



FAITH ALLIANCE CHURCH

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Welcome to Faith Alliance!



From Pastor Trent's Desk...

Nehemiah 4:15-16 - "When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. And the leaders stood behind the whole house of Judah."

"We all returned to the wall, each to his own work." For a short time they all left the wall and entered into defense mode - they needed to protect one another and their work from those who were opposing them. Sometimes in life we'll face difficulty and we'll need to take a break from everything in order to stand strong against the enemy. Sometimes our families will experience hardship, we'll need to step back from the wall in order to preserve the spiritual and physical health of our family. Sometimes our church will face hardship, we'll all need to hunker down, link arms and defend the body of Christ. But after that season is over, don't linger, get back to the labor God has called you to, keep pressing on!

If you read on in Nehemiah you will read in chapter 9 how Nehemiah is reminiscing about the Israelites, how they were suffering and cried out to God. The text says that God heard their cry and gave them saviors who saved them from the enemy. But then, in 9:28, "But after they had rest they did evil again before you." It seems that when we enter into distress it's in our nature to call on God (good), we hunker down and wait on God (good), then he shows up to meet our needs (good), but oftentimes after our needs are met and God is merciful we forget to go back to our labor and trusting in God (bad). And what happens then? We become stagnant and the temptation to do evil increases.

As Pastor Tom shared today, solitude is essential to a healthy spiritual life and it is very hard to practice in our culture. So yes, find a space for rest, I'm a big advocate of solitude and spiritual health. But also, keep your eyes on the prize, keep pressing on so you don't neglect the work of God and fall into sin. Over the past few months so many people in our church have amazed me with their commitment to Christian living and their willingness to actively pursue God and serve others!

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I'm so glad to see many serving and laboring for the kingdom of God. But in the same breath, don't work yourself to spiritual death. Find rest. Find solitude. There is no sweeter place than the presence of God. Get into his presence and minister out of that place, live out of that place. If you're running after God and serving him you're not going to fall asleep in your faith but you may burn yourself out completely which is equally as bad and probably carries greater physical and emotional consequences. We all have to remind ourselves that the Church of God will carry on if we take a weekend away to be renewed or take some time to use our spiritual strength strategically in another area of life. In fact, the Church may be better off if all of us would take time to find rest in solitude more regularly.

Thank you for serving. Thank you for being active in your faith, that's the only life we should know as believers. But don't burn yourself out. Your personal relationship with Christ is the greatest treasure you will ever have, don't give it up for anything, and don't let anything steal it away from you or you away from it. Finding spiritual rest in solitude will continue to carry you back into the light of God so that you can labor daily for the glory of God.

Blessings,

Pastor Trent

Current Prayer Concerns...

- Jeff Fyock, shoulder surgery on Oct. 21
- Betty Wieter, recovering at home
- Bill Shipman, recovering from knee surgery, Sept. 22
- Matt Otto, recovering from back surgery, Sept. 30
- Ron Aragon, recovering from shoulder surgery, Sept. 21
- Elsie Ewing, medical tests

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!

Great Commission Women's Retreat...

The Great Commission women will meet in the church Fellowship Hall on October 11 at 6:30pm. It will be a time of prayer for our missionaries, and for others in need. We are told we should "pray without ceasing" and now more than ever it seems this is urgent.

Merrily Hoffman will inspire us with her devotions, and Jean Helmstetter will be the hostess. Come and experience the uplifting of prayers and fellowship!

Wedding Congratulations...

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to David and Sarah (Sabourin) Chalk, who were married on Saturday, October 8. Their wedding celebration was held at the Renaissance Festival, near Wilmington, Ohio. We pray that God will bless their lives with His love and joy!

ReviveOHIO...

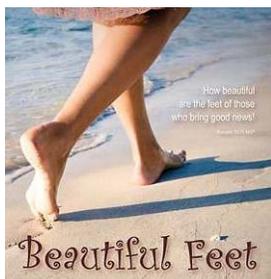
ReviveOHIO will be in Auglaize County this week. Many of the churches of the county will join together in sharing the love of Christ with those who do not yet know Him. Breakfasts and morning training sessions, along with dinner and evening worship, will be held at Harvest Baptist Church in Wapakoneta. Luncheon and afternoon training sessions will be held at several churches around the county. Complete schedules are available at the church. You are invited to participate in any or all sessions.

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.faitn-alliance.org).

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.



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 7:30pm. If you are interested please text/call 419-905-5253 to RSVP by October 14th. This study will begin on October 17 for ages 18-25. Hope to see you there!

Financial Report

Offering October 2, 2016

General Fund: \$7,985

Great Commission: \$1,235

Tea House: \$10

Hope House: \$46

Deacon Fund: \$5

Local Missions: \$262

Sewing Ministry: \$46

E4 Project: \$50

Attendance

Week of October 2, 2016

9:00 Worship - 78

10:30 Worship - 120

Kids - 25; Adult Workers - 10

Total Worship - 233

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

October:

14th: Overtime - 9:30pm

16th: Ark Encounter - 12:00pm

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

