



# 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 Trent's Desk...

In Luke 14:12-24 Jesus shares a parable of the Great Banquet, try to read it later today if you get time. In this parable we see that the people who were invited to the banquet all come up with excuses for why they can't attend, "I just bought a field, I need to go check it out," "I just bought five new sets of oxen, I need to go examine them," and, "Sorry, I was just married, I can't make it." After hearing this the master of the house eventually says, "Alright then, go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled." In other words, invite the poor, the social outcasts, or really, invite anyone who's willing to come!

At least a few times in the past months God has showed me not only that I'm not reaching out to those who "live along the streets and hedges," but also that I barely even know anyone in that position to reach out to. As a Christian, I think that's probably not a good thing.

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I would say, "well we live in towns that don't have too many who are living by the streets and hedges, most everyone is pretty stable," but then I start sounding too much like the three guys in the parable who had excuses for missing the banquet. I don't want to be in their company, but I'm afraid oftentimes I'm closer to them than I am to the servants of the master.

I don't know where you fit in this parable. Maybe you're most often like the servants, like those making excuses, like those along the streets, or maybe you're sitting at the table waiting for more people to show up. Wherever you are, I think we will all agree that this parable can teach each of us something. If you're standing alongside of me recognizing that you don't know hardly anyone who is struggling to keep their heat on in the winter, is fighting an addiction, or who spends their weekends drinking in the bars, then I'll invite you to continue this conversation with me.

I know there must be people in our local communities who would be ready and willing to come meet the Master, they only need someone to extend the love of Christ to them. I wonder, how can we best love them? How can we meet with them? Maybe you already know some of these people. If so, let's start praying that God will show you or His Church the best way to love them. Let's take on the mindset of a missionary and apply it to New Bremen and the surrounding communities. In a week or two we'll get an opportunity to hear about a new ministry that has the potential to reach people locally who may currently "live along the highways and hedges." That sounds like the work of a missionary, praise God! Maybe this Missions Conference doesn't have to end after all... Let's keep our eyes open this week for those who are living alongside the highways and hedges - maybe a coworker, stranger at the gas station, friend, employee, or other acquaintance. Have them over for dinner, set up a time to meet for coffee, invite them to open up God's word, invite them to come and meet the Master.

Blessings,

Pastor Trent

### **Current Prayer Concerns...**

- John Schulze, recovering at home
- Becky Dock, upcoming surgery on Nov. 3
- Chris Pressley, husband of Stacey, 9-month deployment with the army
- Jeff Fyock recovering from shoulder surgery on Oct. 21
- Mike Moeller, recovering from surgery, Oct. 14
- Ty Wolf, recovering from back surgery, Oct. 14
- Anna Sager, granddaughter of Pastor Tom and Pam, injured in horseback riding accident
- Liam Schwartz, on-going health concerns

### **Annual Meeting, November 20...**

Please note that the Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 20, at 10:00 am. We will confirm our leadership team and consider the budget for 2017. Our worship schedule will be adjusted slightly that morning, as follows: 9:00 - Early Worship; 10:00 - Annual Meeting; 10:45 - Late Worship.



### ReviveOHIO Reunions...

ReviveOHIO will be holding a reunion gatherings once a month. The first gathering will be held on Saturday, November 12, at the St. Marys Church of the Nazarene, 390 Indiana Ave. The schedule will be as follows:

- 7:00 am. - Prayer Time
- 8:00 am. - Breakfast
- 9:00 am. - Organize into teams and go into the community to pray for people
- 12:00 pm. - Noon time testimonies

<b>Attendance</b>	
Week of October 23, 2016	
9:00 Worship - 58	
10:30 Worship - 115	
Kids - 30; Adult Workers -9	
Total Worship - 212	
Youth Discipleship - 6	
Foundation Class - 9	

### Cram the Van...

Next Sunday is a Cram the Van day. We will be collecting items for the Auglaize County Family Life Center. Suggested donations include: Baby wash, baby lotion, and baby shampoo (preferably lavender in these items). Much needed are wet wipes and diapers (sizes 4,5,6). Grab a yellow bag at the end of service; fill it with the items listed above and bring the filled bag back to church next week. Thank you!

*"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

**Philippians 4:7**

### Dress Up Clothes...

The preschoolers LOVE to dress up! However, our dress up clothes are showing wear and tear as the young ones use them twice a week. Do you have any dress up clothes (or dance outfits/costumes) that your children have grown out of recently? Do you have any Trick or Treat costumes that you would like to pass on to our preschoolers? We are specifically looking for girl clothing as we have lots of little girls this year who love to dress up. But, boys clothes would be good too.

If you have some to donate, please bring them to the preschool room, Kristin or Gina. Thank you!



# YOUTH GROUP

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## 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

### November:

5th: Undercover Woods - 6:30 - 9pm

23rd: Thanksgiving Break, No Youth Group

### December:

11th: Sky Zone - TBA

14th: Youth Christmas Party

*Happy Birthday this month to*

Kaitlyn Schwieterman

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### November Birthday's

1 - George Ewing, Noah Parlett  
 2 - Pam Kuck  
 3 - Asher Jutte  
 4 - Caleb Schulze  
 6 - Harper Fledderjohann  
 7 - Holly Bertke  
 8 - Terry Wagner  
 12 - Zane Ferguson  
 14 - Gina Tangeman  
 15 - Paige Kuck  
 17 - Reagan Schmiesing  
 19 - Stephanie Fledderjohann  
 20 - Isaac Homan, Troy Schumm  
 21 - Henry Hoge, Kim Koenig,  
       Wanda Miller, Andy Philpot  
 22 - Mark Koenig  
 24 - Lib Conley, Phyllis Dicke,  
       Jim Knapke, Linda Shipman  
 25 - Jodi Pohlman, Mike Dicke

26 - Kate Goodwin, Kaitlyn Schwieterman,  
 Faye Siebenaler, Dave Wray  
 27 - Steve Gast  
 28 - Sarah Lageman, Dave Louis  
 30 - Haleigh James

### November Anniversaries

9 - Ryan & Erin Zimpfer  
 10 - Daniel & Jenny Schulze  
 21 - Steve & Pam Gast