

Dear Ministers and Leaders,

In recent months, we have witnessed an unprecedented increase in spiritual attacks against our pastors, staff, and churches. It seems as if the pressure is coming from every direction. In nearly fifteen years of serving in the District Office, I have not seen anything quite like this.

In response, I am calling a Sacred Assembly on Monday, September 22, 2025, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm hosted at multiple locations across our state. This will be a guided, two-hour time of united intercession and communion—waging spiritual warfare together on behalf of our churches, our leaders, our district, and the mission God has entrusted to us.

Scripture calls God's people to respond to moments like this: "Consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly" (Joel 1:14). When the enemy presses in, the people of God must rise up in prayer and push back against the darkness. Please join me in fasting, as you are able. Pastors, use your discretion in how your team participates in this fast (full, partial, etc.). Those with medical concerns should use wisdom.

I am asking every pastor to attend and to bring their staff and key volunteers. If you are bivocational or cannot bring your entire team, please send a representative or leader. We will stand shoulder to shoulder on September 22, 2025.

We will gather simultaneously at these host sites from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm:

- Redemption Church (105 Broadus Rd. NE, Rome, GA 30161)
  - Host: Nick Jones
  - RSVP by emailing <u>nickandles@mac.com</u>

- Nations Church (8780 Macon Hwy., Athens, GA 30606)
  - Host: Mike Holt
  - RSVP by emailing <u>amber@nationsathens.com</u>
- Timber Lake Retreat Center (1721 Highway 83 N, Forsyth, GA 31029)
  - Host: Judy Antkowiak
  - RSVP by emailing judy@gadistag.org
- Port City Church (formerly Southside A/G; 4Ol Tibet Ave., Savannah, GA 31406)
  - Host: Parker Dickerson
  - RSVP by emailing <u>marla@ssag.org</u>
- North Highland Church (7300 Whittlesey Blvd., Columbus, GA 31909)
  - Host: Ouida Bradford
  - RSVP by emailing <a href="mailto:ouidabradford@northhighland.church">ouidabradford@northhighland.church</a>
- Christian Life Genter, Camilla (formerly The Cross Church; 647 Old GA Highway 3, Camilla, GA 31730)
  - Host: Corey Shiver
  - RSVP by emailing clcenter@windstream.net

A presbyter or regional leader will facilitate each site using a common prayer guide. To help our hosts prepare for communion, please let us know which site you'll attend by RSVPing to the Host by September 17, 2025.

Pastors, I love you and am standing with you. Though the warfare is intense, "greater is He who is in us" (1 John 4:4). Let's meet the moment together in united, humble, faith-filled prayer. I believe the Lord will respond with fresh power for the work ahead.

With resolve and hope,

John Dougherty Superintendent, Georgia Assemblies of God