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WELCOME TO FAITH!

From Pastor Trent's Desk...

Last Sunday I talked a little bit about faith in the home—the relationships of husband and wife, and relationships of a parent and child. I want to share a few more thoughts to keep developing that area of our lives. Because devotionals will not be the same for every individual and family I'm going to list some thoughts and ideas to help initiate conversation for you and your family. In September we're going to have a seminar on devotionals for individuals, couples, and families. At the seminar we will have recourses available to help facilitate a spiritually healthy home—stay tuned for details! Also, there will be a marriage conference in November for any interested couples. Whether your marriage is new, old, healthy, or struggling, it's going to be a great weekend!

For families with children...

Before bedtime or in the morning: pray together, read a bible story, sing a song together, ask a child to share the best part of their day, ask a child what they would like to pray for, affirm each child in a meaningful way, give each child a hug or kiss, apologize for something you mishandled that day, watch a Bible story movie together, tell them what you learned about God/scripture that day, do scripture memory with them (Google, "ABC scripture memory")

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For older kids: Meet once a week to discuss scripture or spiritual matters in life. Model for them what devotional time and Christian living should look like. Encourage them in their faith.

Spiritual leadership in the home must include consistency between what is

taught with words and what is modeled behavior. Oftentimes parents teach their children verbally but their behaviors are not Christ-like. There are not perfect parents, but there are those who model a true desire for godly character at work, in the home, and on the weekends. What we model is more powerful than what we say.

Husband and Wife: Read a chapter of scripture and discuss it. Read a book on marriage together and discuss it. Pray together before going to bed. Share about your day. Pray for each other. Attend an annual Christian conference together. Have a family from church over for dinner once a month. Memorize scripture together. Ask questions after Sunday church services.

Singles, Teens, Children: Find an accountability partner. Read scripture daily. Pray—try different locations and postures if you struggle with prayer. Memorize scripture. Learn why and how first. Research topic of faith that interests you. Find a place of solitude for a day or weekend. Read a daily devotional.

Remember it's unlikely that you will find one discipline that best connects you to God for the rest of your life. Give yourself the freedom to move along with life as changes come. We'll all go from the mountain tops into the valleys. No matter where we are, God's love will find us there if we keep our eyes on Him. James 4:8 says, "Draw near to God and he will draw near to you." The best way to maintain spiritual health is to join with someone else in the pursuit, find an accountability partner!

Blessings,

Pastor Trent

Safe Place Policy Seminar...

We will be holding a Safe Place Policy Seminar on Sunday August 28, immediately following second service, lunch is included. This seminar is open to all volunteers but specifically for people who want to volunteer but have not attended the Safe Place Seminar in the past.

The Safe Place Policy Seminar is an annual meeting held for people who would like to volunteer for our children and youth ministries. It is a requirement to attend this meeting to volunteer in these ministries in order to keep our workers and kids safe.

Please look for more details and/or contact Gina Tangeman for more information. (gina@faith-alliance.org or 567-644-9313)

Congratulations Cierra and Didier...

We extend our congratulations to Cierra Otting and Didier Vrehourou, who have announced their engagement to be married. The couple met in Gabon, and Didier will be coming to America as soon as his visa comes through.

Welcome, Josh and Martia...

We are excited to announce that we have invited Josh Kalichman to become our Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Worship, and he has accepted! Josh, his wife Martia, and their daughter Rachel will move to New Bremen the week of Labor Day. For more information, please see last Sunday's newsletter (August 7, 2016.)

Current Prayer Concerns...

- Pastor Josh and Martia Kalichman, as they prepare to join our staff
- Alan Dock, recovering from surgery
- Becky Dock, upcoming MRI on her knee
- Suzanne, daughter of Fred and Barb Moeller, bulging disc
- Ryker, Wanda Miller's great-great-grandson, pneumonia; upcoming surgery
- George Ewing, recovering from cataract surgery
- Raymond Bond, Nathan's father, non-Hodgkins lymphoma
- Ron Aragon, undergoing hypobaric treatments on his jaw
- Barney Gruebmeier, recovering from foot surgery
- Jay Berkey, now under Hospice care
- Joann Boyer, recovering from hip replacement
- Elijah Looker, 13-year-old from Sidney, bicycle/ auto accident, severe head injuries
- Brent Paulus, on-going health concerns
- Tina Wanner, friend of Stephanie Kennedy, cancer

Adult Game Night...

We're going to have an Adult Game Night on August 27th from 6:30-8:30pm in the fellowship hall at Faith Alliance. Childcare is available if needed, but you need to let us know. Bring a dessert to share. There is a signup sheet in the foyer, please say how many are coming and how many children will need childcare. If you have any questions talk to Pastor Trent.

Pastor Trent and James...

Pastor Trent and James will be in Colorado Springs this week for New Workers Orientation. Please contact Pastor Tom for any pastoral needs that may arise.

Help Needed!

The Waynestock Committee is looking for volunteers to help with set up before the FREE CONCERT on Saturday! Just a reminder that Waynestock is a free Christian concert that will be held on Saturday, August 20th in St. Mary's at the Skip Baughman Stadium. The committee is in need of help with set up this week on Thursday and Friday. They will begin setting up at 1:00 pm on Thursday, and 9:00 am on Friday. If you are willing to help, please let Pastor James know as soon as possible. You may email him at james@faith-alliance.org or call him at the church at 419-629-3688.

Retirement Celebration for Pastor Dave and Sharon...

Pastor Dave and Sharon have been a tremendous blessing to our church through their 13 years here at Faith Alliance. Dave began as our Youth Pastor, gradually assuming leadership of our Missions Ministries as well. In the summer of 2014, he transferred his youth ministry responsibilities to Pastor James, and he became our "part-time" missions pastor. Under his leadership, the passion and scope of our missions ministry has grown significantly.

Dave will complete his ministry here at the end of this Month. On Sunday, August 28, we will be recognizing Dave and Sharon in our worship services. Following each service, we will hold a reception in their honor in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to be with us.

It's a Boy...

Rob and Sarah Tangeman welcomed home Kade William on Monday, August 8th. Kade weighed 10 pounds, 5 ounces and was 22 and 1/2 inches long. He is also welcomed home by his two brothers Jack and Tyler.

It's a Girl...

Mark and Kristy Hoge welcomed home Hadley Marie on Wednesday, August 10th. Hadley weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 and 1/2 inches long. She is also welcomed home by her two brothers Henry and Eli.

Thank You...

Joann Boyer would like to extend her gratitude to everyone who has been praying for her, brought food, sent cards, and visited with her. She feels God has taught her a lot during this time and has granted her patience. Please continue to pray for her strength and for patience during this journey.

Thank You...

Debbie Berkey would like to thank everyone who has been sending her and her family cards. Some of the cards have been received on very difficult days and have truly uplifted her. She is very thankful for the encouragement and peace she has felt from the cards.

Church Picnic and Baptism Service...

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 11th! That evening we will hold our annual picnic at the Lake Loramie beach shelter. Following our carry -in supper, we will celebrate baptisms in the lake. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact one of the pastors at your earliest convenience.

Community Picnic...

Once again the churches of New Bremen will be joining together to sponsor a picnic carry-in supper for the community. This year's event will be held at the Crown Pavilion on Sunday August 28, at 5:30 p.m. Those attending Faith Alliance are asked to bring a double portion of a salad for sharing. (Community guests will not be bringing food; the churches are providing this meal).

Following supper, AC Swing will wrap up the summer concert series. For their closing, a combined choir is being formed to sing a patriotic number. Rehearsals will be held on August 11 at St. Paul Church of Christ from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., and at the Pavilion on August 25 from 8:30- 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Scott Kuenning at 419-305-1500.

Financial Report

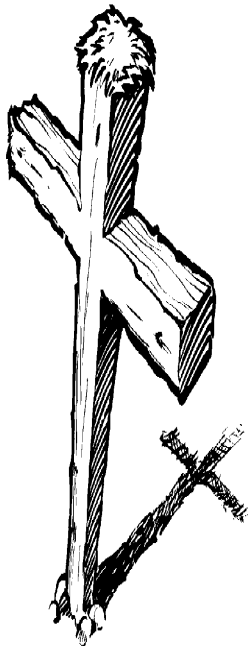
Offering August 7, 2016

General Fund: \$8152
 Local Mission: \$322
 Great Commission: \$650
 Deacon Fund: \$10
 Hope House: \$25
 Joel Meyer: \$50
 Kitchen Fund: \$10
 Building Fund: \$60
 Tea House: \$10
 Youth Center: \$10

Attendance

Week of August 7, 2016
 9:00 Worship—87
 10:30 Worship—118
 Kids—23; Adult Workers—7
 Total Worship—235
 International Class—15

RENEW



COMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 14, 2016

Today

9:00... Early Service

10:30... Late Service

This Week

No youth group/activities...

Sep 4th... Back to School Kick-Off @ Kings Island! (Depart after church)

Sep 7th... Youth Group Kick-Off Party

Sep 14th... Youth Group officially begins

WHAT SHALL
YOU PROFIT
IF YOU GAIN THE
WHOLE WORLD
AND FORFEIT
YOUR SOUL?
Matt. • 16:26

MINISTRIES

Annual Auglaize County Help Me Grown/ Preschool Screenings...

(Birth through 5 years old)

Talk to experts to assure your child is on track in the areas of growth, vision, hearing, foot and ankle, language, motor skills and behavior. If concerns are identified, parents are educated about the services and resource's available so their child can get help early and start school healthy and ready to learn.

Monday, September 12, 2016

3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

201 N. Perry St.

St. Mary's, Ohio

Marriage Conference...

Family Life, A Weekend to Remember—November 11-13th, 2016 Dayton , OH.

Whether your marriage is thriving, barely surviving, your first child is on their way, or your last child is on the way out of your house, this is great opportunity for you and your spouse to connect more effectively. It will be Friday evening so those who work Monday-Friday will not need to miss work It's going to be a great weekend, we hope you will consider joining us! If you're interested talk with Jay & Rhonda Hager (567-644-2161/jhager.7@hotmail.com) or Pastor Trent (419-733-9441/trent@faith-alliance.org).