



FAITH ALLIANCE CHURCH

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Welcome to Faith Alliance!

From Pastor Trent's desk...



This past Sunday we talked about the importance of spending time in the wilderness; spending time in the presence of God. It's in the wilderness that we're able to confess our sins and repent, it's where God is able to renew us and provide us with strength. This week I was reading in 1 Kings and it was interesting to see how the idea of repentance was being captured 100s of years before Jesus was sent to earth - it taught me a lot about why repentance is so important. The following is a summary of a prayer and request made by Solomon in 1 Kings 8:46-51:

LORD, if your people sin against you and are taken captive by an enemy because of your anger, if they repent and plead saying, "we have sinned," if they repent with all their mind and all their heart then LORD would you do the following: Hear them in heaven, Maintain their cause, Forgive them, and Grant them compassion

Do this because they are your people, your heritage, you saved them from the iron furnace (Egypt). And finally, maintain the cause of your people SO THAT "all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other" (8:60).

Did you catch that last statement? Our repentance and forgiveness is not only for our own sake. Our willingness to confess our sins and repent impacts not only our own lives, but also the lives of "all the peoples of the earth." All of God's grace is poured out on us not only so that we can be forgiven, but also because it enables us to be revealers of God.

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In our repentance, in our choosing to seek God through the good times and the bad times, we are able to participate in the activity of revealing who the True God is - what a blessing! But, when we turn from God we deny Yahweh, the true God, and nobody sees Him through us. When we deny the ways of the LORD, we hide him from the world. Our sinfulness does not only turn our focus away from the Lord, it also places a veil over the eyes of non-believers so that they cannot see the Lord clearly through us. Our sinfulness eliminates our ability to be an effective witness. That is, unless we repent.

We're all hauling around a 1,000lbs of dead weight, the Lord calls us to pack it into the wilderness. While we're there he takes all our junk upon himself and we return from the journey renewed carrying only a light load. One day, Lord willing, some of our friends, family, and co-workers who have no faith may start to wonder what in the world we're doing with all of our junk. If their packs start getting too heavy, they may look for a place to dump it. Let's all be sure that we're familiar with the path to the cross so that when someone else is ready to explore we're able to lead them well. I hope this week you will be able to find a little time and space to be in conversation with God - confess your sins, commit to repent, worship him, and invite him to be Lord of your life in every way possible.

Blessings,

Pastor Trent

Current Prayer Concerns...

- Dave Dicke, recovering from surgery
- Amber Sommer's father, Gee, recovering from surgery
- Fred Moeller, recovering from surgery
- Carl Knapke, Jim's brother, melanoma behind ear
- Rick Conley, body accepted bone marrow - PRAISE

Thank You...

Thank you so much for the lovely flower arrangement. Thank you for all the cards and prayers.

Jay Berkey Family

Missions Trips...

Faith Alliance has a couple mission trip sites in the works for summer of 2017. There will be a youth mission trip heading out to Miami on June 11-17. There will also be a construction team heading out to Hard Rock Reservation, Arizona on June 17-23. Those who are interested in either trip please talk with Pastor James as soon as possible.

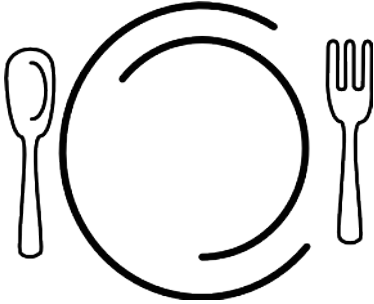
Love Feast...

Starting Sunday, February 5 (Communion Sunday) we will be having a Potluck Dinner to follow the second service (12:00pm). We invite everyone to bring something to share and join in a time of gathering together and eating together as a body.

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu...

Lasagna, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar, and Dessert.

Dinner begins at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcomed to join together with us for dinner. Following dinner there is a time for worship and prayer. Then small discussion groups begin at 7:00 pm.



Armor of God Bible Study...

The Bible study, *Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer, will begin on Tuesday nights starting February 21. We will meet for 7 weeks at 7pm. The student book will cost around \$14. Please let Shelly Finke know if you would like to be a part of this group.

All day, every day, and invisible war rages around you - unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny. But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, this study is for you.

The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. The *Armor of God*, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory.

Financial Report

Offering January 15, 2016

General Fund: \$7,063

Building Fund: \$35

Great Commission: \$630

Deacons Fund: \$200

Kitchen Fund: \$10

Hope House: \$25

Tea House: \$10

Local Mission: \$233

Attendance

Week of January 15, 2016

Early Worship - 72

Kids - 48 Workers - 13

Late Worship - 143

Total Worship - 276

*“Create in me a pure heart,
O God, and renew in me a
steadfast spirit.”*

Psalm 51:10

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

February:

8th: Pizza Orders Due

10-12th: White Out @ Beulah Beach

17th: Overtime

18th: Pizza Making Day

24th: Last Overtime for the Season

Happy Birthday this month to

Grant Beair, Sam Freer

Cassie Stachler, Kyla Stachler

Josie Sprague
