



FAITH ALLIANCE CHURCH

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Welcome to Faith Alliance!



Leadership Nominations Now Open...

The process for nominating elders, deacons/deaconesses, trustees, and corporate officers is defined in our by-laws as follows:

"Persons from the congregation who wish to nominate candidates for office shall submit their nominations to the Nominating Committee in writing at least one month before the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consider these nominations, and when deemed appropriate, present them to the Governing Board along with their own nominations."

Our Annual Meeting has been set for Sunday, November 20, at 10:00 am. We are extending the window of nominations until October 30. If you wish to nominate someone for any of the offices identified above, please submit those names to any Nomination Committee member. The committee members are Jay Hager, Mark Lageman, Luan Louis, Joann Boyer, Pastor Trent Fledderjohann, and Pastor Tom Sager. Please make your nomination in *writing*.

From Pastor Tom's Desk...

"You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." (James 4:2b-3)

Prayer is a delicate balance of surrender and supplication. The scriptures teach us that God is our loving Father, who cares about our needs. Therefore, we have the privilege of asking for God to meet those needs, and we need not feel any shame about such prayers. However, the scriptures also seem to teach that the beginning point of prayer is surrender to God's will and glory. This means that we seek to pray in accordance with God's purpose, which in fact eliminates self-centered prayers. (Prayers for one's own needs are not necessarily "self-centered.")

James seems to address this issue in chapter 4 of his letter (above). He basically says, you don't see God work in your life because you don't ask. However, even when you do ask, you often pray selfishly- for your own pleasures and desires.

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Instead, James implies, learn to ask for what God desires. Seek to pray for that which He values. Align your prayers with God's heart, not just your own whims.

Prayer is not a religious method of manipulating God. Sometimes we treat God as though He is a supernatural vending machine. If we put in our prayers, spoken in the right terminology, then God will give us whatever we ask for... or so we think. Really, a huge part of our prayer life is "listening" to God. That is, seeking to discern His will. "What would God want to do in this situation?" Is a very relevant question when we are praying.

In John 15:7, Jesus said, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given to you." Notice the condition for answered prayer here: "remain in me, allow my words to remain in you." "Remaining" in Christ implies that we are centered in His will, pursuing His purpose, and seeking His glory. When we get our hearts and minds lined up with Christ's heart, then the things we ask for in prayer will be consistent with what God desires to do in our lives. God will always answer this kind of prayer.

One way to understand the nature of prayer is this: prayer invites God to accomplish His will and purpose in our lives and in our world. Prayer should never be telling God what He ought to do. Rather, it should be giving Him free reign so He can accomplish His will in our lives and in our world. In that sense, prayer is cooperating with God in His purpose and mission. This is what makes prayer necessary, even though God already knows our needs. Prayer says, "OK, Father God, we are open to whatever Your Spirit wants to do in our lives. Please move among us and accomplish your purpose for your glory."

That's a far more powerful way to pray than simply presenting a laundry list of needs to God every day. This kind of praying unleashes God's power in our lives and calls us to live in cooperation with His will and purpose. I think that's what prayer is ultimately about: involving God to work in our lives and in our world. Perhaps that's why Jesus prayed, "Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Pastor Tom

Current Prayer Concerns...

- Pray for our upcoming missions conference and especially for our missionaries, Ken and Kathy Young, Dr. Jean Claude Bataneni
- Liam Schwartz, surgery Oct. 19, 21
- Chris Pressley, husband is Stacey, 9-month deployment with the army
- Jeff Fyock, shoulder surgery on Oct. 21
- Betty Wieter, recovering at home
- Mike Moeller, recovering from back surgery, Oct. 14
- Matt Otto, recovering from back surgery, Sept. 30
- Ron Aragon, recovering from shoulder surgery, Sept. 21
- Harry Walker, leading missions team to Haiti next week
- Gabe Oakley's father, heart irregularity

Thank You...

John and Cindy Storrer and family would like to thank the church and others who sent the beautiful arrangements in honor of John's mother, Jane. All the prayers and thoughts received before and after the loss of Cindy's brother, Ronnie and John's mother, Jane have been greatly appreciated and felt in so many ways. Thank you for all the beautiful cards. They have been such a comfort. We can't thank our church family and friends enough.

God's Blessing to all,

John and Cindy Storrer

Prayers for Harry and Kathy Walker & Team...

Harry and Kathy are taking a team to Haiti on October 22 through the 29; Kathy and Harry will stay until the 31. Please be prayerful as they go to Carrefour, Haiti, one of the hardest hit areas by the hurricane.

Thank You...

Thank you for allowing me the honor to serve as Worship Leader over the last several years. Worshiping our awesome God together has been such a rich blessing in my life. Thank you for the generous gift you gave to me and my family. It has been a joyful journey and I am forever grateful for the trust and opportunity.

Blessings & love,
Greg Bronkema

Missions Conference Coming...

Our annual Missions Conference will be held from October 23 to 26, and October 30. Missionaries Ken and Kathy Young, who have served in Japan, will be our featured speakers, including worship services on October 23. Dr. Jean Claude Bataneni, director of the Nebobongo Hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo, will speak at our worship services on October 30. Complete schedules are available at the church and on the church's website (www.faith-alliance.org).

Schedule as follows:

10/23: Ken Young presents at both services. Potluck lunch to follow; fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Sign up in foyer.

10/24: Pizza party begins at 6:30pm, followed by a presentation from Ken and Kathy Young. Please sign up in foyer.

10/25: Men's breakfast with Ken beginning at 6:00am. Kathy will be with the Great Commission Women for coffee and desserts at 6:30pm.

10/26: Food sampling of different cultures and dinner (lasagna & garlic bread) will be served at 5:30pm. The Youngs will present at 6:30pm. Family Harvest party begins at 7:00pm.

10/30: Jean Claude from Nebobongo will be presenting during both services; Dinner (soup and sandwiches) with Jean Claude will begin at 5:30pm. Please sign up in foyer if you plan to attend.

All presentations and meals will take place in the Fellowship Hall here at Faith Alliance.

Special Gift received...

We want to extend our sincere appreciation to the donor of a recent contribution of \$50,000 to the church. The gift was designated as follows: \$20,000 to the General Fund; \$15,000 toward the purchase of a new church van; and \$15,000 for repairs and upgrades to the Youth Center. We are indeed grateful for the generosity of this gift!

Financial Report

Offering October 9, 2016

General Fund: \$5,620

Great Commission: \$535

Tea House: \$10

Hope House: \$50

Deacon Fund: \$200

Local Missions: \$199

Sewing Ministry: \$70

Building Fund: \$144

Youth Missions: \$50

Attendance

Week of October 9, 2016

9:00 Worship - 83

10:30 Worship - 114

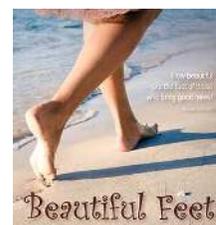
Kids - 34; Adult Workers - 8

Total Worship - 244

International Class - 9

Fall Women's Retreat...

It is time to register for our annual Fall Women's Retreat! What makes beautiful feet and what has the Lord called these beautiful feet to do? Join us October 28-30. Registration brochures are available in the church foyer.



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

October:

28th: Overtime - 9:30pm

November:

5th: Undercover Woods - TBA

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

