



AWCI SERMON NOTE & *Announcements*

DATE: March 8th, 2026
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Sermon Title: Prioritizing God's Presence

COUNTDOWN TO EASTER: LET'S PRAY!

As we journey toward Easter Sunday, join us in covering our church, guests, and services in daily prayer. Let's believe together for breakthrough, renewed hope, and lives transformed by the power of Jesus!

INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND, AND SCRIPTURE, SERMON POINTS

Psalms 42:1 declares, "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God."
 Matthew 5:6 says, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."

Notice something powerful in Matthew 5:6: God does not promise to fill the talented, the busy, or the religious—He promises to fill the hungry. Revival does not begin with activity; revival begins with appetite.

Psalms 85:6 (NKJV) asks, "Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?"
 The word "revive" in Hebrew means to bring back to life, to restore vitality, to quicken, to make alive again.

When people stop being satisfied with surface-level Christianity—when worship songs are no longer enough without His presence, when sermons are no longer enough without transformation, when church attendance is no longer enough without encounter—that is when true hunger begins. And hunger changes everything.

In Matthew 5:6 when He says, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." Notice the promise carefully. God does not promise to fill the talented. He does not promise to fill the busy. He does not promise to fill the religious or the routine churchgoer. The promise is given to those who hunger. That means revival does not begin with activity. Revival does not begin with programs, schedules, or even good sermons. Revival begins with appetite. It begins when something inside of us says, "There has to be more of God than what I am experiencing right now."

There comes a moment in every believer's life—and sometimes in the life of an entire church—when routine is no longer enough. The songs may be right, the preaching may be sound, and the schedule may be organized, but something deep in the spirit begins to whisper, "Lord, we want more of Your presence." When worship is no longer satisfying without encountering God... when sermons are no longer enough without transformation... when church attendance is no longer enough without experiencing His power—that is when spiritual hunger begins to awaken. And when hunger awakens, everything begins to change. When we begin to prioritize God's presence again—when we seek Him sincerely, pursue Him passionately, and make room for Him intentionally—our spiritual appetite awakens. And when hunger returns, God always responds. Because throughout Scripture, God consistently fills those who truly hunger for Him.

SERMON POINT

Holy Dissatisfaction Precedes Spiritual Breakthrough
 "Holy dissatisfaction is the seedbed of revival."

Psalms 63:1 says, "O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water."

Jeremiah 29:13 promises, "You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."

Consider Hannah (1 Samuel 1): She refused to settle for barrenness. While others ate and celebrated, she wept in the temple. Her hunger for a breakthrough was so intense that Eli thought she was drunk. But she wasn't—she was desperate. And desperation gave birth to Samuel.

Deep Hunger Produces Persistent Pursuit
 Hunger produces pursuit, and pursuit invites presence.

Matthew 5:6 reminds us, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."

Hebrews 11:6 adds, "He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

Think of Blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46–52): When he heard Jesus was passing by, he cried out. When told to be quiet, he cried louder. Hunger will not be silenced.

Some around him were comfortable—they had sight, position, and routine. But Bartimaeus had need, and hunger made him louder than the crowd.

Genuine Hunger Attracts the Manifest Presence of God

Matthew 5:6 ends with a promise: "They shall be filled."

James 4:8 assures us, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

Consider Moses on the mountain (Exodus 33): After leading Israel out of Egypt, Moses had already witnessed miracles—plagues, the Red Sea, manna. Yet in Exodus 33:18, he says, "Please, show me Your glory." He had seen God's power, but he wanted God's presence.

BEYOND THE MESSAGE

Psalm 42:1 teaches us that hunger is not weakness—it is evidence of life. A living body craves nourishment, and a living spirit craves God. When physical appetite disappears, doctors become concerned; it signals something is wrong internally. The same is true spiritually. When there is no desire to pray, no longing for the Word, no pursuit of worship, it is not that God has stopped moving—it is that our appetite has been dulled.

We must learn to guard our hunger, to pay attention when routine replaces passion, and when familiarity replaces fire. Spiritual vitality is sustained not by talent or busyness, but by pursuit. If we want revival in our lives and in our church, we must protect our appetite for His presence above everything else.

Jesus said, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.” God fills the hungry, not the comfortable. Revival does not begin with activity; it begins with appetite. Every believer reaches a moment when routine is no longer enough—when sermons without transformation, worship without encounter, and attendance without intimacy leave us restless. Holy dissatisfaction is not complaining; it is a deep awareness that God is greater than our current experience. Breakthrough is always born in those who refuse to settle for average spirituality.

The story of Hannah in 1 Samuel 1 shows that private desperation can produce public transformation. Hannah refused to accept barrenness as her final reality. While others celebrated, she poured out her soul before the Lord. From her holy dissatisfaction came Samuel—a prophet who shifted a nation. Hunger is never just about us; it’s about what God wants to birth through us. When a believer refuses to settle, heaven responds.

Our discomfort may be divine. That inner whisper—“There must be more”—is not frustration, but the Spirit drawing us deeper. If we respond with prayer, surrender, and expectation, God will transform what feels barren into something fruitful. Revival always starts personally before it spreads corporately. When God restores appetite, revival is close—and when revival comes, it changes everything.

High Five Evangelism Campaign: Digital Prayer Card

March 1 – April 5, 2026

2026 Theme: Intentionality With Impact – One More Time

Flagship Scripture: Colossians 3:23 (NKJV)

“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.”

Join us as we embark on 45 days of purposeful outreach leading to Easter! Be intentional and impactful: pray for five, invite five, and reach out to five people who may not have a church home.

How to Use This Card:

- List the names of five people you want to lift in prayer.
- Pray for them daily, asking God to move in their lives and guide your invitation.
- Stand on these promises:

Numbers 6:24–26 (NIV):

“The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV):

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.”

Together, let’s make an impact—one prayer, one invitation, one life at a time. Let’s do it with intentionality, believing God will do more than we can imagine!

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3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note: There are multiple ways to sign up for an event. You can scan the QR code, visit our website, or sign the sign-up sheet in the foyer under the event registration section.

Read the Bible in a Year.

Scan QR code or visit the following site:

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/64913-we-believe-a-journey-of-faith-in-action>



March 17th- In Search of Timothy- Leadership Development- **6:30 pm**

March 22nd- Water Baptism - **During 11 am Service**

March 28 - Covenant Couples Fellowship -**11 am-1 pm**

March 29th- Palm Sunday, Fine Arts Expressions, **at 9 AM & 11 AM**

April 3rd- Good Friday, Night of Praise & Worship - **7 pm**

April 5th- Easter Sunday, Worship **@ 9 AM & 11:00 AM**
Children & Youth Celebration During Both Services

Easter Mass Choir Rehearsals for all who are interested.

Rehearsal Date: March 12th, March 19th, and April 2nd at 7:00 pm.

April 17-18- SCCOG Women’s Conference

Regular Registration \$65.00

Walk In \$75.00 (**After 3/16/26**)

Scan QR code to sign up today or visit

<https://www.sccog.com/women2/>



Registration for the Jamaica Mission Trip is currently open. For more information, contact Missionary Director, Dr. Samuel King.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

Sunday School

- Every Sunday at 10:10 am-10:55 am.

Men’s Ministry Meeting

- Every 3rd Saturday at 8:30 AM.
- At Agape Worship Center International
- All men are invited.
- More information: Contact Deacons Teddy Spence or Eureka Washington.

Breakfast For Champions: Weekday Devotion & Prayer

- Monday-Friday at 7 am
- Call In: 717-908-1690
 - Access Code: 577625

Intercessory Prayer

- Every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Monday at 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Virtual Midday Bible Study

- Every Thursday at noon
 - Call In: (470)869-2200 (US East)
 - Meeting ID: 393-678-9202
 - Virtual: meetings.ringcentral.com/j/3936789202