



FAITH ALLIANCE CHURCH

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Welcome to Faith Alliance!

From Pastor Tom's Desk...

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive say in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalm 139: 23-24)

I'm sure you typically can distinguish an apology that is sincere from one that is not. Often when people "apologize," we have the sense that they're just saying the right thing, but they don't really mean it. There is no regret for the sin or injustice involved in their action.

Sometimes we approach God with a similar cavalier attitude about our sin. We assume that if we casually name our sins, God will forgive us. The word "confess" literally means "to agree." So when we "confess our sin," we are agreeing with God that we have fallen short of His standard. From a Biblical perspective, confession implies repentance. We confess so that we can (1) be forgiven, (2) turn from our sin by the power of the Holy Spirit. Particularly, when we "confess" without the intention of turning from our sin, we have not repented, and consequently forgiveness is not activated in our lives.

Some sins are obvious, aren't they? When I blow up at my wife or kids, it's pretty obvious that I have sinned. However, when I harbor resentment or become proud, my sin is less obvious. For those times, I need the Holy Spirit to help me see my sin. We are all pretty good at the art of denial. If we take confession seriously, we will need to ask the Holy Spirit to show us our sin so that we can confess it and turn from it.

This brings us to David's prayer in Psalm 139. "Search me, O God," he prayed, "and know my heart." Because of my denial, I don't always recognize my own sin. The process of confession invites the Holy Spirit to show us what He sees in us. There may be sins that are hidden from our consciousness that we won't even think about unless the Spirit reveals them to us. So confession is not just listing the obvious sins in our lives; it is, instead, asking the Spirit to show us where we need to be transformed.

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The process of transformation, therefore, begins with confession. This amounts to asking God to show us our need, so we can humble ourselves before Him, turn from our sin, and invite his power to transform (sanctify) us. Confession is genuinely admitting our need for the Spirit's transforming power to be active in our lives.

The Christian life may be described as a "confessional" life. I sometimes say that Christians are predisposed to repentance. When we initially repent, we are in essence saying the Jesus, "I don't ever want to sin again." However, we all fall short of that goal. When the Spirit reveals our sin to us, since we have already settled the basic issue of obedience, we generally come quickly to a state of repentance. Some sins have a greater hold on us, and so we might struggle a bit more, but as Christians we are never content with sin. Confession says: "I don't want to continue in sin."

The best way to deal with sin is to be honest with God. After all, he already knows! Express your dependency upon Him, and you'll discover a new power for holy living.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Tom

Senior Luncheon...

All seniors are invited to a fall luncheon on October 10 beginning at noon. Please sign up in the foyer by October 2 if you plan to attend.

Shannon's Mission Trip Fundraiser...

Shannon Roediger will be participating in the WORLD MISSION, an 11 month long mission trip to 11 different countries across the globe; Spanning from the tip of South America to Mongolia. Shannon attended Faith Alliance Youth Group and graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University last spring. Rhonda Hager will be offering a Paint and Praise class, that will be painting a 16x20 canvas called "Sail the World". This class will take place on **October 8, from 10:00am- 12:00pm** at Faith Alliance Church. \$40 to reserve a spot. Reserve your spot with Paypal, check, or cash. All proceeds go directly to Shannon's trip.

Current Prayer Concerns...

- John and Cindy Storrer, in the death of John's mother
- Betty Wieter, pneumonia; now at Otterbein for rehab
- Chad Williams, hospitalized this week with a blood clot
- Matt Otto, recovering from back surgery, Sept. 30
- Bill Shipman, recovering from knee surgery
- Ron Aragon, recovering from shoulder surgery
- Elsie Ewing, medical tests
- David and Ruth Brandenburg, auto accident last week; David, ICU
- Jamie Lampert's brother, Mike, pancreatic cancer
- Lib Conley's son, Rick, acute leukemia
- Gloria Triplett, kidney biopsy
- Tracy Shelton, loss of relative John Scobee

Women's Luncheon...

All women are invited to lunch at Casa Lupita after service today, October 2. Please join in this time of fellowship and food. Plan to be there at noon.



Revive OHIO...**October 9-15, 2016****Host Church: Harvest Baptist, 1301 Navajo Trail, Wapak**

ReviveOHIO is a cooperative movement among many of the churches of Auglaize County designed to reach the residents of our county with the gospel of Jesus Christ. A team of experienced evangelists from Time to Revive in Richardson, TX, will train participants and then guide them as they go out into the community in teams of four to share the love of Christ. This is not a knock-on-doors experience, but rather an experience of meeting people in public places. Under Time to Revive's leadership, hundreds of persons have given their lives to Christ in other communities. The anticipated schedule is printed below. You are invited to participate whenever you can.

Schedule

- **Sunday, Oct. 9, 6:00 pm. - Kick-off Service, Harvest Baptist**
- **Monday through Saturday:**
 - 7:00am - Prayer time, Harvest Baptist
 - 8:00am- Breakfast and Training, Harvest Baptist
 - 9:00am - Witnessing in the community
 - 12:00pm - Noon-time testimonies, at various churches
 - 1:00pm - Lunch and training, various churches
 - 2:00pm - Witnessing in the community
 - 5:30pm - Dinner, Harvest Baptist
 - 7:00pm - Evening Prayer and Worship, Harvest Baptist

Directions to Harvest Baptist Church:

US 33 east to Wapak; left on Defiance St; right on Lincoln Ave.; Right on Redskin Trail.

**Young Adult Women's Bible Study...**

Join us to study the book of James, with Francis Chan. This is a twelve-session study that talks about a faith without action and without life change is ultimately a dead faith. This study will take place on Monday evenings at Kristin Lampert's home at 7:30 pm. If you are interested please text/call 419-905-5253 to RSVP by October 14th. This study will begin on October 17. Hope to see you there!

Financial Report

Offering September 25, 2016

General Fund: \$7,814

Great Commission: \$920

Building Fund: \$25

Tea House: \$10

Hope House: \$50

Deacon Fund: \$225

Local Missions: \$256

Sewing Ministry: \$200

E4 Project: \$35

Attendance

Week of September 25, 2016

9:00 Worship - 72

10:30 Worship - 140

Kids - 48; Adult Workers - 11

Total Worship - 274

International Class - 8

YOUTH GROUP

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Doors open - 6:00pm

Jr. High Class - 6:30pm- 7:30pm

Sr. High Class - 8:00pm- 9:00pm

SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Class - 9:15am-10:15am

(In Classroom 8)

UPCOMING EVENTS

September:

30th: Overtime - 9:30pm

October:

14th: Overtime - 9:30pm

16th: Ark Encounter - 12:00pm

28th: Overtime - 9:30pm

Happy Birthday this month to

Megan Ball, Ryan Bertke

Mariah Boyle, Micah Condon

Anna Hoffmaster, Caleb Lageman

Skyler Ludington, Alex Puthoff

Marriage Conference...

Family Life, A Weekend to Remember - November 11-13, 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 a 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

