

Greetings to all in 2012,

We are just a few days in to the New Year and many are enjoying new beginnings in many areas of their lives. Some call it resolutions, others say they will just do things differently. Regardless, my pray for all of us is that God will be more evident in every area of our life during this next year.

This Sunday, January 8th I will preach a message entitled "Foundations for Fasting". I am asking the church family to join Rhonda and myself on a 21 day fast. I know, some are already saying there is no way I can do this. Some cannot because of physical reasons, others may choose to fast in a variety of ways. You may wish to do a literal fast, go without anything for the 21 days with the exception of water. Others may choose to fast for the first 3 days and then modify their diet considerably. Meaning, that after the first three days, have nothing but fruits and vegetables for the remaining 18 days. Some choose to call this the Daniel diet. I am choosing not to call it a diet but rather a time of focus, prayer and reflection on our relationship with God and others. The 21 days will start on the 10th of January and conclude on the 31st. You may not be physically able to fast (food) and that's okay. You may during this time be able to give up just one meal a day, a TV program or 2, sweets coffee etc. The idea is that during this time frame whatever you decide to give up, spend that time with God. I will be using this time to specifically pray for our staff and the leadership of the church as we move ahead this next year. Some in our church already fast a meal on a specific day of the week as they pray for their children. Many areas of our lives need more of God and less of us. Join us as we together, the family of Connecting Pointe church seek God in even greater ways for this the New Year. I look for to our worship time together this Sunday, January 8, 2012.

I would also challenge all of us for the next year with being in God's house whenever possible, commit your finances to God and lastly I challenge you to bring a guest with you each Sunday as we worship together.

Serving together
Pastor Brad & Rhonda