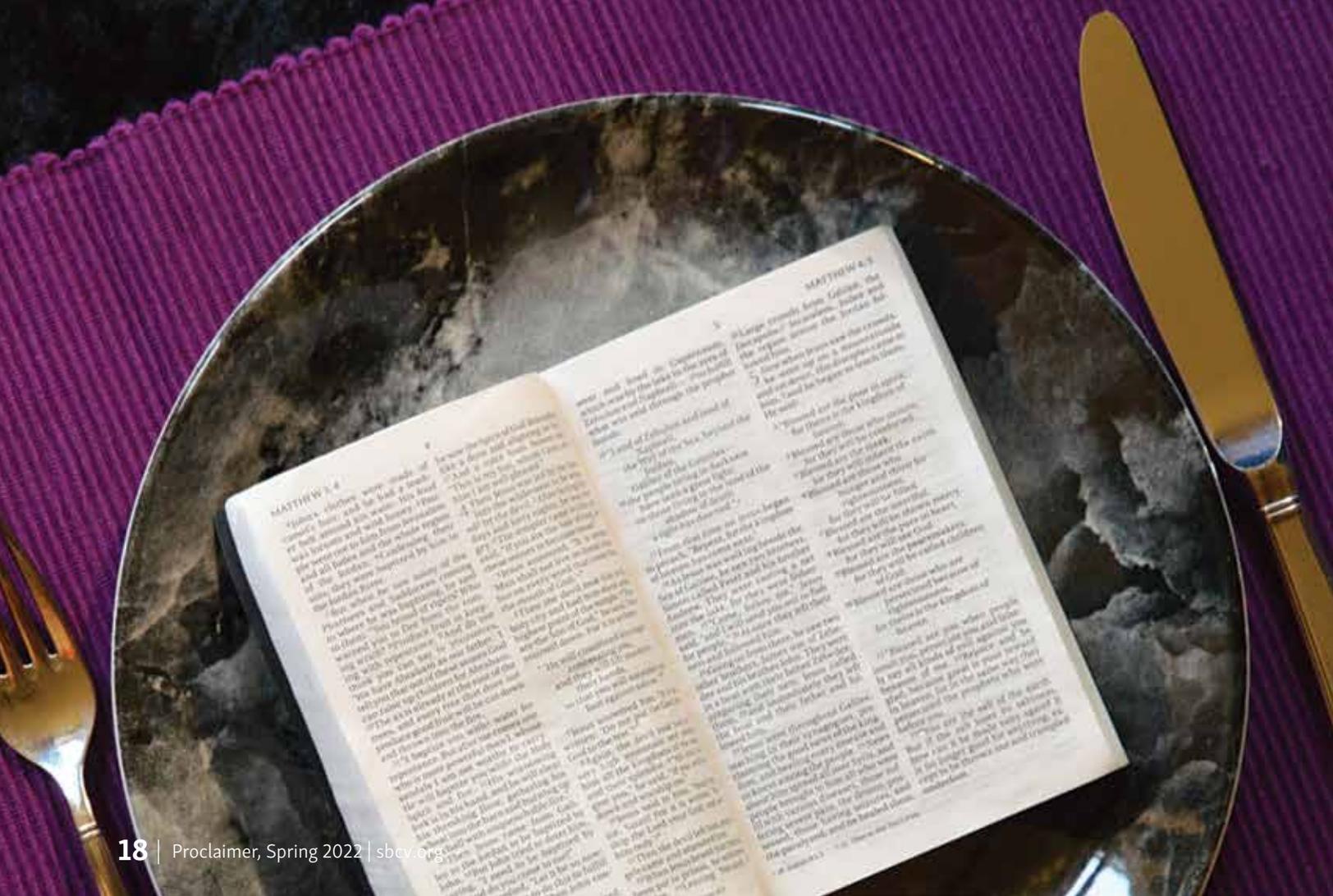


Students Engaged in God's Word through

Fasting & Prayer



...‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” – Matthew 4:4

Quin Shipp serves as the student pastor at **London Bridge Baptist Church** in Virginia Beach. He and his wife, Lexi, have faithfully served there for one year. SBC of Virginia asked Quin to give a testimony of what the Lord has done through a prayer and fasting initiative that he implemented when he arrived at London Bridge. Here is his testimony:

It might sound cliché, but what led us to London Bridge was the Lord. I served as the middle school pastor at LibertyLive.Church in Hampton for four years before coming to London Bridge, and we just knew [the Lord was saying] our time was up. There were many transitions happening before we went to London Bridge, including the COVID-19 pandemic, getting engaged, getting married, moving into a new home, and starting a new job all in a single year. We are grateful that God was in the transition because both my wife and I are passionate about student ministry, and there were two job openings available at London Bridge for exactly what we are passionate about. So, after some prayer and fasting, the Lord gave us peace. I transitioned to the student pastor position, while Lexi transitioned in as the girls ministry director at London Bridge.

One of the first things I did when getting to London Bridge was to lead our students through 21 days of prayer and fasting to kick off the new year. I knew that if I wanted to see God move in the next generation, then it would have to start on our knees, begging God to do what only He can do. Our church is very new to the concept of fasting, so we implemented Sunday curriculum to teach students what prayer and fasting was about and empower students to fast and pray for 21 days. To my surprise, over half of the student ministry prayed and fasted for 21 days, and we saw God do so much in one year. We grew from 12 to almost 100 students on a weekly basis; we have seen more students engaged in God’s Word than ever; and we have seen multiple salvations, baptisms, and students getting plugged into discipleship groups. Even our leaders were impacted. One of our leaders, said:



Pastor Quin and Lexi Shipp

“This year we started the year off by fasting and praying as a time of devotion to God. It was also a springboard for our ministry and, for me, a time that God brought healing into my marriage. God used this time to help bring me to a place of full surrender of my marriage and life to him. By no means has my marriage been perfect since then, but I now have peace knowing that God has a plan of redemption and reconciliation in my marriage. He also used this time to help me understand where He wants to use me and His redemptive plan for this fallen world. I now know that God can use a lowly person like me, turn my mess into His message...and now I can carry that into the world and help others who may be going through similar situations. Praise be to God.

God has been so good to us, and we are very blessed by what He is doing in our ministry. The best is yet to come! ■