



# LIFT UP THE WORD LIGHT UP THE WORLD

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THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
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Dear Pastor,

As the chaplain of the Gwinnett County Courthouse in Lawrenceville Georgia I would like to express my personal appreciation to you for your faithful service to our Lord as Pastor of your church. Your hours of ministering to your church members weekly is the hands of feet of our Lord working in and through you.

To some degree I try to identify with your responsibilities ministering to families when they are going through a difficult crisis before a judge, or praying with couples in their new life in marriage. So many members have exited the church for years, only to experience the trailing consequences beyond their control at the courthouse. But the joy of praying with families in the court halls has become a platform for God's amazing miracles.

But in the midst of all that we do to minister to families, it is evident **pastors need pastors** to share one-on-one their hearts in pray with each other. The dots began to connect for me January 22, 2024 @ 9:06 pm when I walked outside only to witness the most beautiful perfect circle surrounding the moon of unity.



Ironically I saw the **Pastoral Confidence Chart** shown below. Compounding these figures and the severe division in our nation's 2024 presidential election, it has become evident God is calling our Gwinnett County pastors together for united intercession and prayer.

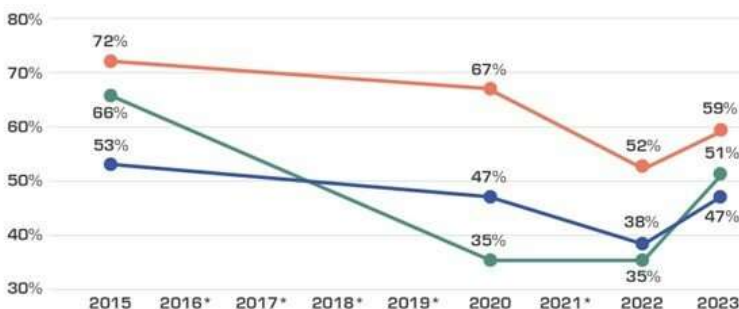
**May 2nd, 2024 12 noon is our annual the National Day of Prayer** at our Gwinnett County courthouse outdoor Plaza 75 Langley Dr. Lawrenceville. With a deep burden for the status of our nation and an urgent need for unified prayer, **we sincerely request the honor of your presence for intercession and prayer with other Gwinnett pastors and our elected county leadership.**

Enclosed on the back is our elected leadership roster for Gwinnett for our National Day of Prayer. Feel free to share this with your congregation. All are welcome, uniting all pastors that sets the stage of Acts 2 Pentecost awakening.

## THE CHRISTIAN INDEX

### PASTORAL CONFIDENCE, THEN & NOW

- Feel more confident about their calling compared to when they first entered ministry
- Feel very satisfied with their vocation as a pastor
- Feel very satisfied with their ministry at their current church



# THE LIFE BLOOD IN THE COUNTY - CHRIST ALONE

February 28 was a reality check I was not expecting to see, **but needed to see.** On my way back and forth to the dentist, there was a site no one wants to see happen to their house burn to the ground. Not only did God want me to see this horrible home in ashes, but to vividly reveal to me the **urgent need of the local churches in any community.** I was deeply compelled to stop by the house of fresh ashes. The cleaning crew had just completed their beginning stages with only one person left behind, the owner.



Upon introducing myself and my condolence to the loss of his home, he began to share with me the long history of his tenant family he rented out to his house. By God's design for him, he was very gracious to the family assisting them when they were short on funds, and making sure they had proper needs as renters.

As a Christian, he also invited them multiple times to his church only to face countless rejection. As a renter, it became very frustrating to keep assisting this family over and over only to be rejected for simply invitations to church. God has deadlines no one will break or escape. February 28 was their appointed date when the attic mysteriously ignited into flames destroying the house, but God's grace spared their lives.

It is one thing to lose all monetary possessions, but loss of life without Christ is devastation for eternity. Thankfully the owner has not given up on the family.

**Pray this is their turning point.**

**God showed me in this horrendous loss** and the daily severity of disobedience/neglect in our court system in evictions, child custody, loss of loved ones in probate, aggravated assaults, murderers, or divorces.

## GWINNETT COUNTY DETENTION CENTER CANCELLED TO PUBLIC VISITATION

Since July 1, 2021, the personal visitation rights to the cells of inmates or any Bible studies has been cancelled except for attorneys visiting their clients. Since COVID their reasons were to curb introduction of drugs and contraband into the facility as well as to safeguard the inmates and the staff. Video visitation is now the access to reach inmates.

Work release residents are considered part time incarcerated because they can keep their job go to work during the day and stay at the facility while not at work.

Now all inmate mail with the exception of legal correspondence religious mail orders and packages must be mailed to a central processing facility and the mail must be in a form of a postcard which will be scanned and made available electronically to the inmates for a period of 14 days through a jail ATM device.



After spending 20 plus years at our Detention Center and Diversion Center, closed doors have been challenging not only to our 40+ volunteers, especially to the inmates having no personal contact with the outside world. However, in this major safeguard decision, these facilities still maintain **high standards for Georgia prison systems.** Unfortunately, Atlanta's Fulton Co. jail has plunged into overcrowded unsanitary conditions and violence. Ten people have died in the Fulton Co. Jail custody in 2023. **PLEASE pray for the struggling leadership in Fulton Co.**