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## United Apostolic Church MEMORANDUM

**To: Members of the United Apostolic Church**  
**From: Assistant Pastor Ferguson**  
**Date: July 5<sup>th</sup> 2026**  
**Re: PRAYER AND FASTING**

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Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (**St. Matthew 11:28**).

**On Wednesday, July 8 through Friday, July 10, 2026**, we will be engaging in our **three (3) days** of Prayer and Fasting. Our goal is to be in fasting each day from **5:00 AM - 5:00 PM**.

The central theme will be: **“Who is Like unto the Lord our God? None!”** found in Psalms 113:5 – “Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high”.

There is absolutely no one like our God; He reigns supreme. Throughout Scripture, we witness powerful rulers who attempted to exalt themselves to divine status. Yet in every instance, God

intervened, humbling them and compelling them to acknowledge His unmatched authority. **In Proverbs 16:18 - “Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.”** Their lives stand as a warning to us all: we must walk in humility, remembering that the honor and glory belong to the Lord, while the blessing is graciously given to us. **Man may be mighty, but God alone is almighty.** He is the eternal Monarch, reigning from generation to generation without rival.

The book of Daniel recounts the sobering story of Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, who sought to elevate himself beyond measure. At the height of his pride, after twelve months of reign, he walked in the palace of Babylon and declared, “Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?” **(Daniel 4:30)**. Immediately, the Lord responded: the kingdom was taken from him. Nebuchadnezzar was struck with madness as judgment for his pride. Driven into the field to eat grass like oxen, his hair grew like eagle’s feathers and his nails like birds’ claws for seven years.

Yet even in judgment, God’s mercy prevailed. After seven years of banishment, Nebuchadnezzar’s sanity was restored, and he finally recognized the sovereignty of the true King. His testimony stands as a timeless declaration: **“Daniel 4:37 reads – “Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.”**

Nebuchadnezzar’s son Belshazzar’s heart was also lifted in pride. He was aware of what the Lord had done to his father whose heart

was lifted in pride. Regrettably, he did not learn from his father's experience. He too allowed his heart to be lifted in pride.

Belshazzar, in a moment of reckless pride, made a great feast and invited many dignitaries. In open defiance, he took the sacred vessels that had been carried out of the temple in Jerusalem and used them for drinking - lifting them not in honor of the God of Israel, but to praise the gods of gold, silver, brass, iron, wood and stone. This act of desecration deeply displeased the Lord, and He responded in a way that shook the entire palace.

**Daniel 5:5–6 records the moment with striking clarity: “5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.**

**6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.”**

The message written by the divine hand was brief, yet carried eternal weight: **MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN**. Daniel delivered the interpretation with authority:

- **MENE:** God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it.
- **TEKEL:** Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting.
- **PERES:** Thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.

In one moment, the king who exalted himself was confronted by the God who cannot be mocked. The handwriting on the wall declared that the reign of Belshazzar had come to its divinely appointed end.

We also see another king whose heart was lifted in pride - Pharaoh, who boldly asserted his own divine status as a living Egyptian god. He refused to acknowledge any authority higher than himself. When the servant of the Lord, Moses, delivered God's command to let His people go, Pharaoh responded with defiance. Exodus 5:2 records his words: "And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go."

Pharaoh's arrogance set the stage for one of the most dramatic demonstrations of God's power in Scripture. The Lord struck Egypt with ten devastating plagues, each one dismantling the false gods Pharaoh trusted in and exposing the emptiness of his supposed divinity. Yet it was the final plague - the death of all the firstborn of Egypt - that shattered his resistance. This tragedy broke the pride of a king who once believed himself untouchable, forcing him to release the Hebrews from centuries of enslavement.

The same Pharaoh who once spoke with boldness and defiance was now humbled by the hand of God. No longer powerful in his response, no longer lifted in pride, he pleaded with Moses and Aaron to pray that the Lord would remove the plagues. The king who claimed to be a god was brought low, demonstrating that no human power can stand against the sovereignty of the Almighty!

Saints it is of great importance that we stay on the right side of God. Let's not fall into the hand of an angry God. He is merciful but he can also become a consuming fire. We serve the true and only living God. He is the supreme creator who has no equal or rival. There is no other entity who shares His essence or divine power.

So, as we embark on these three days of fasting and prayers, let the lives of these men stand as a solemn reminder: humility draws God near to His people, but pride sets a man in opposition to the Almighty. Every king who exalted himself was brought low, and every heart lifted in arrogance was confronted by the God who reigns forever. May we choose the path that pleases Him - the path of surrender, reverence, and humility - knowing that when we humble ourselves under His mighty hand, He responds with mercy, favor and divine intervention.

**Wednesday, July 8, 2026: Pray that the spirit of humility will dwell richly in me:**

**Scriptures: (5am – Daniel 4:29-37); (12pm – Daniel 51:17) and (8pm – Exodus 12:21-31)**

- Pray that God gives us the grace to remain fully dependent on Him, not on ourselves, especially in seasons of blessing and success (**James 4:6**).
- Pray that God will give us the desire to serve others unconditionally without seeking worldly recognition or praise (**1Peter 5:5**).
- Pray that we will humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, knowing that He will exalt us in due time (**1 Peter 5:6**).

- Pray that the Spirit of God shapes our thoughts, words, and actions, so Christ's humility, kindness, and love are reflected in us (**James 4:10**).
- Pray that God will give us the spirit of humility to receive correction, learn from others, and grow in wisdom (**James 1:5**).

**Thursday, July 9, 2026: Pray for humility among our leaders (spiritual and secular):**

**Scriptures: (5am – Philippians 2:1-11); (12pm – 1 Peter 5:1-6) and (8pm – St. John 13:1-17).**

- Pray that our leaders will maintain a servant's heart as they lead God's people. (**Philippians 2:7**).
- Pray that our leaders will serve with the heart of Christ and never seek personal glory. (**1 Peter 5:2**).
- Pray that the Lord guards our leaders from pride, arrogance; and self-promotion and fills them instead with meekness, compassion and love (**Colossians 3:12**).
- Pray that God protects our leaders from the temptation to misuse authority and helps them lead with integrity, justice and wisdom (**Ezekiel 34:4**).
- Pray that our leaders remain faithful in prayer and in studying the Word of God, so their leadership flows from intimacy with Him rather than human strength (**St. John 15:4**).

**Friday, July 10, 2026: Pray for the community to humble themselves and accept God's invitation of salvation:**

**Scriptures: (5am – St. Matthew 5:1-16); (12 pm – Isaiah 55:1-7) and (Acts 3:1-19).**

- Pray that God removes pride, self-reliance, and unbelief from the unsaved in our community, and opens their hearts to recognize their need for His grace and mercy (**James 4:10**).
- Pray that the unsaved will receive Christ's call with faith and joy. (**Acts 3:19**).
- Pray that the Lord breaks every spiritual stronghold and reveals the truth that sets people free (**2 Corinthians 3:17**).
- Pray for a deep spiritual hunger to awaken in the hearts of every resident (**St. Matthew 5:6**).
- Pray that the Lord will allow the members of our community to experience His unfailing love, receive His gift of salvation and become devoted followers of Jesus Christ (**Titus 3:5**).