



FAITH ALLIANCE CHURCH

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Welcome to Faith Alliance!



I am sure many of you have high hopes for 2017. Whether you're hoping to keep the momentum of 2016 rolling or you're hoping for a fresh start after a tough year, everyone hopes for the best at the beginning of a new year.

Occasionally I get material anonymously left on my desk, this week I received a devotional that I thought I would pass on to all of you - it can be encouragement for the entire Faith Alliance Family as we transition from Christmas to the start of New Year. Enjoy, and may you all experience God's blessing in 2017!

Christmas is over! Some are exhausted, disappointed with their gifts and others are worried about the next credit card statement...but for most this season has been a wonderful experience of revisiting our Savior's birth. Now our focus is on the New Year. Facing the New Year, we must admit that "what's gone is gone!" No matter how we like to relive the past, it's over...gone. But thank God for new beginnings.

God wants you to have a satisfying life. But how do we get it? We need wisdom for living in the New Year. Solomon gives us great advice: "Never let loyalty and kindness get away from you! Wear them like a necklace; write them deep within your heart" (Proverbs 3:3). Solomon teaches that love and loyalty must be guiding lights in our lives -- in everything we do. They are foundational for success! Solomon pleads with us never to let love and faithfulness leave us! Paul tells us that "love is the most excellent way." It is love that enables us to be like Jesus. Love is forgiveness... it doesn't keep score...it is about giving and helping.

Faithfulness and loyalty is a conscious response to a God who has revealed himself. Remember Abraham? His story illustrates that faithfulness must be exercised in everyday living. For Abraham it meant trusting God daily and ready to follow the commands of God. Of course, we won't always get it right. It's like learning to ski." Our prayer for the journey should be, "Faithful to the end!" That's wisdom!

Thank You...

We want to pass along our sincere thanks to all who shared their caring thoughts and faithful prayers. Your support helped us through Liam's difficult journey. He is doing very well with his renewed health.

-Ryan, Lexy and Liam

Kitchen Help...

Shelly Finke is in need of kitchen help on Wednesday evenings throughout the winter season. She would need your help from 4:15-7:00pm. This would include cooking prep and cleanup. If you can help please contact Shelly at shelly@nktelco.net or see her at church.

Envelopes Ready...

The numbered giving envelopes are going to be available in the foyer for those who are assigned an envelope number. If anyone else is interested in signing up for an envelope number please contact Jen Schulze at jenny@faith-alliance.org or 419-629-3688.

Wednesday Night Reminder...

Just a reminder Wednesday evening activities start back up this week, January 4. We hope to see you there! The schedules is as follows:

5:30 - Supper served (*this weeks meal - Meatball Casserole, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar, Dessert*)

6:15-7:00 - Worship/Prayer in Sanctuary

6:30 - 8:00 - Nursery & Kids' Church

7:00-8:00 - Discussion Groups (*Deeper discussion on Sunday's sermon*)

Current Prayer Concerns...

- Steve, Liz Fenter's brother-in-law, medical issues
- Gee Sommer, throat cancer, surgery Jan. 3
- Maya Schwieterman, daughter of Ryan and Angie, spinal issues
- Rick Conley, pray his body accepts bone marrow

Financial Report

Offering December 25, 2016

General Fund: \$10,292

Building Fund: \$25

Great Commission: \$1,060

Hope House: \$25

Tea House: \$10

Deacon Fund: \$205

Local Mission: \$333

Attendance

Week of December 24, 2016

Combined Worship - 206

Week of December 25, 2016

Combined Worship - 143

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

January:

13th: Overtime @ 9:30pm

15th: Mad River Mountain @ 2pm

27th: Overtime @ 9:30pm

Happy Birthday this month to

Grant Bear, Sam Freer

Cassie Stachler, Kyla Stachler

Josie Sprague

Poinsettias for Loved Ones - "In Memory Of..."

Josh & Missy Felver

John & Mary Leopard
Arthur Vagedes
Carl & Margaret Felver
Forest & Aileen Hileman

Luan Louis

Jeff Henschen

Roger Dicke

Joanne Dicke
John Schneider

Tim & Vivian Kilmer

Carol Thompson

Helen Tangeman

Tony, Ron, & Harold Tangeman

Jim & Kay Roeth

Donald Denniston, James Roeth (Senior)

In Honor of Rosetta Estes

Otto Family



