

## JANUARY 2023

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- 1 New Year's Day  
8:00am Morning Manna; 11:00am Worship Experience
- 2 21-Day Financial Fast begins
- 7 1st Saturday Prayer @ 7am via Zoom  
ID: 825 3345 6625; Passcode: GCCPRAYS
- 15 Kingdom Kafe
- 16 Martin Luther King Day
- 19 Manhood Men's Ministry Fellowship
- 20 Sister Care -Fellowship Hall/Zoom
- 28 Marriage University - Marriage Clinic Brunch
- 29 5th Sunday DRC2  
Sunday Night COGIC
- 30-31 DRC2 Virtual Leadership Conference



#### THIS MONTH'S SERVICES & PRAYER

##### **Sunday Services:**

8:00am & 11:00am

*In-person / FB & YouTube*

**Sunday School:** 9:30am (Hybrid)

**Wednesday @ 7:00pm - WOW - Virtual Platform**

##### PRAYER:

**Monday - Friday: 7:00-7:15am (via Phone)**

*Sunrise Devotion Prayer*

667-770-1536; Playback 667-770-1535

Access code, 315531

9:00am (onsite)

**Tuesday & Friday @ 12noon (Prayer & Fasting)**

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**Monday's @ 6:30pm**

**Prayer & Bible Band (via Phone)**

717-908-1985, code 358237

## EVANGELISM: *Workplace*

Daily our family members and friends face incidents of harassment and even bullying in the Workplace. This year our **Call to Action** is to be the voice of Jesus for our Families and the Workplace. Just as Jesus reached out to 12 successful working men to began his church let us make it our **RESOLUTION** in 2023 to be disciples of men and women. May it be said of us at the end of this year, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also..." This is how **WE BRING KINGDOM TO COMMUNITY!!!**

### **Suggested ways to minister in the Workplace!**

- Show **love** and **kindness**. As believers we are called to represent God's presence in the marketplace, as well as being priests who bring people to Christ.
- We are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Let your light so shine that they will see your good works (conversation and conduct).

### 7 STEPS TO THE KINGDOM

1. **Greeting:** "Hello, may I have one minute of your time?"
2. **State:** "Did you know that Jesus Christ is Lord? Well, He is and wants to be your Lord and Savior. He loves you. A lot of people want to be saved but don't know how.
3. **Say:** "Romans 10:9 says; if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
4. **Ask:** "Can you say Lord Jesus"?
5. **Pray:** "Lord Jesus, Forgive me of all my sins. I believe You died on the cross, were buried and rose on the third day. Right now, I open the door of my hart to You and receive You as my personal Lord and Savior.
6. **Question:** According to the prayer you just prayed...where is the Lord? **Answer:** "in my heart".
7. **Confirmation:** (when the correct answer is given share 1 John 4:4) Greater is He that is within you than he that is in the world.

- **Welcome them to the family of God**
- **Encourage them to join a bible teaching and believing church**
- **Invite them to service with you!**

# FAITH FOCUS

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Show Up!  
WHERE YOU AT?



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Bishop Matthew L. Brown, Pastor



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to the new calendar year of Two Thousand Twenty-Three (2K23) and all of its wonderment, possibilities, milestones and discoveries. God's faithfulness, presence, promises and power accompanies us into this promising season.

2022 was the year to LEVEL UP in lives, families, careers and ministry in order to properly SHOW UP in 2023. We intentionally focused on specific areas of spiritual development, evangelism, discipleship and kingdom engagement to position ourselves for this year's CALL TO ACTION to the BODY OF CHRIST to demonstrate the power of kingdom presence in the earth! The world is waiting on us to SHOW UP in every area of life.

This year we will focus our kingdom engagement in the market place, and, of course, in our homes. We're going for the double win of evangelizing our families and witnessing in our secular spaces. Our congregational call to action to SHOW UP will require us to ask ourselves, our families and our marketplace (unchurched, non-believers and those not engaged in the kingdom mission) WHERE YOU AT?

#WYA? is the call to discipleship, ministry and service in the Church of God in Christ locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. There is a world which needs saving and we're SHOWING UP and asking WHERE YOU AT?

Romans 8:18-19 encourages us that "we have sufferings now, but these are nothing compared to the great glory that will be given to us. Everything that God made is waiting with excitement for the time when he will show the world who his children are. The whole world wants very much of that to happen."

This is our year to SHOW UP and our obligation to ask WHERE YOU AT?

*Stay in His face and journey well!*  
**Pastor Brown**



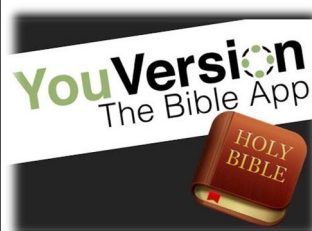
## Deeper Intimacy with God Starts Here



### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

*Read the entire chapter and focus on daily scriptures.*

Day 1	Romans 8:18-19	Day 16	1 Corinthians 10:31
Day 2	Ecclesiastes 5:18-20	Day 17	1 Corinthians 16:14
Day 3	Isaiah 43:18-19	Day 18	Romans 12:18
Day 4	Hebrews 13:5	Day 19	Hebrews 12:14
Day 5	Romans 12:1-2	Day 20	Hebrews 13:1
Day 6	Matthew 6:33-34	Day 21	Colossians 3:15-16
Day 7	Psalms 118:24	Day 22	Micah 6:8
Day 8	Ephesians 5:15-16	Day 23	Colossians 3:12-14
Day 9	Colossians 4:5-6	Day 24	Jeremiah 29:11
Day 10	Ephesians 2:8	Day 25	Haggai 1:13
Day 11	James 4:13-17	Day 26	Deuteronomy 31:6
Day 12	Philippians 4:6-8	Day 27	Psalms 121:3-8
Day 13	Colossians 3:17	Day 28	1 Timothy 4:8
Day 14	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18	Day 29	Hosea 10:12
Day 15	Luke 6:32-42	Day 30	Galatians 6:10
		Day 31	Galatians 2:20



### Download the App

"We wholeheartedly believe a daily rhythm of seeking intimacy with God has the power to transform lives."

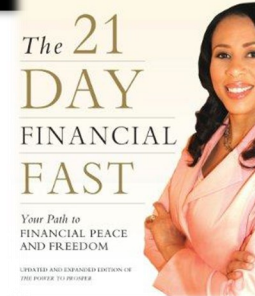
### Daily Devotionals:

- New Year, New Hope
- New Year, Same God
- Intimacy with God in the Secret Place
- New Year, New Purpose
- New Year, A Fresh Start

## 21-DAY FINANCIAL FAST January 2-22, 2023

MICHELLE SINGLETARY

AWARD-WINNING NATIONALLY SYNDICATED COLUMNIST FOR THE WASHINGTON POST



*This is in addition to our regular fast days: Tuesdays & Fridays*

*This information is extracted from the Book The 21 Day Financial Fast by Michelle Singletary.*

Our financial health is important. From a Biblical perspective, how we manage our finances affects every aspect of our lives. The Bible has over 2300 verses that deal with finances. In fact, it is the most referenced topic in the Bible. This makes sense since the leading cause of divorce is financial stress.

The purpose of this financial fast is to help you gain a new perspective on how you use money and gain a new level of discipline in your use of credit. You will be encouraged to keep a journal and create a budget so that you can become a better steward of your finances.

As with most fasts, the first couple of days will be difficult. It is a detoxification process as you learn to rely less upon credit and debit cards. However, if you push through this fast and embrace it, you will experience a new level of financial freedom.

### Explaining the Fast

For 21 Days, you will refrain from any non-emergency or non-essential spending. An emergency (or essential item) is defined as food, hygiene, school supplies, cleaning supplies, medicine/medical supplies only.

### This includes:

- ❑ No going to the mall, retail establishments, online or window shopping.
- ❑ No restaurant, carry out or delivery meals including fast food and coffee.
- ❑ No movies or purchasing gifts or gift cards.
- ❑ No credit card or debit card use. Use cash only.

21 Day Financial Fast

