

A Service of Consecration & Commissioning

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 | 9:30 AM

Order Of Service

Welcome

Hear us From Heaven Pastor Jason Taylor

Scripture & Invocation - Psalm 95:1-11 Elder John Williams

Fall Afresh Parker & Victoria Branham

The Transitional Vision Pastor Hal West

Scripture & Prayer of Contrition - Psalm 51:1-17 Pastor Bronson Simmons

Consecration

Instruments of Self-examination: Pastor Hal West

- Complete Spiritual
- Clear Conscience

Scripture - Psalm 103:1-19 Elder Carl Casterlin

Prayer for Forgiveness Elder Bobby Bailey

All His Benefits Shelby Caldwell

Preparation

Instruments of Self-examination:

Pastor Hal West

- · The Gift of Repentance
- · The Heart God Revives

Scripture & Prayer for Reconciliation - II Corinthians 5:11-21 Elder Guy Lacoss

What Can i Do Pastor Jason Taylor

Expectation

Anticipating the Day of Fulfillment - Habakkuk 2:1-3

Pastor Hal West

The Commissioning of the Pastor Search Committee

Pastor Hal West

- Robin Brittain
- Dan Farmer
- Norma Melendez
- Tom Tremaine, Pastor Search Committee Chair
- Len Wilkinson
- Mason Van Tassel
- Quincy Williams
- Mike Creighton, Personnel Committee Chair
- Mike Montei, Stewardship Committee Chair
- Carl Casterlin, OFBC Elder

Scripture & Prayer of Commissioning - Acts 13:1-3

Elder Rod Tyler

Scripture & Altar Prayer - Romans 12:1-2

Pastor Hal West

Take My Life / I Am Yours

Congregation

complete spiritual

THE CHRISTIAN'S LIFE AND GROWTH EVALUATION

The goal of this checkup is to identify problem areas, affirm positive areas, and help us see ourselves as God sees us.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way" (Psalm 139:23-24).

New Birth

"Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this

ab	oout yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?"		ans 13:5).
1.	I have fully agreed with God about the sin in my life, and I have turne from it so that I can live the kind of life Jesus died to provide. This rep has changed the way I live, speak, and think (Acts 26:20; Luke 13:3; Tit	entance	O yes
2.	I have placed all of my trust and complete confidence in Jesus Chrifor salvation—trusting in no one and nothing else (Ephesians 2:8; Jo Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9-10).		O yes
3.	I have assurance from the Holy Spirit that I have been fully forgiven accepted as God's child (John 1:12-13; Ephesians 1:7-13; 1 John 5:13).	and	O yes
4.	The Bible teaches that a changed life is powerful evidence of true for It is obvious that God has changed me from the inside out, and that behavior, desires, and direction are increasingly aligning with Chris (James 2:24; Matthew 7:13-24).	it my	yes no
	If you checked one or more questions NO, check to and realize that you may not have experienced true salvation and		
2	Intimacy with God		
bo	nus says the LORD, 'Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let no bast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who his, that he understands and knows Me'" (Jeremiah 9:23-24).		
G	op's word		
1.	I desire to read and obey the Word of God.	yes	o no
2.	I take time daily (or with rare exception) to read, meditate on,	yes	ono 🗖

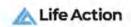


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3.	I often find myself thinking about, singing, or praying Scripture to the Lord.	☐ yes	O no
4.	I am continuing to increase in my understanding of the Bible, God's Word.	yes	☐ no
PE	RAYER		
1.	Meaningful prayer is a part of my daily life.	yes	no
2.	I am praying regularly with others (e.g. family, friends).	yes	o no
3.	The last time I received an answer to prayer that only God could ful the last few: Hours Days Weeks Months Year		hin
4.	My prayers are: Heartfelt Empty words Repetitions _	_ Duty	
	If you checked one or more questions NO, check the and realize that your pursuit of intimacy with God is diminishing		2-1-2
3.	Hindrances to Revival		
	ur iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and Iden His face from you so that He does not hear" (Isaiah 59:2).	your sins	nave
PF	RIDE		
1.	It is hard for me to express genuine love and appreciation for Jesus and others.	yes	O no
2.	It is difficult for me to ask forgiveness from family or others when I sin against them.	yes	ono
3.	I have a tendency to want credit for accomplishments.	yes	ono no
4.	Others would say that my primary drive is to look out for myself rather than to serve others.	yes	o no
DE	EALING WITH UNCONFESSED SIN		
1.	It is difficult for me to confess my sins to God.	yes	o no
2.	I am aware of specific sins I have not confessed and forsaken.	yes	☐ no
3.	I struggle to gain consistent victory over sinful habits.	yes	O no
4,	I have "secret sins" that I hide from others.	yes	☐ no
	If you checked one or more questions YES, check	this box	:0
	and realize that you have allowed hindrances to keep from experiencing personal revival.	you	

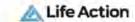


	Let us examine and pr	boxes did you check? obe our ways, and let us return (Lamentations 3:40).		
	a need for genuine s	nd each box you have thecked in salvation OR genuine revival.	dicates	
	If you checked one or more and realize that you may not be eng			
4.	I am known for extending God's love, g grace to others, especially toward my o work associates.	리 (a T.)	yes	☐ no
3.	I make intentional efforts to love others putting their needs above my own.	s the way Jesus commanded,	yes	o no
2.	I willingly submit to the authorities God employer, parents, teachers, governme		yes	☐ no
1.	As far as I know, there is no one alive will wronged, offended, or hurt in any way, and attempted to make things right (so restitution, returned what was stolen, e	that I have not gone back to ought forgiveness, offered	yes	o no
"A r	new commandment I give to you, that you also love one another. By this all men woone another" (John 13:34-35).			
6.	Valuing Others			
	If you circled one or more of that the way you prioritize your commitment to		ect	
	God's Word (reading, me	emorizing, meditating)		
	Prayer	Family/Friends		
	Food	Sports/Recreation	n	
	Internet	Social Media/Entertainme	ent	



4. Personal Holiness

	e the Holy One who called you, be h tten, 'You shall BE HOLY, FOR I AM HO	noly yourselves also in all your behavio ouy'" (1 Peter 1:15-16).	r; because	it is
1.	When God speaks, I obey immedia me and to control my thoughts an	그들은 마루 유민들은 경기를 가지 않는데 그리고 가는 구성을 들어 보세요?	yes	no
2.	I am guarding my eyes and my he	eart in pursuit of moral purity.	yes	o no
3.	I do not lie, misrepresent, exagger	ate, or mislead.	yes	ono
4.	Circle the words that best character within the last 48 hours:	erize your behavior and attitude		
	SPIRIT-LED	FLESH-LED		
	Patient	Impatient		
	Forgiving	Unforgiving (bitter)		
	Encouraging (OT)	Critical		
	Yielding	Controlling		
	Loving God	Loving pleasure		
	Humble	Proud		
		ore questions NO, check this l pursue personal holiness in your daily		
	Priorities ek first His kingdom and His righted at thew 6:33).	ousness, and all these things will be ac	ded to you	, "
1.	그렇게 하는 얼마나 귀를 하다고 있었다. 그런 얼마나 사람들이 가지 않는데 그래요?	ew my life, they see me consistently vitnessing, studying God's Word, pray- nships) rather than temporary things.	☐ yes	no no
2.	I am guarding my heart from loving lifestyle, philosophies, entertainmer	g this present world system (this world's nt, possessions, music, fashions).	yes	no no
3.	I am actively supporting my local of financial resources God has blesse		☐ yes	o no



CLEAR CONSCIENCE

A clear conscience is the ability to say, "There is no one alive that I have ever wronged, offended, or hurt in any way that I have not gone back to and made it right with God and with them."

How an Unclear Conscience Affects You

- 1. No power in witnessing (1 Peter 3:15-16)
- 2. Active at church, but neglecting other spiritual matters (Matthew 7:21-23)
- Going through the role of religion, but lost the heart desire, love, and motivation (1 Samuel 15:22)
- Nervousness (Proverbs 10:24)
- Always on the defensive (Proverbs 21:2)
- Anxiety, tension, guilt, and frustration (Matthew 18:34-35)
- 7. Inability to make wise decisions in light of ultimate goals (1 Timothy 1:5)
- 8. Fears (Proverbs 28:1)
- 9. Unable to concentrate (Psalm 38:14; James 1:8)
- 10. Small circle of friends (Proverbs 18:4)
- 11. Depression and fatigue (Proverbs 20:27; Psalm 32:1-4)
- 12. Judgmental attitudes (Romans 2:1-3; Matthew 7:1-5)
- 13. Self-condemnation (Proverbs 8:36; 11:9)
- 14. No joy (2 Corinthians 6:3-10)

How a Clear Conscience Affects You

- 1. Mark of maturity (Hebrews 5:13-14)
- 2. Spiritual exercise of the inner man (Acts 24:16)
- 3. Freedom to rejoice in everything (2 Corinthians 1:12)

REVIVAL WORKSHEETS

- Number one weapon next to faith for overcoming Satan and sin [1 Timothy 1:18-19]
- 5. Freedom to share faith with boldness (1 Peter 3:15-16)
- Better health and physical appearance (Psalm 32:1)

Reasons to Have a Clear Conscience

- 1. God's Word commands it.
- It brings release from bondage and conflict.
- 3. It is a channel through which love flows.
- 4. It brings about development and growth.
- 5. Without it, the ability to discern between right and wrong is gone.

Biblical Parameters for Confession

- The scope of the confession should be as large, but only as large, as the transgression.
 - a. Private sins should be confessed privately.
 - b. Personal sins should be confessed personally.
 - c. Public sins should be confessed publicly.
- 2. Do not apologize or just say, "I'm sorry." Say, "Will you please forgive me?"
- 3. When obeying ...
 - a. In person is usually best.
 - b. The phone is the next best option.
 - c. A letter is the last and least effective.
- 4. Do not reflect negatively on another person.
- 5. Put the hardest person on your list first.
- 6. Don't expect an overwhelmingly positive response.

REVIVAL WORKSHEETS

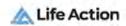
Obstacles to Obtaining and Maintaining a Clear Conscience

- 1. "It happened a long time ago."
- 2. "They have moved away."
- 3. "It's such a small thing."
- 4. "Things have gotten better."
- 5. "It will cost me money."
- 6. "I'll do it later."
- 7. "The other person was mostly wrong."
- 8. "They're not Christians."
- 9. "I was right and they were wrong."
- 10. "It happened before I was saved."

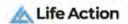


revives

	proud people	broken people		
1.	Focus on the failures of others	Overwhelmed with a sense of their own spiritual need		
2.	A critical, fault-finding spirit; look at everyone else's faults with a microscope, but their own with a telescope	Compassionate; can forgive much because they know how much they have been forgiven		
3.	 Self-righteous; look down on others 	 Esteem all others better than themselves 		
4.	Independent, self-sufficient spirit	Have a dependent spirit; recognize their need for others		
5.	Have to prove that they are right	Willing to yield the right to be right		
6.	Claim rights; have a demanding spirit	 Yield their rights; have a meek spirit 		
7.	Self-protective of their time, their rights, their reputation	☐ Self-denying		
8.	Desire to be served	Motivated to serve others		
9.	Desire to be a success	Motivated to be faithful and to make others a success		
10.	 Desire self-advancement 	Desire to promote others		
11.	Have a drive to be recognized and appreciated	Have a sense of their own unworthiness; thrilled that God would use them at all		
12.	Wounded when others are promoted and they are overlooked	Eager for others to get the credit; rejoice when others are lifted up		
13.	Subconsciously feel, "This ministry/church is privileged to have me and my gifts"; think of what they can do for God	Heart attitude is, "I don't deserve to have a part in any ministry"; know they have nothing to offer God except the life of Jesus flowing through their broken lives		
14.	Feel confident in how much they know	Humbled by how very much they have to learn		
15.	☐ Self-conscious	Not concerned with self at all		



16.	Keep others at arm's length	Willing to risk getting close to others
30		and loving intimately
17.	Quick to blame others	Accept personal responsibility and can see where they are wrong in a situation
18.	Unapproachable or defensive when criticized	Receive criticism with a humble, open spirit
19.	Concerned with being respectable, with what others think; work to protect their own image and reputation	Concerned with being real; what matters to them is not what others think but what God knows; willing to die to their own reputation
20.	Find it difficult to share their spiritual need with others	Willing to be open and transparent with others as God directs
21.	Want to be sure no one finds out when they have sinned; their instinct is to cover up	Once broken, don't care who knows or finds out; are willing to be exposed because they have nothing to lose
22.	Have a hard time saying, "I was wrong; will you please forgive me?"	Quick to admit failure and to seek forgiveness when necessary
23.	Tend to deal in generalities when confessing sin	Able to acknowledge specifics when confessing their sin
24.	Concerned about the consequences of their sin	Grieved over the cause, the root of their sin
25.	Remorseful over their sin, sorry that they got found out or caught	Truly, genuinely repentant over their sin, evidenced in the fact that they forsake that sin
26.	Wait for the other to come ask forgive- ness when there is a misunderstanding or conflict in a relationship	Take the initiative to be reconciled when there is misunderstanding or conflict in relationships; race to the cross; see if they can get there first, no matter how wrong the other may have been
27.	Compare themselves with others and feel worthy of honor	Compare themselves to the holiness of God and feel a desperate need for His mercy
28,	Blind to their true heart condition	Walk in the light
29.	Don't think they have anything to repent of	Realize they need a continual heart attitude of repentance
30.	Don't think they need revival, but are sure everyone else does	Continually sense their need for a fresh encounter with God and a fresh filling of His Holy Spirit



the gift of repentance

Ask God to use the following questions to show you whether your heart attitude toward God is one of repentance from sin and from dead works of the flesh that cannot please God.

REPENTANCE FROM SIN

"Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin" (Ezekiel 18:30).

- Do I have a heart attitude that says, "Lord, everything I now know to be sin, and everything You show me in the future to be sin, I am willing to give it all up for Your sake"?
- 2. Have I ever experienced the repentance that characterizes genuine salvation? Was my conversion experience mere external reformation rather than internal heart transformation?
- 3. Can I truly say that I am willing to forsake every sin in my life, including those which are not known to others?
- 4. Am I willing to call my wrongful acts sins, rather than characterizing them as weaknesses, flaws, or personality traits?
- 5. Am I more grieved over how my sin has offended a holy God (repentance) than I am over the consequences that I have reaped for my sin (remorse)?
- 6. Am I willing to accept personal responsibility for my actions without pointing the finger of blame at anyone else?
- 7. Am I willing to take whatever steps may be necessary to make complete restitution for my sin?
- 8. Am I willing, if necessary, to confess my sin publicly before men as well as privately before God?
- 9. Am I willing to face the possible consequences of public repentance, such as loss of reputation, position, or influence?
- 10. Am I willing, if necessary, to suffer the loss of all things in exchange for being clean before both God and man?
- 11. Am I willing to voluntarily yield privileges and postions of leadership in order to demonstrate a repentant spirit?
- 12. Am I willing to submit to the disciples of man for my sin, as well as those consequences directly imposed by God?
- 13. Am I willing to be accountable to another believer in those areas of my life where I have experienced past failure, in order to develop new patterns of victory?
- 14. Have I at any time in the past year experienced genuine repentance, resulting in a change of actions, attitudes, and spirit? Have I experienced genuine repentance at any time since my conversion? Can I specifically illustrate repentance out of my life?
- 15. Am I willing to testify openly concerning where God found me before I repented?
- 16. Are there any specific sins in my life that I have never truly repented of? Am I willing to repent of those sins here and now? (Why not take time right now to list those sins on a separate piece of paper, and confess them with the intent to forsake them? As you do, exercise faith in the power of God to set you free from every sinful bondage.)



REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS

"How much more shall the blood of Christ... cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:14).

- 1. Is my profession of faith a dead work that needs to be repented of? Was my acceptance of Christ an empty formality rather than a yielding to His lordship in genuine faith?
- 2. Is my worship a dead work to be repented of? When I sit in services or listen to the preaching of God's Word, do I allow my mind to wander to temporal interests and concerns?
- 3. Is my giving a dead work to be repented of? Do I ever give because I feel obligated to do so or in order to be noticed or appreciated by others?
- 4. Are my prayers a dead work to be repented of? Do I use the same phrases, the same wording, without thinking about what I am saying? When I pray in public, am I more conscious of the people around me than of God in heaven? Do my public prayers cover up an essentially prayerless lifestyle?
- 5. Is my **singing** of hymns and spiritual songs a dead work to be repented of? Do I glibly sing words that in fact I do not really believe or practice? Do I join in singing as a matter of habit rather than a matter of wholehearted worship?
- 6. Are my acts of kindness a dead work to be repented of? Do I expect or seek recognition for my "sacrificial" labors and efforts? Do I get offended when others are praised for their efforts and mine are overlooked?
- 7. Is my service for God a dead work to be repented of? Do I expect God to bless me because of all the work I do for Him? Do I serve God because that is what is expected of me rather than out of a heart overflowing with love and gratitude? Is my service a matter of mere human effort rather than being empowered by the Spirit of God?
- 8. Is my witnessing a dead work to be repented of? Do I witness without any real heart concern or compassion for the lost? Do I witness more for the purpose of adding up converts than for the glory of God? Do I witness in dependence on my own ability and effort rather than in dependence on the power of the Spirit?
- 9. Is my public ministry a dead work that needs to be repented of? Do I neglect earnest prayer and heart preparation in relation to my public ministry? Do I seek to please or impress others by my public ministry rather than seeking to be approved by God? Do I take credit for myself rather than giving all the glory to God for that which He does through me?
- 10. Am I harboring secret sins that render my kingdom efforts powerless? Do I ever give or pray while refusing to forgive another or failing to deal with an unresolved conflict? Do I encourage others to walk in the Spirit, while my own daily walk is dry, barren, and unfruitful? Am I guilty of putting on a smiling appearance while masking an empty, self-righteous, critical, or angry spirit?
- 11. Am I serving in the energy of the flesh rather than in the power of the Spirit? Am I content to produce that which is humanly explainable rather than that which can only be attributed to the supernatural power of God?



Biblical Prayers for the Pastor Search Committee

- 1. Pray for deep spiritual cleansing and fullness of the Holy Spirit in each team member. (Psalms 66:18; John 15:5; Ephesians 5:18) Pray this for each member by name.
- 2. Pray for keen supernatural discernment, wisdom and strength for the team chairman. (Matthew 15: 14)
- 3. Pray for powerful unity and oneness of spirit within the team. (Amos 3:3; Matthew 18:19)
- 4. Pray for God's clear direction in how resumes are collected, examined and interviews conducted. Ask God to bring the right person to the attention of the team. (Proverbs 14:12; Isaiah 55:8 -9)
- Pray for the search team to have God's wisdom in all the questions and information they share with the prospective pastor. Spirit-led thoroughness is essential!(1 Corinthians 2:10 -16)
- Pray for the team to have supernatural wisdom as to the unique characteristics and traits most needed for our church.
- 7. Pray for the team to have no timetable but God's. They must be determined to find God's perfect will in God's perfect time. (Ephesians 5: 17)
- Pray for the future pastor and his family to have absolute certainty in their sense of call to our church. (He must know he has God's direction.)
- Pray for the prevention of Satan's influence in misleading or rushing the search team. (One of Satan's wiles is deception.) Pray for a powerful hedge of protection around the committee and their families.
- 10. Pray for God's guidance in how the future pastor is presented to the church. Pray for the church to have a supernatural unity in his call to our church. (1 Corinthians 1:10; Acts 2:1) Pray for God's strength and guidance in the pastor's former church.

Biblical Prayers for the Congregation

- Pray the pastor search period will be a time the church learns to seek God Himself more than just a new pastor. Lord, teach us to draw closer to Jesus and trust Him as the true head of the Church. (Jeremiah 29: 13; James 4:8)
- 2. Pray for a powerful move of congregational cleansing and renewal. Father, please cause this to be a time of deep healing, cleansing and renewal in our church. (Psalms 66:18; 139:23-24)
- Pray for strong consistency and focus in the present ministry of the church. Please grant great power to our interim pastor and to our staff. Protect us from any spirit of lukewarmness or losing our first love. Remind us that we serve Jesus, not a pastor. (Revelation 2: 1-4; 3: 15)
- Pray for a miraculous sense of love and unity among all members of the church. Help us surrender all bitterness, division and anger within our church family. Lord, empower us to love one another with a patient, forbearing love. (John 13:34; 17:21)
- Pray that we will patiently await God's timing and settle for nothing less than His perfect will. Ask God for His mercy in giving us a true man of God and a great leader. (Hebrews 6: 12)
- Pray that we be prepared to make the necessary changes to embrace a new day of ministry. Lord, we understand that a new pastor always means

A Commissioning Covenant Between the Search Committee and Church Body

The Search Committee Covenant

- Do you trust wholly in God's grace, humbly accepting this sacred charge from the members of Old Fort Baptist Church?
- Do you covenant to prepare your hearts in prayer and full surrender to seek God's guidance and will?
- Do you covenant to lay aside any personal agendas and seek only God's perfect will and timing for this body of Christ?
- Do you covenant to work as a team with each opinion having equal value?
- Do you covenant to cut no corners in prayer, study, distance or time in finding God's perfect will and timing?
- Do you covenant to do all within your power, yet lean wholly on the Lord, not your own understanding?
- Do you covenant to trust God for the wisdom and guidance He has promised?

The Church Body Prayer Covenant

- Do you trust wholly in God's grace and covenant to pray for the search committee fervently, daily and specifically?
- Do you covenant to pray specific biblical prayers as God's Spirit directs their hearts?
- Do you covenant to respect their sacred commission and support them in their work?
- Do you covenant to let them do their work without manipulation or pressure?
- Do you covenant to trust God to guide their deliberations, steps, and timing for His will?
- Do you covenant to guard the bond of peace to the glory of Jesus Christ in His Church?

Signature Date

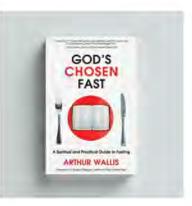
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