

4. Holy Spirit, help (person) believe that "CHRIST IS BEFORE ALL THINGS AND IN CHRIST ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER. AND HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH." COLOSSIANS 1:17,18

5. Holy Spirit help (person) to "BEAR WITH EACH OTHER AND FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER IF ANY HAS A GRIEVANCE AGAINST SOMEONE. FORGIVE AS THE LORD FORGAVE YOU AND OVER ALL THESE VIRTUES PUT ON LOVE, WHICH BINDS US TOGETHER IN PERFECT UNITY." COLOSSIANS 3:13,14

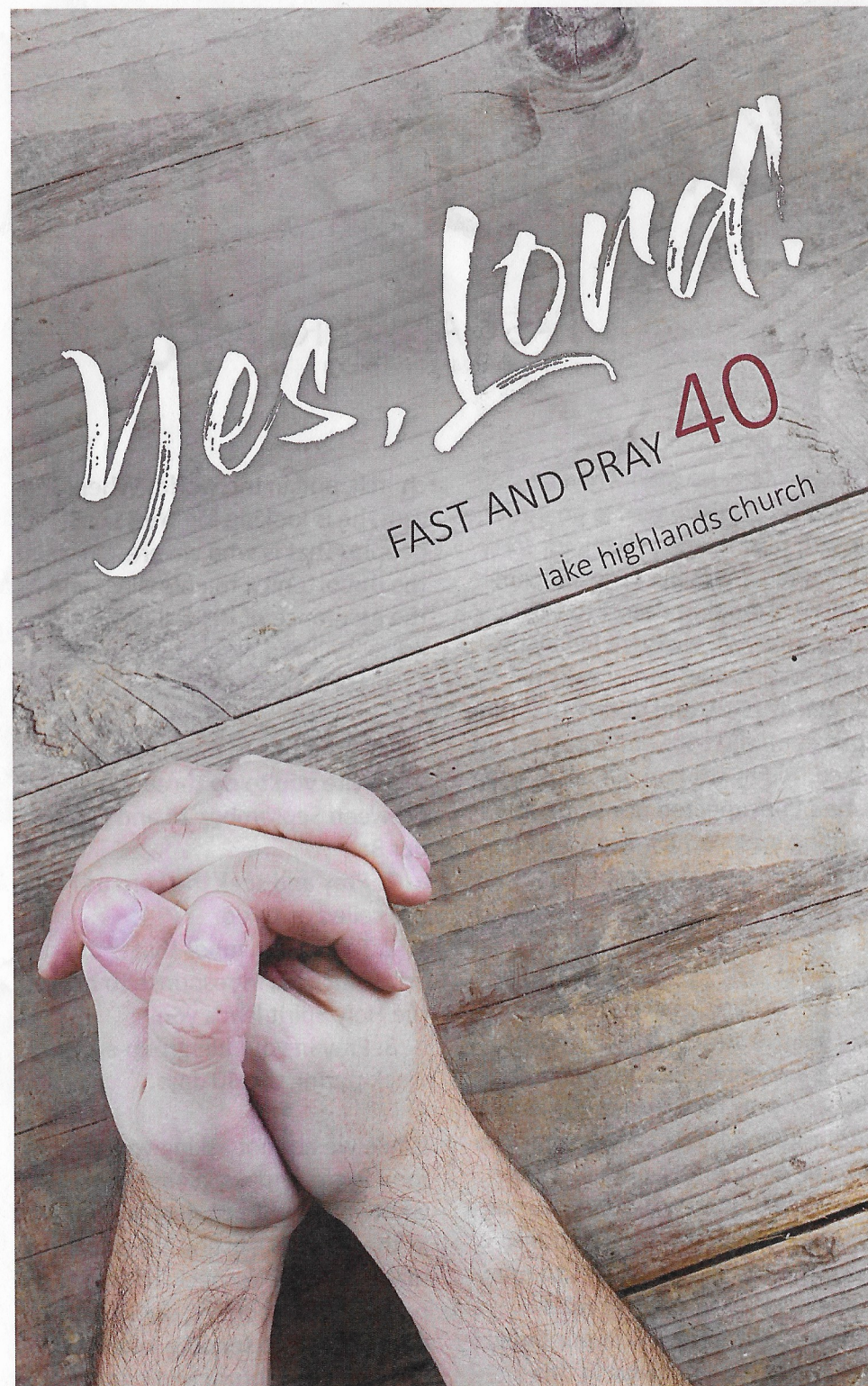
6. Holy Spirit, help (person) to say "Yes, Lord" to any ways you want to use them to further your kingdom at LHC.

7. Holy Spirit, help (person) to say "yes, Lord" to the people you place in his/her life for them to bless with your love. Show him/her one person you want them to love and befriend.

8. Holy Spirit, help (person) to be a light in his/her world. "YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. A TOWN BUILT ON A HILL CANNOT BE HIDDEN."



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Yes, Lord!

FAST AND PRAY **40**
September 24 - November 3

THE FIRST THING JESUS DID when he began his ministry was to go into the desert, fasting and praying for forty days. Prayer was his constant companion, from that desert to the cross. Last Fall, we were led by the Holy Spirit to fast and pray as a church in 2017, and during that time to wait on the Lord and listen for his voice. Today, we find ourselves in a time of unexpected transition and exciting opportunity. The Lord knew and began last year preparing us for this time.

YES, LORD.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING

We believe strongly that we are to make a commitment, as a church, to fast and pray for 40 days, beginning September 24. Our specific purpose is to be obedient to pray and hear the voice of the Lord. His is the voice we seek first in this time of transition. The much larger call is to pray as he leads us into the greater Kingdom things ahead in our individual lives, in our families, in this

church, and in the world. When God calls, he is looking for "Yes, Lord" people. That is who we are. We seek the opportunity, the blessing, and the assurance of His will. When He asks, "Will you...," we long to say, "Yes, Lord."

WHAT DOES THE 40 DAYS LOOK LIKE?

We invite you to do three things between September 24 and November 3:

1. Pray and seek the Lord as he has called us to do.
2. Fast in a manner that is appropriate for you, in response to how the Holy Spirit leads you.
3. Pray in your life group each week during the 40 days.

While we are not asking you to fast food for forty days, please consider what you might fast during all or part of the 40 days. Fasting is a private matter and we respect that for each person. Each morning during the 40 days we will be sending an email or text with a scripture and prayer focus

for you to use that day. We will also be setting up a communication method to provide a way for you to share what you hear, should you choose to.

God's most powerful weapon on the earth is a community of believers praying together. For them, nothing is impossible. For us, this is way bigger than simply who will fill the pulpit. It is about the work that many hands have done during the 60 years of this church, and what many more hands will do in the days ahead. Jesus sits today in the throne room of heaven interceding for us. He still prays. "Yes, Lord!"

YES, LORD. PRAYERS IN LIFEGROUP

Directions: Begin your lifegroup meeting in prayer groups.

1. Get in groups of two.
2. Choose a person to be prayed over first. Person 1 prays for Person 2 using the three prayer points listed below. (*prayers for our hearts, prayers for the body of Christ at LHC and prayers for the world. Personalize your prayers. Pray using the scriptures provided.*)
3. Then switch. Person 2 prays for Person 1.

YES, LORD PRAYER POINTS

1. Holy Spirit, help (name of person you are praying for) to say "yes, Lord" to the deepest longing in his/her heart to be in relationship with you, our Creator who ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTS IN him/her.

"I PRAY THAT OUT OF HIS GLORIOUS RICHES HE MAY STRENGTHEN YOU WITH POWER THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN YOUR INNER BEING SO THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEART THROUGH FAITH. AND I PRAY THAT YOU, BEING ROOTED AND ESTABLISHED IN LOVE, MAY HAVE POWER, TOGETHER WITH ALL THE SAINTS TO GRASP HOW WIDE AND LONG AND HIGH AND DEEP IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST, AND TO KNOW THIS LOVE THAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED TO THE MEASURE OF ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD." EPHESIANS 3:16-19

You might stop and ask the person you are praying for if there is anything that keeps them from receiving or believing in God's love for them. Pray for the Spirit to show them what might be in the way of believing and receiving more of his love for them. Stay focused on prayer.

2. Holy Spirit, help (name of person you are praying for) to say "yes, Lord" to your will being done in every relationship in his/her life. "I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. IF YOU REMAIN IN ME AND I IN YOU, YOU WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT; APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING." JOHN 15:5

3. Holy Spirit, help (person being prayed for) to "Yes, Lord" to your will being done for LHC. Help us pray with Jesus "may your will, not ours be done." Help us, Holy Spirit to trust you when we can't see what's ahead. We want to be like Abraham and Sara who obeyed God and left their homeland even though they had no idea where they were going.