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WELCOME TO FAITH!

From Pastor Tom's Desk...

Mission... It's a word we kick around a lot in the Christian church, but we don't always stay aware of its significance. The mission of the church, or any other organization for that matter, should be the driving priority that guides every decision in our shared life. The mission is the purpose that ties all of our endeavors and activities together. When we're deciding whether to do something or not, the first question we should ask is, "How is this project or activity related to our mission?"

Typically, we define our mission by the words of Jesus in the Great Commission: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20).

In his book *The Purpose-Driven Church*, Pastor Rick Warren identified five purposes of the church: worship, ministry, evangelism, fellowship, and discipleship. Each of these five purposes can be tied directly to the mission of the church as expressed in the Great Commission. Worship lifts up the Lordship of Christ. Ministry is the connecting point that brings us into relationship with people. Evangelism is the sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Fellowship is the encouragement and prayer we offer one another in the

pursuit of our mission. Discipleship is the explanation and demonstration of Jesus' teaching for those who desire to follow Him.

Staying focused on our mission keeps us from becoming merely a social club or, worse yet, a lifeless organization. We do not do things just for the sake of the church as an organization. The church exists for the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ. Churches that are dying—a common reality in our society—have usually reached that condition because they have lost track of their mission. They have become focused on themselves, instead of asking the question, "How can we accomplish our mission of reaching people for Christ and teaching them to become disciples?" Renewal comes to stagnant or dying churches when they seriously re-focus their attention on the mission Christ has given us.

One upcoming opportunity to re-focus on our mission is the Revive Ohio campaign. In October, the churches of Auglaize County will unite their efforts to reach the lost around us for Jesus. We will come together for worship and training, and then go out into our communities to share the love of Christ with others. Please be praying for this endeavor, and plan to participate the week of October 9-16. You are also invited to fast in some manner between now and then.

Blessings,

Pastor Tom

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!!

Thank You...

Thank you for your love expressed through kind words, cards, and gifts. We are excited to see where God leads us. We will miss all of you. Wherever we attend church, we will serve Him with zeal and joy. May God richly bless all of you! We pray the church grows with Pastor Trent's leadership.

Thank you Pastor Tom and Pam. You have been such a support and encouragement to us.

Blessings of love,
Pastor Dave and Sharon

Fall Bible Study...

Join us for Angie Smith's study, *Seamless*. This is a six-session study that covers major events from the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. The goal is to lead girls to a complete understanding of God's story as seen from Genesis to Revelation.

We will be meeting at the church on Tuesdays at 7:00pm October 18 through November 29. Cost of the student text will be \$17. Let Shelly Finke or the church office know if you would like to be included in this study.

Women's Conference...

Interested in a two-day women's conference this fall? Join together with women from all walks of life for this two-day event to explore the sufficiency and generosity of Christ through ABUNDANCE. Authors and teachers Lisa Harper, Lysa TerKeurst, Kelly Minter, Amanda Bible Williams and Raechel Myers of She Reads Truth, Annie Downs, and Pete Wilson will explore how embracing God's abundance transforms each area of our lives—in difficult seasons and in high places.

The conference will be held at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Ft. Wayne on September 30 (7 to 9:30) and October 1 (8:30-12:30). Cost \$69. Contact Shelly Finke or let the office know if you are interested.

Current Prayer Concerns...

- Pastor Dave and Sharon as they transition into retirement
- Pastor Josh and Marita Kalichman, as they move to town this week
- Those who will be baptized on Sept. 11
- Revive Ohio campaign Oct. 9-16
- Harvey Whitaker, friend of Sam Springer, cancer
- Matt Otto, back injuries
- 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
- Brandan Family, loss of a loved one
- Anonymous request: healing of marriage, heart, mind

Great Commission Women Prayer Time...

As Christians, we all know the power of prayer. The Great Commission Women will be praying for the needs of our missionaries and others who need prayer. This will be held on Tuesday, September 13, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Please remember to bring your prayer letters along.

Terri Tangeman will be a guest at this meeting and Kay Roeth will be a hostess. Come and witness the "Power of Prayer". All women are invited to attend!

Church Picnic and Baptism Service...

Join us next Sunday, Sept. 11, for our annual church picnic at the Lake Loramie beach shelter. We will share together in a potluck supper at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a dish for sharing, your own table service and beverage, and a lawn chair. We will provide hot dogs, buns, and condiments.

Following supper, we will celebrate together in a service of baptism. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact one of the pastors immediately.



Thank You...

We express our sincere thanks to Pastor Dave and Sharon for their years of faithful service here at Faith Alliance. Dave has served as our youth and/or missions pastor since November of 2003. Under his leadership, our youth and our missions ministries have grown in exciting ways. As of Thursday of this week, Dave has retired from active ministry. If you wish to send personal greetings, you may reach Sharon and Dave at the following address: 2543 Owens Rd., Pleasant Hill, OH 45359. We pray that God will pour his richest blessings in their lives.

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 4 Fitness will be there to show us their routine. Dinner of 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!

Pumpkinfest Volunteers Needed...

Faith Alliance will be helping out with the inflatables at this year's Pumpkinfest on Friday, September 23rd from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm. The Pumpkinfest committee needs at least 6 people monitoring the inflatables at all time. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you are willing to help. The sign-up sheet will include your recommended time slots that you are willing to work. You are welcome to volunteer for all four hours; or you may volunteer to help as long as you can. If you choose to volunteer, we ask that you commit at least one hour to helping with the inflatables. Thank you in advance for helping!

Financial Report

Offering August 28, 2016

General Fund: \$8,235

Local Mission: \$270

Great Commission: \$607

Hope House: \$50

Tea House: \$10

Building Fund: \$75

Kitchen Fund: \$5

Attendance

Week of August 28, 2016

9:00 Worship—98

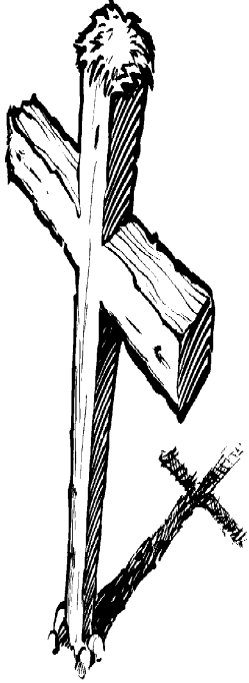
10:30 Worship—131

Kids—16; Adult Workers—6

Total Worship—303

International Class—13

RENEW



Sunday, September 4, 2016

Today

9:00am... Early Service
10:30am... Late Service
10:30am... Kids' Church
12:00pm... Kings Island

COMING EVENTS

Sep 7th... Youth Group Begins
Sep 11th ... Discipleship Begins
Sep 16th... Overtime
Sep 28th ... See You at the Pole
Sep 30th... Overtime

This Week

Wednesday... Youth Group... 6:00pm-9:00pm
JH Lesson @ 6:30pm-7:30pm; HS Lesson @ 8:00pm-9:00pm
Next Sunday... 8th-12th grade Discipleship... 9:00am-10:00am

MINISTRIES

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 begin 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

