

INDEPENDENCE - IS IT REALLY OK?

Our nation thrives on independence from other nations. Our children cannot wait to gain their independence from home. We ourselves seek independence in retirement years. Yet in all reality we are <u>so dependent of God</u> to the point of totally handicapped without Him.

Before the cliff of economic and physical disaster for Israel and Judah, God always sent prophets to warn the pending results. During the days of Joel and all the other prophets the message was...

"Declare a holy fast; call a sacred assembly. Summon the elders and all who live in the land to the house of the LORD your God, and cry out to the LORD. Alas for that day! For the day of the LORD is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty." (Joel 1:14-15)

May 3 was our sacred assembly of the "elders" to the court house city gates of Gwinnett Co. to humbly acknowledging our very growing and affluent county to our **TOTAL DEPENDENCE** on God.

Pastor Brian Boyles – FBC

Snellville addressed and prayed over our lack of fervent prayer in our churches. The evidence we are seeing in our court houses nat



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Juan Bennett - BTGM Chairman addressed our

handicapped issue of in unbroken spirit. He shared his own testimony as a coach, and how God brought this to his heart in prayer in the court halls.



<u>Clyde Strickland</u> addressed and prayed for the desperation we face in our school systems without prayer and the Bible reading as the priority. It has placed a serious handicap on the morality, behavior and educational skills. He introduced our **Lawrenceville** <u>Mayor Judy Johnson</u>. She encouraged our churches to continue in earnest prayer for our county leadership in light of the ever changing ethic culture we see streaming into Gwinnett County.

Pastor Miles Welch – 12 Stone challenged and prayed that are churches will take a more active role in our school systems.



<u>Elizabeth Greenewald, and Matt Davis</u> addressed the progress **Georgia Right To Life** is impacting Gwinnett County. More supporters needed!

<u>**Pastor David Harper</u>** - Holy Cross Church prayed this impact will not diminish but advance beyond our expectations with support from the House White.</u>



Judge Emily Brantley addressed the everyday life of a judge and the trials they likewise face in security and family struggles.

<u>Jason Moss</u> – Georgia Mfg. prayed a hedge of protection and strength that our judges our taken to the throne of grace.

<u>Chaplain Al Booker</u> - Gwinnett County Detention Center – expressed the work of God through our volunteers and prayed for an greater move of God in our correctional system

<u>Bryan Lash</u> – **USMC veteran** prayed for our Presidential leadership and the worldwide persecuted church escalating each year.

HISTORIC LANDMARK TESTIMONY FOR

LEWIS T. SLAYTON FULTON COUNTY JUSTICE BUILDING







Rickey and Shay Schoonmaker

May 2 we went down to the Fulton County Courthouse to stand in agreement in prayer for accessibility, reach, and breakthrough at the Lewis T. Slayton Fulton County Courthouse. We walked around the building in its entirety 7 times which represents the number of completion! This was a large building and well worth the hike! **PLEASE PRAY FOR RICKEY AND SHAY** AS THE SEEK GOD'S AVENUE TO RELEASE THEM FROM THEIR FULL TIME JOBS TO FULL TIME CHAPLAINS AT FULTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE. **May 3** we were able to successfully introduce National Day of Prayer to Fulton County. God allowed us to reach those standing in the need of prayer. At every level barriers were broken while spreading the love of Christ to God's people. Prayer was effective and praise reports were shared upon leaving the courthouse. This was a most rewarding day of prayer and the works of God! We are looking forward to continuing this path of serving Fulton County.

HISTORIC LANDMARK TESTIMONY FOR CLAYTON COUNTY H.R. BANKE JUSTICE CENTER Carolyn Foreland

A total of 12 came to join us for the National Day of Prayer for Clayton County Courthouse. <u>Dr. Leon Beeler</u>, leading chaplain for Clayton County, brought other licensed evangelist chaplain. One judge attending was so delighted for this season of prayer, she prayed over us in our new court hall ministry with God's favor.

Over these couple of years no problems have been raised because I understand humility first, and I know do's and don'ts of protocol. Our scheduled court hall ministry will be going to the court house Wednesday through Friday morning. We start at the jail in two and a half weeks or earlier since I've already got an approval. Through all my trials and setbacks nothing is going to stop me from doing what God called me to do. I appreciate you encouraging me to continue to go and be steadfast. **PLEASE PRAY FOR CAROLYN FORELAN AND DR. LEON BEELER AS THEY BEGIN TO INCREASE THEIR IN FAVOR AMONG ALL EMPLOYEES IN THE CLAYTON COURT HALLS.**

GOD'S AMAZING GRACE TO REJOICE IN APRIL 2018

Brett Jones Geraldo Flores Bernarda Arteaga Deon Davis Richard Opoku Bobby Stewart

Aliyah Rogers Miquel Flores John Fox Ivory Walton Esther Hernandez

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"Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Cor. 12:8-10)

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