild/Reimagine: Make amends! If someone has something against you – go make amends with this person.

Day 3 – Friday, Mar 25 - DIVINE GUIDANCE

“Asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.” Ephesians 1:17-18 NLT (Psalm 43:3 Psalm 37:23, Ephesians 1:17-18, Psalm 32:8)

As you continue your way into this consecrated season of prayer and fasting, pray that God would lead you and open your eyes. God has a plan for your life and when you seek Him, you will discover your destiny (Jeremiah 29:11- 13). Moreover, you find out His plan is far superior to your plan. The greatest joy, fulfillment, and success come when we seek Him about the direction for our lives and commit to follow His plan for us.

Rebuild/Reimagine: Write your personal vision and mission statement and/or complete a vision board.

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Day 4 - Saturday, Mar 26 - PERSONAL TIME

“And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind. For the LORD sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. If you seek him, you will find him. But if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.” 1 Chronicles 28:9 NLT (Nehemiah 8:10, 1 Samuel 12:24)

Even in the midst of difficult challenges, busy schedules and awkward moments, God wants us to enjoy our time on earth. He promised His joy would be our strength (Nehemiah 8:10). He personally participates in our lives, eager to see us face each day with grace to stand. The good news of Christ is that God has not left us alone.

Neither has He left us to figure our life on our own. Scripture provides signposts for the journey, helping us live active and balanced lives in Christ, keeping us from falling along the way, and enabling us to partake of the feast of life as He intended... more abundant!

Solitude—learn the value of waiting on God while resting in his presence.

Service—Care for the needs of others; share God’s love with them.

Community—Coming together with others to serve alongside.

Contemplation—Meditate of God’s word, works, and wonders.

Rebuild/Reimagine: *Unplug for at least 1 hour today and spend time in God’s Word.*

Sunday, March 27 – WORSHIP

“For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.” John 4:24 NLT (Romans 14:11, Philippians 2:10-1)

All of us worship something or someone—even those who claim to not be “religious.” Since this is the reason, we were created, we have an instinct, a natural drive, which compels us to have an object for our admiration. Unfortunately, too many of us, including Christians, direct this drive toward things this world offers instead. We often choose to admire the creations rather than the Creator (see Romans 1:25).

Matthew 6:24 says, “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” God deserves our worship. Because, without Him, we would be dust. He is the only One who is righteous, holy, and worthy to be praised. If it weren’t for Jesus shedding His blood for us on the cross, we would be lost, bound by the chains of our sin and suffering.

True worship is a lifestyle. It begins on the inside, as God is looking at the state of our hearts. Worship can be demonstrated outwardly through word and action. Of course, God can be worshipped corporately as well. There is no other name that is deserving of our entire worship, affection, and admiration than our Heavenly Father. According to Romans 14:11 and Philippians 2:10-11, there will soon come a day when all of creation will bow down to Him and proclaim that He is Lord. When we do as we were created to do by worshipping our Creator, we are joining with all of heaven to lift His name high (see Revelation 4:8-11).

We’re going to be worshipping Him continuously in eternity—so we might as well get use to it now!

Rebuild/Reimagine: *Participate in a live or virtual worship experience.*

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Day 5 – Monday, Mar 28 - DEVELOP A HEART OF WORSHIP

“And so, dear brothers and sisters,^[a] I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.^[b] ² Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” Romans 12:1-2 NLT

Worship is defined as the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for God. It is the inevitable response of gratitude, flowing from hearts set free in Christ. It is personal and individualistic, each believer using the gifts and talents that were given to them before they were knit in their mother’s womb in order to praise the Almighty God. In order to be able to truly worship God, your heart must be ready. How do we do that – through conversation and time with God. Take the time to express your love and adoration for God.

Rebuild/Reimagine: Write down at least five reasons why you love God, and thank him for loving you. Speak to Him about your deepest and most intimate thoughts, thank Him for the privilege to share your heart with Him, and allow Him to guide you to discover His will for your life.

Day 6 – Tuesday, Mar 29 - SING SONGS OF PRAISE

“For the dedication of the new wall of Jerusalem, the Levites throughout the land were asked to come to Jerusalem to assist in the ceremonies. They were to take part in the joyous occasion with their songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps, and lyres.” Nehemiah 12:27 NLT

In Nehemiah Chapter 12, Nehemiah organized two large choirs to walk in opposite directions around the walls, filling the city with praise. They were thanking God for His presence and faithfulness as they had completed the work that God had ordained for them – rebuilding the wall in Jerusalem. Worship is a reaction in our hearts to God’s unfailing love and grace in all circumstances. One way that we can show our love and praise to God is to worship Him through song. Psalm 100 says that we should serve the Lord with gladness and come into his presence with singing. So, as we work in our purpose to rebuild our church community, let’s express our thankfulness with a song of praise.

Rebuild/Reimagine: Identify what song exemplifies the love and thankfulness that you have for God. If you can, share it with a friend.

Day 7 – Wednesday, Mar 30 - SILENCE AND SOLITUDE

“Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him.” Psalm 62:5 NLT

Our minds usually associate the act of worship with music and singing, but worship can also be a time of quiet reflection. From the site, Soul Shepherding, solitude and silence helps us to make space in our souls and lives for God to do a deep work inside us and through us in our relationships with others. It’s a training that may be difficult at first, but with time becomes more relaxed and natural. A common way to practice solitude and silence is get alone with God. It could be as you walk on a trail or a quiet spot in a park or backyard. Even a secluded chair inside your house may work as long as all your communication and media devices are turned off! The purpose of your time in solitude and silence is to be still and allow yourself to be transparent before God and to be alone with Him. Revel in His presence and gain direction and hope for your rebuilding process from Him.

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Rebuild/Reimagine: Find a quiet place to meditate on God's goodness and allow Him to show you His Will for your life.

Day 8 – Thursday, Mar 31 - PRAISE GOD WITH OTHERS

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT

The Christian life was never meant to be lonely. As a believer it is important that as we worship God in spirit and in truth individually and corporately. We take time to share the blessings He has provided for us with our Christian brothers and sisters. It is an opportunity to share our love and thankfulness for Christ with one another. It allows Christians to encourage one another in their fulfillment of the purpose that God has given every believer. As we rebuild, let's share the joy of the Lord with all those who we are working to increase the Kingdom so that we may stay steadfast and committed to the cause of Christ.

Rebuild/Reimagine: Call someone and share how God has worked in your life this week. Ask that person how you can encourage them in Christ as well.

Day 9 – Friday, April 1 - TITHES AND OFFERING

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!" Malachi 3:10 NLT

The last two years have been a struggle emotionally, physically, and financially due to the pandemic and inflation. When times are hard and money is tight, it can be difficult to determine how to worship God in tithes and giving. Tithing and giving is a form of worship that shows God that we trust Him, not money to provide for our needs. Just think, God gives us 100% of His money while only asking for us to give 10% of it back to Him. God can use that 10% tithe to do much more than our 90% in which we have control. When we make the choice to give our first fruits to God, it gives Him the opportunity to show up in our lives in a big way.

Rebuild/Reimagine: Pray about how you might start or increase your tithes and offering.

Day 10 – Saturday, April 2 - SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND PURPOSE

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us." 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 NLT

It is so fulfilling to know that you are using your gifts from God just as He intended. Spiritual gifts are special gifts of the Spirit that are given to Christians in order to equip them for the service of the church. There are some gifts that are connected to the Ministry of the Word, such as teaching and prophecy. Others are connected to the practical aspects of ministry, such as administration, healing, and helping others. In either case, it is imperative as you worship God to find out your spiritual gifts and how best you can serve the body of Christ. You are encouraged to delight in the thought that God gave you a perfect gift that fits your personality, talents, and abilities, and use it for His glory and Kingdom building.

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Rebuild/Reimagine: Take a spiritual gifts assessment to identify your spiritual gifts and where they can best be used in the body of Christ.

Sunday, April 3 - THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

"All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27 NLT (1 Corinthians 12:13, Colossians 3:23, Proverbs 16:3)

The church is what Jesus promised to build (Matthew 16:18). We want churches to be stronger and have greater influence in our communities. We want to be inwardly, upwardly and outwardly focused. People in our communities are hurting. We want our church to continue to be caring, loving, available, willing to share the gospel to everyone, and provide a Godly Christian influence for everyone we encounter.

God has a work for our congregation. The word "work" occurs 683 times in the Bible. Work is often misunderstood by believers and non-believers. We do not work for our salvation. Salvation is free and available to all. We work because we are saved. We do not work for men. We work with God for building of His kingdom. The reward for work is the honor and satisfaction that comes from a job well done.

Rebuild/Reimagine: Pray a special prayer for your work in the Kingdom of God.

Day 11 – Monday, Apr 4 – PASTOR

"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will guide you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15 NLT (Acts 20:28, 1 Timothy 5:17)

Scriptures says, "And I will give you shepherds after my own heart," who will feed you with knowledge, care about the flock and the business of the church of God. Pastors should "smell like sheep" and touch the lives of the flock that they are assigned to oversee. They are to be concerned about their physical and spiritual needs. 1 Timothy 5:17 "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." The New Testament gives clear direction for the pastors or elders of a church: "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them, not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away" (1 Peter 5:2-4). Jesus is the Chief Shepherd, and pastors are the under-shepherds who follow the Lord's example of eager servant leadership. Pastors do more than preaching - they encourage us to live a Godly life for our sake and the sake of others. As a people of God, we should pray for the pastor that all distractions are removed and for him/her to be able to focus on God's purpose for life and ministry.

Rebuild/Reimagine: Let your Pastor know how he/she has affected your life.

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Day 12 – Tuesday, Apr 5 - STAFF/PASTORAL SUPPORT MINISTRIES

“Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord’s work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.” 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 NLT (Hebrews 13:17, 1 Timothy 5:17 James 1:5-6; Psalm 32:8)

The church staff and pastoral support ministries are the first line of support for the pastor. They are called and appointed by the pastor to faithfully submit to his leadership, to support the ministry with a heart of love and compassion and to handle the day-to-day affairs of the ministry. Staff and Pastoral Support Ministries need to be renewed and refreshed in their spirit for the work ahead. May they not get weary in doing good. Pray for and support this team as they are extensions of the pastor’s hands and give spiritual guidance to others.

Rebuild/Reimagine: *Contact a staff person and/or someone from the pastoral support ministries and ask how you can help them.*

Day 13 – Wednesday, Apr 6 - MEMBERSHIP/VOLUNTEERS/MINISTRY LEADERS

*“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25 KJV
(1 Corinthians 12:12, Romans 12:4-5)*

Church membership is important in the life of a Christian. Members are encouraged to serve with the spiritual gifts God has given them. As members, we are to volunteer and provide leadership for various tasks that support the work of the ministry. Patience and endurance are needed when trials arise in serving in ministry. We lift up all volunteers and ministry leaders, “being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:6).

Rebuild/Reimagine: *Text, call or send a card to encourage a member, volunteer and/or ministry leader.*

Day 14 – Thursday, Apr 7 - UPREACH MINISTRIES: Member & Guest Services, Traffic Ministry, Worship & Arts

“A single day in your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else, I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of my God than live the good life in the homes of the wicked.” Psalm 84:10 NLT (Romans 12:9-13)

Upreach Ministries are those who welcome us, greet us, lead us in worship and assist before and during the service time. Member & Guest Services and Traffic Ministry minister to everyone who enters the parking lot and participates in the worship services. The Worship and Arts ministries are those that lead us in songs and dance of sacrifice and praise. These ministries work in sync providing hospitality, direction and usher members and guests into the presence of the Lord. Offer a prayer that everyone who enters the sanctuary leave different after having a spiritual encounter with our Lord and Savior.

Rebuild/Reimagine: *Give a smile and a thank you to the Traffic Ministry & Member and Guest Services and encourage the Worship & Arts Ministry as they minister.*

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Day 15 – Friday, Apr 8 - INREACH MINISTRIES: Adult Discipleship Ministries, Children Ministry, Chosen Youth Ministry, Christian Education, Connect Ministries, Counseling Ministry Victory, Operations Ministries
*“So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don’t need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God.” Hebrews 6:1 NLT
(1 Corinthians 12:12, Romans 12:12, Ephesian 3:16)*

The Inreach Ministries are ministries that touch members in small and large group settings. These ministries are having to maintain fellowship and connection during the pandemic. They have to expand their imaginations with ways to keep people engaged and to experience the love of God and one another. In this season of rebuilding and reimagining they are providing new methods and insights on how to minister in the home, work place and within the walls of the church.

Rebuild/Reimagine: Join or recommit to working in a ministry using your spiritual gifts.

Day 16 – Saturday, Apr 9 - OUTREACH MINISTRIES: Counseling Ministry, Local Outreach and Global Missions

*“But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don’t be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.” 2 Timothy 4:5 NLT
(Matthew 28:19-20)*

The Outreach Ministries responsibilities consist of reaching out into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Counseling Ministry provides a safe zone to discuss issues of life and receive a biblical perspective of guidance and direction. Evangelism is more than telling people that Jesus loves them or that He died for them. It is also letting people know that they are sinners who have offended a Holy God. But most importantly, sharing with them the good news, the best news of all, that Jesus died for everyone. Jesus died to reconcile condemned individuals to God. Evangelism is sharing with people that through faith they can be saved and can avoid an eternity of suffering for their offense to God. Our prayer is that these ministries are fruitful in winning souls to God’s kingdom by God showing them where to go and what to do.

Rebuild/Reimagine: Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with a stranger. Reach out to someone dealing with depression, divorce and/or grief.

Sunday, April 10 - PALM SUNDAY: Let Our Voices Shout Out

*“Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!” But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!” He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!”
Luke 19:38-40*

As Christians, we have a biblical mandate to seek justice by speaking out against systems of oppression that exploit, dehumanize and abuse people. Just as Jesus spoke against corruption in society, so must we. But what does this call look like when it interferes with our understanding of peace? Those who greeted Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem on a humble donkey, not a powerful war horse that Roman soldiers rode on, misunderstood the peace God was seeking to bring into the world.

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Society has taught us that peace is the absence of conflict. Merriam-Webster's Dictionary defines societal peace as "a state of tranquility or quiet such as freedom from civil disturbance." Unfortunately, this understanding of peace does not consider the inequities of society that call for us to speak up, not to remain silent so that the proverbial boat will not be rocked. The Pharisees wanted silence from the people. They wanted silence from Jesus. But peace doesn't come from staying silent. Staying silent only perpetuates a system that maintains the tranquility of the privileged. Is that really peace?

Rebuild/Reimagine: *Ponder the inequities of society that call for us to speak up and pray about how you can be an agent of change like Jesus.*

Day 17 – Monday, April 11 - SALVATION

"³This is good and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth." 1 Timothy 2:3-4 NLT (Ephesians 2:9, John 3:16)

Salvation is a gift, not a reward for our labors. We are saved by the grace of God, period. It is God's invitation for us to be embraced in His love. It is God reaching out to us inviting us to enjoy the blessings of living in fellowship with Him. He gave His very life so that we can have eternal life. God our Savior desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. We serve the King who left His throne to live among sinners so that He might restore our relationship with Him.

Rebuild/Reimagine: *Do you have the Lord's zealous heart of love for the hurting and the broken? Do you long for opportunities to share your faith in Jesus with those who do not yet know him? Take some time and pray: Lord, fill me with your heart's desire for lost souls. Empower me to be your hands, feet and voice to every life you have placed around me.*

Day 18 – Tuesday, April 12 - EVANGELISM: FAMILY & FRIENDS

"Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it." 1 Peter 3:15 (2 Corinthians 5:20, 1 Corinthians 11:1-2)

What is more difficult than sharing the gospel for the first time with someone you love? Sharing the gospel for the tenth time with someone you love—even after they've already (repeatedly) responded with rejection or indifference. You may feel stuck or at a stalemate with a friend, child, neighbor or spouse. You've prayed faithfully, spoken the gospel clearly and loved patiently. But there's been no sign of movement or progress. What more can you do?

Please don't lose heart. Don't believe the lie that nothing will ever change, that there's nothing more you can say or do. Don't settled into the conviction that your loved one will never come to know Jesus. Keep praying. Keep patiently sharing as you have opportunity. Keep loving with the love of Jesus. Keep persevering in pursuing the lost you love. The pandemic has radically altered ministry and mindset. Perhaps they weren't interested before. Perhaps God has used a virus to make them be wide open to the gospel, eager for visit, prayer and Bible readings. Don't give up!

Rebuild/Reimagine: *Ask the Lord to show you the loved ones you have given up on. Those that you have determined there is no hope. Then, reach out to them*

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Day 19 – Wednesday, April 13 - EVANGELISM: COMMUNITY

“They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.” Acts 2:46-47 NLT

The majority of Jesus ministry was in the community. The gospels are filled with Jesus’ interactions among the people. We are called to be a light in our local communities. Are we doing things that matter? Are we making an eternal impact outside the walls and halls of our church? Would our community miss us if our church no longer existed? A caring church helps the community to be receptive to our mission and the gospel message. We have been called to go the hedges and highways serving those who are hurting and /or are far from God. Reaching the unchurched and impacting society requires “out of the box” thinking and compassion.

Rebuild/Reimagine: *What would God have you to do differently to make a greater impact in your community? What ministry can you get involved in at SJC? How can we connect with community through evangelism or by sharing a word about Jesus with others while still serving them bread?*

Day 20 – Thursday, April 14 - EVANGELISM: NATION & GLOBAL

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20 (1 Corinthians. 3:5-9, John 4: 35-38, Acts1:8)

CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH FOR GOD’S KINGDOM AS WE COLLABORATE TOGETHER TO REACH THE WORLD FOR CHRIST?

As we pray about re-emerging from this coronavirus season, we are believing for a harvest of souls. In fact, it’s already happening during this time. God is preparing hearts to receive the message of hope found only in Jesus. National and global evangelism is the process of cultivating, planting, watering, and harvesting throughout the world. However, we're all called to do our part in the organic process of global evangelism. We're all called to be Christ's farmers in the field of His Great Commission!

Rebuild/Reimagine: *Research a ministry in your area that support national and global mission and find out how you can be of service.*

Day 21 - Good Friday, Apr 15 - COMPLETION OF FAST

“So we fasted and earnestly prayed that our God would take care of us, and he heard our prayer.” Ezra 8:23 NLT (Isaiah 58:12, Psalm 69:10, John 3:30, Jeremiah 33:3)

Thank you, Lord. We receive Your power as we have surrendered ourselves completely to you. We are encouraged, energized and strengthened. We have decreased so that you might increase. Over the last 21 days of prayer and fasting we have grown closer to you, Lord God. We have increased our devotion and our time with You. Thank you for revealing areas in our lives that need to be rebuilt and reimaged. Thank you for responding to our hunger for You and Your Word. Lord, thank you that with your unfailing love we have fasted humbly, prayed fervently, and you Lord God have answered. Your Word says, “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know” (Jeremiah 33:3).

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Thank you for increased faith, saved loved ones, healed bodies, wisdom, guidance and direction. Thank you for this outward practice that produced amazing inner transformation.

Rebuild/Reimagine: Review journal and reflect on the last 21 days. Break your fast without losing your increased intimacy with the Lord.

Saturday, Apr 16 - HOLY SATURDAY: Doing What Is Right

“As evening approached, Joseph, a rich man from Arimathea who had become a follower of Jesus, went to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body. And Pilate issued an order to release it to him. Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long sheet of clean linen cloth. He placed it in his own new tomb, which had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance and left. Both Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting across from the tomb and watching.” Matthew 27:57–61 NLT (Proverbs 21:3)

Proverbs 21:3 tells us “to do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.” And Joseph, a man from Arimathea, did just that. He did a righteous, just thing in giving Jesus a proper burial. He didn’t think of what others might say about his selfless act nor did he worry about what his wealthy friends would say about giving a radical, itinerant rabbi who was mockingly labeled “King of the Jews” a place in a tomb that was to be for him when he died. Like Joseph, God wants us to step out of the shadows and stand up for what we believe in. Anyone can stay comfortably in the background and give a sacrifice in silence. It takes true strength, courage and love to do the right thing.

Rebuild/Reimagine: As we reimagine and rebuild God wants us to step out of the shadows and do acts of selfless love. How will you demonstrate this love?

Sunday, Apr 17 - RESURRECTION SUNDAY: The Joy of the Resurrection

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” 1 Corinthians 15:55 KJV (Matthew 28:1–10; Luke 24:36–53, 1 Cor. 15:13–18, Colossians 1:18)

Let’s not forget the joy of the Resurrection (Matt. 28:1–10; Luke 24:36–53). What an incredible example of tremendous grief turned to overwhelming joy! After Jesus was executed, His followers were mourning and afraid. Would the authorities come for them next? Then the women brought incredible news—Jesus was alive! His grave was empty and the stone rolled away! Their lives, and indeed the entire world, had been turned upside down.

The fact that Jesus died and was resurrected is our hope and joy because Christ’s resurrection guarantees our own! To rejoice in the hope of resurrection is an act of faith. From God’s perspective, it has already been accomplished. Christ is “the firstborn from among the dead” (Col. 1:18). There will be many to follow, including ourselves.

Paul asked, “What if there is no resurrection?” (1 Cor. 15:13–18). In that case, Christ has not been raised, our faith is useless, and the gospel is false. If this were true, we’re not saved, and the dead will stay dead. Without the truth and doctrine of the resurrection, we cannot have hope or faith in Christ (v. 19). If this life is all there is, and death is the end, then death and sin have won. But praise be to God, that is not how the story end. Through Jesus, we have victory over death and sin!

Rebuild/Reimagine: Thank God for the joy of His resurrection which conquered the grave once and for all.