



FAITH ALLIANCE CHURCH

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Welcome to Faith Alliance!



From Pastor Trent's Desk...

Exodus 34:10 - "All the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD, for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you."

I'm writing this on Tuesday, it's election day. Like many of you, I don't know how I'm supposed to feel today. Almost everyone would agree, no matter their religious and moral convictions, that we're in the middle of a big mess. I have observed many Christians who do not even know how to respond, they then become paralyzed by their fear, uncertainty, loss of hope, and frustration. It is in the middle of this chaos that the LORD speaks into our hearts, "I'll do an awesome thing with you." Just before Moses received this statement from God, Moses received another promise, Exodus 33:22-23, "While my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen." Moses was surrounded by frustrations, physical and spiritual stress, and uncertainty, but he chose to fix his eyes on the back of God and followed after the LORD for the rest of his life. Don't let our difficult surroundings keep you from moving forward.

Yes, from a Christian perspective our country is in a mess. Remember, though, that we're not settling in here, we're only passing through this place that sometimes feels like a barren wilderness. It is in a time such as this that every Christian can be a leader. Maybe not in the structure of your workplace, sports team, or group of friends, but in the lives of specific individuals God has placed around you. I would encourage you not to hunker down in uncertainty or in an attempt to stay safe if the culture around us crumbles. Rise up and journey towards home. Speak the language of your homeland as you go and invite others to join in your journey. God saved us out of darkness and he gave us air to breath this morning so that we can participate in saving others out of the darkness that once owned us. This is the purpose of our journey, to be used by God. "Lord, please go in the midst of us..." (Exod. 34:9).

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We can't be stagnant. God said he'd do an amazing thing with Israel, and he will do an amazing thing with us if we're willing to follow after him. We're not going to be used by sitting tight, hiding in the cleft of a rock, waiting for Jesus to return. We're going to be used as we actively live out our faith. We have a Leader, let's keep our eyes on his back as he leads. He's leading us home. If we follow Him faithfully he will give us people to lead, invite them to join us. As we journey through this land living in darkness, let's be sure we show the culture of heaven as we go. Serve others, love generously, be hospitable, forgive often, be patient, love God with boldness, and the list goes on... When we finally arrive home we'll be able to do the most awesome thing, we'll be able to see the face of God.

Revelation 22:3-4, "No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads."

Blessings,

Pastor Trent

Current Prayer Concerns...

- Pastor Jean Claude and the ministry of Nebobongo Hospital in DRC
- Mitch Middendorf's mother, Norma, critically ill
- Dottie Fennick's brother Pete, pneumonia
- Joann Boyer's niece, Tina, illness
- Lib Conley's son, Walter, recovering from motorcycle accident
- Becky Dock, recovering from surgery
- Liam Schwartz, 2-yr-old, now recovering at Ronald McDonald house
- Chris Express, husband of Stacey, 9-month deployment with the army

A Tour of DC through Christian Discoveries...

Have you ever wanted to tour Washington D.C. but you're not an 8th grader? An adult tour has been scheduled for September 27 - 30, 2017. See the Nation's history through Christian Discovery. You will get the opportunity to tour Gettysburg, many museums, memorials, and more! This trip is four days, three nights; with an all-inclusive cost of \$869 (four people per room) \$995 (two people per room). If you are interested or would like more information please contact Carol Bock or Sherry Henschen.

Carol's email: nkumc@nktelco.net

Community Thanksgiving Service...

The churches of New Bremen will come together at St. Peter's Church for a service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 22, at 7:00 pm. Pastor Becky Erb Strang of St. Paul UCC will bring the message of the evening, and pastors from all four churches will participate. A free will offering for Agape Ministries will be received.

The service will include two numbers by our combined community choir, under the direction of Scott Kuenning. Practices will be held on two Thursdays, November 10 and 17, at 7:30 pm. at St. Paul UCC, with a run-through before the service on Nov. 22. All interested persons are invited to participate!

As You Plan Your Holidays...

The Christmas season is a busy time, so we are providing important dates to assist in your planning.

Nov. 27 - First Sunday in Advent

Dec. 4 - Farewell for Pastor Tom and Pam. One Worship service at 10:00 am.

Dec.11 - Children's Christmas Program, 9:00 and 10:30 am.

Dec.12-14 - Live Nativity Scene.

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve service, 4:00 pm.

Dec. 25 - Christmas morning worship. One combined service at 10:30 am.

Financial Report

Offering November 6, 2016

General Fund: \$10,576

Great Commission: \$1,731

E4 Project: \$500

Local Missions: \$327

Building Fund: \$45

Kitchen Fund: \$10

Automatic Door: \$91

Deacon Fund: \$415

Hope House: \$50

Youth Center: \$20

Live Nativity Sign Ups...

Live Nativity Sign Ups are now in the foyer. There is a sign up sheet to volunteer to bake cookies here at church (kitchen help), greeters, traffic directors, dress as one of the Biblical characters, or you can sign up to set-up and/or tear-down.

*If you have any questions or concerns about the changes for this year please feel free to contact Gina or Kristin.

Attendance

Week of November 6, 2016

9:00 Worship - 85

10:30 Worship - 130

Kids - 54; Adult Workers -14

Total Worship - 283

Youth Discipleship - 6

Foundation Class - 11

ReviveOHIO...

ReviveOHIO kicks off in Miami County this Sunday, Nov. 13, at 7:00pm. The opening service will be held at Ginghamburg Church in Tipp City. Morning and evening sessions will also be held there.

ReviveOHIO Auglaize County will hold prayer meetings every Tuesday at 6:30am. at Calvary Christian Fellowship in St. Marys, and every Saturday at 10:00am. at Victory Center Church in Wapakoneta. A third prayer meeting will be held at the ROC in St. Marys on Saturday evening at 7:00pm.

Holiday Sparkle...

Jenny VanSkyock will be holding an instructional class about Essential Oils next Saturday, November 19. This instructional class will have videos, helpful tips, and an opportunity to make some gifts for this holiday season. This class is free and open to anyone who is interested. The class begins at 9:00am and lasts until 11:00am. If you plan to make a sugar scrub or soap, that will be an added cost.

YOUTH GROUP

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Doors open - 6:30p.m.

Jr. High Class - 6:30p.m. 7:30p.m.

Sr. High Class - 8:30p.m. 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP

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

(In Classroom 8)

UPCOMING EVENTS

November:

23rd: Thanksgiving Break, No Youth Group

December:

11th: Sky Zone - TBA

14th: Youth Christmas Party

Happy Birthday this month to

Kaitlyn Schwieterman

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: 9:00am - Early Worship; 10:00am - Annual Meeting; 10:45 - Late Worship.

Volunteer Bell Ringers Needed...

A great way to help this Holiday season would be to ring bells for those in need. The Salvation Army needs bell ringers to stand outside of St. Marys Kroger, K-Mart, or JCPennys. The shifts are two hours long. Time slots are open from 10am- 8pm from Thanksgiving to Christmas. They are looking for ages 16 and older to help; children are welcome to ring with a parent.

Please contact John Bernstein at 419-953-6069 or email johnbern45@hotmail.com if you are interested.

