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## WELCOME TO FAITH!

### From Pastor Trent's Desk...



Psalm 147:5 - *"Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no measure."*

The picture above is of a lake in the Rockies that Pastor James and I hiked to last week (you may see him if you look closely), it sits nearly 11,000 feet above sea level - it was beautiful! As the trail approached the lake it opened up into a massive space surrounded by mountains. As I looked around at the mountains the word that came to my mind was, "imposing." When we arrived it was cold and the wind was blowing tirelessly in our faces. The wind wasn't gusty at all, it was a constant strong wind, refusing to give us even a moment of complete silence. But that was part of the beauty of the setting.

As I walked down into the bowl that held the lake and I stared up at the surrounding mountains, the thought that came to my mind was this, "Our God is greater." Period. There was nothing more. *"Our God is greater."* But really, isn't that enough - do we need to know anything more!? So long as we believe it to be true, we

don't have to know much more than that. Why did he create the way he did? Why do loved ones get sick? Why do we live in a land of plenty while millions in the world are without food and water? All of our questions are worth asking, they're worth wrestling with, but at the end of the day it must be enough to know that Our God is greater than all. He is greater than the problems we face, he is greater than every person, nation, or god of this world, He is greater than our greatest successes, and he is greater than our strongest fears.

For those of you who may feel like life is getting the best of you remember, *your God is greater*. If you have forgotten that, it is my hope that you will soon feel his constant rushing love being poured out into your life in such a way that you know, without any doubt, that your God is greater - that He is the Greatest. You will never understand Him completely, you will never understand your life completely, but you can know that He is great, His understanding is unsearchable - He is mighty in power. The Great One has not forgotten you. Praise God.

Blessings,  
Pastor Trent

### Wednesday Night Activities...

Wednesday Night Activities resume for all ages on September 14. This year's schedule will be as follows:

- 5:30p.m.—Dinner (with upgraded menu)
- 6:00 p.m.—Youth Group at the Youth Center
- 6:30 p.m.—Children's activities begin
- 6:30 p.m.—Adult Worship and Sharing in the sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m.—Discipleship Groups

Please join us!!

### Cram the Van Sunday...

Your contributions will go to Agape Ministries in St. Mary's. Suggested donations include: canned beef stew, elbow macaroni, dry spaghetti, gelatin/jello, hamburger helper, mac n' cheese, peanut butter, Ramen noodles, canned tuna, and canned soup.



### Women's Luncheon...

All women are invited for a time of lunch and fellowship at Casa Lupita next Sunday, September 4, at noon. Please join us!

### Current Prayer Concerns...

- Pastor Dave and Sharon as they transition into retirement
- Pastor Josh and Marita Kalichman, as they prepare to join our staff
- Bowers family, in the death of Chris this week
- Heidi Siebenaler, neck injury, headaches
- Suzanne, daughter of Fred and Barb Moeller, ruptured disk, severe pain
- Ryker, Wanda Miller's great-great-grandson, pneumonia; upcoming surgery
- Braden Heitkamp, upcoming surgery on his knee
- Diana Sprague's brother, John, that his body receives the bone marrow
- Ron Aragon, upcoming shoulder surgery
- Jay Berkey, now under Hospice care
- Anonymous request: healing of marriage, heart, mind
- Cindy Cilespies, Tracy Shelton's friend, diagnosed with stage 4 Lung Cancer

### 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 being 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).

#### Details

Location: Marriott of University of Dayton

When: November 11-13, Friday 7pm (registration begins at 5pm) - Sunday 12pm

Cost: \$450—hotel and conference

More Info: [www.familylife.com/weekend](http://www.familylife.com/weekend)

### 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 tonight, 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.

### Friday Night Footloose...

Need a relaxing Friday night with ladies? Come join us for some Friday Night Foot Loose Fun!

This relaxing evening will be on Friday, September 9th from 6:00-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Beats \$ Fitness will be there to show us their routine. Dinner for Foot long subs will be served. A short walk devotional will be shared, and the evening will end with a Foot Loose dancing to popular Christian Music.

Please join us!

### Thank You...

Thank you to the Faith Family for your prayers, cards, and meals while Barn has had his left foot surgery—he will be non-weight bearing for another 9 weeks or so—we appreciate your continued prayers as he recovers. Thanks, Barney and Jane Gruebmeier



### Financial Report

Offering August 21, 2016

General Fund: \$23,787

Local Mission: \$750.68

Great Commission: \$500

Deacon Fund: \$5

Hope House: \$75

Tea House: \$10

Sewing Ministry: \$50

Youth Mission Trip: \$50

Building Fund: \$30

Youth Building Fund: \$15,050

Church Van Donation: \$15,000

Pastoral Gifts: \$1,500

### Attendance

Week of August 21, 2016

9:00 Worship—110

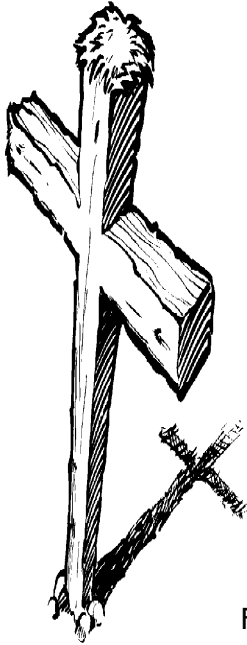
10:30 Worship—127

Kids—10; Adult Workers—7

Total Worship—254

International Class—10

# RENEW



# COMING EVENTS

**Sunday, August 21, 2016**

## Today

- 9:00... Early Service
- 10:30... Late Service
- 12:00... Safe Place Seminar
- 5:30... Community Picnic

## This Week

- Friday...Overtime...9:30pm-12:00am
- Next Sunday...Kings Island...12:00pm-12:00am

Sep 4th... Kings Island!

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

Sep 11th ... Discipleship Begins

Sep 14th...Youth Group officially begins

Sep 16th... Overtime

Sep 28th ...See You at the Pole

Sep 30th...Overtime

# MINISTRIES

## September Birthday's:

- 1- Joe Rittenhouse
- 2- Jonathon Shimp
- 3- Spencer Ludington, Kristin Lampert
- 5- Matthew Hibner
- 7- Zach Dickman, Jay Fledderjohann, Jay Hager, Matthew Puthoff
- 8- Reese Bear, Cory Lemley, Mary Alice McDermitt
- 9- Dottie McKibans
- 10- Terri Dicke
- 11- Dean Alt, Patricia Ewing, Darlene Schwaiger, Jonathon Zimpfer
- 13- Kevin Bear
- 14- Jacob Fenters, Vicki Quellhorst
- 15- Jamie Luedeke, Mike Moeller, Kyla Otting, Jacob Pohlman
- 17- Dennis Klinger
- 18- Cassandra Boyle, Cameo Cedarleaf, Mary Ann Herriott
- 19- Jacob Tangeman
- 20- Eli Hoge
- 22- Jay Berkey, Jay James, Kevin Schwieterman
- 23- Ali Carpenter, Janet Koenig, Jeremy Kuck, Jocelyn Shimp, Tom Shimp
- 24- Tim Quellhorst
- 26- Greg Bronkema, Darrell Henthorn
- 27- Lois Alt, Caleb Ball
- 28- Landin Boyle, Marcus Pohlman
- 29- Alexis Blaine, Danielle Bronkema
- 30- Collin Cedarleaf

## September Anniversaries:

- 1- Mark & Robin Freer, Mark & Kristy Hoge
- 4- Jim & Kendra Knapke
- 6- Jason & Angie Philipps
- 10- Ron & Kitty Aragon
- 14- Jeff & Chris Fyock, Gabe & Shaunte Oakley
- 17- Dennis & Edith Klingler
- 18- Chuck & Ruth Mallory
- 25- Russ & Heather Bertke
- 26- Jay & Shirley James