

Intercessors to Gather on White House Ellipse for 40 Days

Amid the many prayer gatherings occurring to cry out to the Lord before Election Day, one is taking place in the heart of where politics happen—literally in the White House's back yard.

Jason Hershey, founder of the Washington, D.C., House of Prayer, received a permit for the White House Ellipse. Intercessors will begin gathering on Sept. 25, and meet 24/7 until Nov. 6, the day after the presidential elections.

"Before America ever goes into the polls to vote for the leadership of this country, we want to first enthrone Jesus on our praises continuously for 40 days," Hershey says. "Like King David established, worship will be next to the seat of government."

Hershey explains where the pioneering of David's Tent DC came from—"a deep desire for America to look to Jesus—in hope, victory and thanksgiving."

says the event's name has a double meaning.

"First, the restoration of the fallen tent of David (Amos 9:11) meant that a descendent of David would once again be on the throne! This is fulfilled in Jesus! David's Tent DC is a national confession that Jesus is Lord of America and we receive Him as such. We know it's significant that God has made a way to build this altar of worship right beside the highest executive office in our land!

"Secondly, 'David's Tent DC' refers to the tent King David had erected to host the Ark of the Covenant. He hired over 4000

musicians and singers to minister to the Lord 24/7 for the length of his reign. This tent was in Jerusalem, his capital city! It brought blessing on the whole nation!"

The website also explains that after receiving a permit for the White House Ellipse, starting on Sept. 25, organizers realized that the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur begins at sundown that evening and goes until sundown on Sept. 26.

Yom Kippur is when Jews fast and humble themselves before the Lord. Traditionally the High Priest would go behind the veil into the Holy of Holies on that day each year to make "atonement" or intercession on Israel's behalf.

"Discovering that the first day of David's Tent DC is actually Yom Kippur stirred us to set aside that day to be different from the rest," an update informs.

In a break from the rest of the 40 days, David's Tent DC will not have any live music or stage productions from 7 p.m. Sept. 25 to 7 p.m. Sept. 26.

"Instead, we are inviting you to come to a quiet tent and simply reflect, meditate and rest in the absolute truth that Jesus has paid our debt in full," the site says. "Day one of David's Tent will be a day that we will let the Father sing His song of love over us!"

For more information and a schedule of events, visit .