

# Beulah Baptist Association

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## BRO. MARSHALL'S MESSAGE

### Fasting

Luke 5:33 *And they said to Him, "The disciples of John often fast and offer prayers, the disciples of the Pharisees also do the same, but Yours eat and drink."*

We had had no water for about six weeks and every other day or so, we had to get it from the "water guys". They brought it in on a donkey cart in a large tank and pumped it into our compound. This particular day, there was a new driver and I began a gospel conversation with him. After they finished pumping water, I invited them to stay for lunch. He said that they couldn't because they were fasting. Now the Orthodox fast on Wednesdays and Fridays and this was a Tuesday. So I asked why he was fasting and he told me that it was a three day fast called the Jonah fast. I inquired as to why they fasted for three days and he said because the priest tells us to. He didn't even know the story of Jonah, so I shared the story with him and we concluded that they were either fasting three days because he was in the belly of the fish three days or because Nineveh was three days across. Either way, I told him that he should be able to eat fish during the Jonah fast. He didn't find that as amusing as I did.

Here's the point, Jesus tells us that we should fast and we see many examples of fasting in the New Testament. However, it was not a "scheduled" fast, or because someone told them to fast. Rather, it was usually because there was either an important decision that needed to be made or a problem of some kind. Bottom line, the church corporately and the people of the church are supposed to fast. Have you ever fasted? Why? For how long? What was the result?

Till all hear!

Bro Marshall

### A Prayer for Our Nation

Grant, O God, that Your holy and life-giving Spirit may move every human heart, especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Dear God,

As we send our children back to school, we pray for Your protection and guidance. Keep them safe from harm, both physically and emotionally. Help them to find friends who will support and encourage them. Give them wisdom as they face challenging situation. And help them to always remember that You are with them, no matter what. Amen.



**Women's CONFERENCE**  
SOUTH FULTON BAPTIST CHURCH  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25  
Meal/Music/Event  
5:00 PM  
TICKET COST \$10.00  
Special Music: Latoria Vaughn  
Guest Speaker: Gayle Rogers Foster  
Author/ Speaker/ Daughter of Dr. Adrian Rogers  
1500 Broadway, South Fulton, Tennessee 38257

### August Calendar

Aug 12 - 10 AM Pst Conf w/meal ...Kylan Mann will speak on fasting

Aug 26 - 6 PM Pst Conf w/meal...Mann video

## BEULAH SPOTLIGHT CHURCH

### SAMBURG BAPTIST

#### Pastor Aaron Bargery



God has more than blessed Samburg Baptist Church. Over the past several months we have seen our attendance double and almost triple in size. This is because He has led us to get out of the pews and into the community and our Church family has responded by inviting nearly everyone we see to church, witnessing, praying with people right where they are, and giving. We've been in a spirit of Revival for months, altars are full, baptisms are up, and we even had one person get saved in the middle of the sermon. We've added Men's and Women's Small Groups and praise God, we're about to build a new church! We are a Kingdom Mind-ed Church. Watching God build us up through teaching His Word, Fellowship, Unity, and Prayer! Can't wait to see what He does next!

### Job 12:23-24

"He makes nations great, and destroys them; he enlarges nations, and disperses them. He deprives the leaders of the earth of their reason; he makes them wander in a trackless waste."

### Proverbs 11:14

"For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers."

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## PASTORS, WIVES & BEULAH STAFF

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 18—Brent & Amy Petty—New Salem

Aug 29—John & Cheryl Troutman—Tiptonville First



### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug 6—Rachel Graham—Willingham Memorial

Aug 8—Jackie Meadows—Visions Community

Aug 9—Cheryl Troutman—Tiptonville First

Aug 11—Mickey Hanks—Ridgely First

Aug 14—Amy Petty—New Salem

Aug 20—Marjorie Hanks—Ridgely First

*Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday to all*

*From: Marshall, Eric, Herman and Sheila (your BBA staff)*