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The Pitts Stop

40 Days of Prayer

We have recently embarked on what I consider one of the most important elements of everything that will happen here in the next few years. I am talking about our *40 Days of Prayer*. It is easy to overlook the importance of prayer in a world that measures productivity with graphs, charts, and reports, but I hope that those of us who follow Jesus will during this time find a renewal of our belief in and reliance on God through our prayer relationship with him.



Pastor Fred O. Pitts

I have to admit that I often have to be reminded of the importance of prayer. One of the most potent reminders for me as pastor comes from the book of Acts when the apostles were busy teaching the word and ministering to the legitimate needs of the widows, who are always so important to God. In Acts 6, we read:

The Twelve summoned the whole company of the disciples and said, "It would not be right for us to give up preaching the word of God to wait on

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

9:40 am
Adult Bible Fellowship
& Sunday School
for children

11:00 am
Worship

[February 4 Message:](#)
A Disciple Loves

[February 11 Message:](#)
A Disciple Serves
Also, This is a
communion service.

[February 18 Message:](#)
A Disciple Shares

tables. Brothers and sisters, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom, whom we can appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word" (Acts 6.2–4 CSB, emphasis added).

If the apostles saw their need to spend time in prayer over other worthwhile activities, how much more do I need to spend time with God! And we also see in Acts that *all* of the people in the church were "devoted to prayer" (see Acts 2.42).

Why have *40 Days of Prayer*? Why not 365 Days of Prayer? (I am so grateful for all of the positive feedback so far, including some wondering why not have a prayer prompt every day!) This forty-day period is not in lieu of other prayer; it is simply a special emphasis on prayer. The short devotional each day and the guided prayer time will hopefully remind us all of the need for daily prayer and will bring revival in our hearts as a church. Through this emphasis we are especially seeking God's wisdom for our church in the days ahead. We are distributing notebooks that include a Prayer Guide for your future use. (While the first batch has been exhausted, we are preparing more.)

When I came to here, I told you that I would spend the first six months getting to know the church and the community. At that time, I said that I expected that we would spend time seeking God's vision for the future and making strategic plans for the next few years. We have put a Vision Team together and have begun to meet. You have had various opportunities for input, including the Vision Banquet and the *Congregational Conversations*. We are dreaming together and planning together under the direction of the Lord. A vital step in this process is prayer! By spending these forty days in concentrated prayer, I am convinced that we will be more able to hear the voice of God and more open to obeying the voice of God. I hope that you are participating in our *40 Days of Prayer*. We can still get you a copy; we are at the half way point right now.

Another prong to our *40 Days of Prayer* will be a **Prayer Walk** of the community on **Saturday, February 17**. We will meet in the Worship Center at 9:30 a.m. and make street assignments. All you are asked to do is walk down the street and pray silently as you pass people and homes!

It is an exciting time to be part of Ancient City Baptist Church! This is certainly true for our family. I hope that you have a similar sense that God is renewing us, showing us his love, and preparing us anew to be his body

February 25 Message:
Balanced Growth

TUESDAY

10:30 am
Prime Time Singers

11:30 am
Soup, Salad and
Scripture

WEDNESDAY

6:30 pm
Prayer Meeting/Bible
Study

7:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir
Practice

Upcoming Events



February 8

**Heart2Heart
Women's Ministry
"Active Safety
& Protection"
7 pm
Fellowship Hall
Everyone Welcome**

February 13

**ACCA Meeting
9:30 am
Trustees' Meeting
5 pm
Deacons' Meeting
6 pm**

is renewing us, showing us his love, and preparing us anew to be his body in this place so that he can effectively minister throughout the St Augustine community. May God bless you throughout this *40 Days of Prayer!*

Undie Sunday February 11



Meeting the physical needs of children in several local elementary schools is one way our church seeks to fulfill the teaching of Christ found in Matthew 25:40, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (CSB) Everyone is encouraged to bring packages of underclothes, socks, shorts with elastic waist bands, or plain t-shirts on Sunday, the 11th of February. These packages may be placed in baskets near the entrance to the sanctuary or in the sanctuary ***before*** the service begins.

Academy News

On Thursday, January 25th, the Academy children drew a nice crowd for their snow party. Parents, grandparents and siblings were present to enjoy the fun. The children had a show ball battle and also made snow globes. A special story was read by the director, Peggy Woznick, and the group enjoyed singing a song about a snow man.

After the program, cookies and hot cocoa were served in the fellowship hall. Thanks to Cindy Pitts for bringing cookies!

February 17

Prayer Walk
9:30 am
Meet in Sanctuary

February 22

Heart2Heart
Women's Ministry
Bible Study
& Fellowship
7 pm
Fellowship Hall

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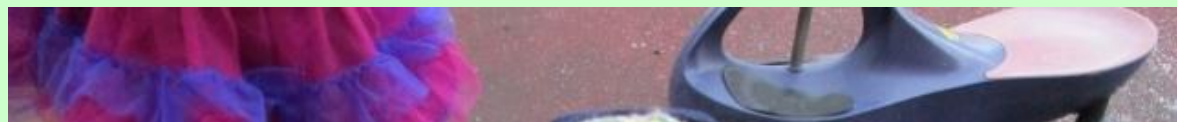
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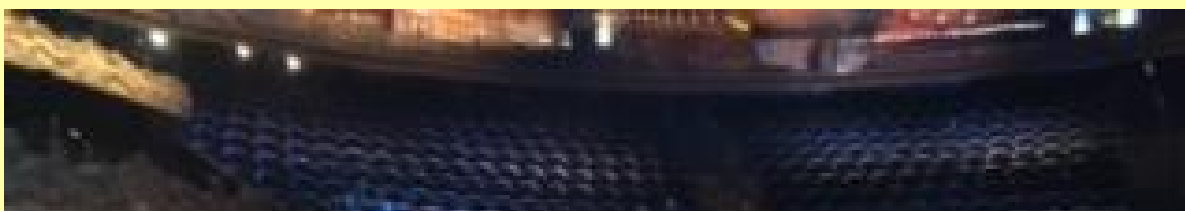
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Trip to the Holy Land Experience





A group from our church joined with others on a deluxe motor coach trip to Orlando to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Holy Land.

Winter in the Ancient City





Heart2Heart

Women's Ministry

February

February

Thursday

February 8

7:00 pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

"Active Safety & Protection"

presented by

St. Johns County Sheriff's Office

Thursday

February 22

7:00 pm

Bible Study

& Fellowship

For more information, contact

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Nursery Schedule

Date	9:30-10:45	10:45-12:15
February 04	Loise Trivette Louise Meade	Cindy Athanaseas Sandra Caraway
February 11	Janette Booth Ashley Booth	Jeanette Booth Joanie Steele
February 18	Brad Burnsworth Linda Crosby	Polly Burnsworth Linda Parrish
February 25	Dot Barnes Betty Lee	Ruth Mull Mary Perry

February

**Cindy Athanaseas
Cindy Lewis**





February 04

**Tom Walsh
Larry Sheaffer**

February 11

**Mark Hall
Brad Steele**

February 18

**Ken Mull
Joe Blewett**

February 25

**Larry Sheaffer
Jimmy Meade**

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