



# FAITH ALLIANCE CHURCH

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## Welcome to Faith Alliance!

From Pastor James's desk...



Since Roe v. Wade, our country has lost over 57 million children to abortion. Let that sink in for a moment; 57 million children, formed by the hand of God and created in His image, have been terminated via abortion. There is no wonder why many consider abortion to be the modern day holocaust. Other than making Jesus known to the world, protecting the lives inside the womb is the most passionate issue/cause God has placed on my heart. I do not say this to boast about myself. I believe this is a call for all of us as the Body of Christ. James 1:27 tells us to look after the orphans and the widows in their distress. As a church, I believe we are obedient with this command. We show love and care to the elderly, we partner with the E4 Project that specializes in care for orphans and widows, and we even have families who have adopted children into their homes. That is awesome! However, I believe James 1:27 is a call to care for the most vulnerable, and that definitely includes the children in their mother's wombs. I try to refrain from referring these children as "the unborn." I understand while they are in the womb, they have not yet been born into this world, but there is no difference. That child is alive at the moment of conception. That child is created in just as much in the image of God as the next person. Whether inside or outside of the womb, that child is a human being. Jeremiah 1:5 says "I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born..." There is no argument or case for abortion in this verse alone. Yes, there are many abortion advocates who do not follow Christ nor do they care what the Bible has to say about this issue. I am more concerned with those who claim to know the Lord, yet still advocate for abortion. Come on people, you cannot tell me that by reading God's Word, you can confidently come to the conclusion that abortion is acceptable and worth fighting to preserve.

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Psalm 139:13-14 says "For it was You who created my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I will praise You because I have been remarkably and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, and I know this very well. The psalmist tells us to rejoice of how great our Creator is, yet there are many who want to destroy His most precious creation of all. With all that being said, this is why my wife and I will be marching this Friday at the 44th Annual March for Life. My hope and prayer is that these marches will not have to continue for much longer. I believe one day we will look back at these last forty-four years as one of the most barbaric times in American history. If this country figured out that slavery and segregation was evil, I believe we can one day outlaw abortion. Martin Luther King Jr. once said "You died when you refused to stand up for right. You died when you refused to stand up for truth. You died when you refused to stand up for justice." Church, let's not give up on defending and protecting life.

Blessings,

Pastor James

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

- Ryan Jutte, RSV
- Helen Tangeman's great-granddaughter, Zoe Tangeman, eye injury, pray against infection
- 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

### **Discerning the Voice of God Bible Study...**

The next study will begin February 16th with Discerning the Voice of God, by Priscilla Shirer. No blessing surpasses a relationship with God in which you know when He is specifically calling to you. The more intimate your relationship with Him, the clearer God's voice becomes. Through this study you will become more familiar with God's Holy Spirit, His character, language, and tone of voice. Please contact Luan Louis, 419-230-4713, if you would like to participate in this study so she can order your book. We would love to have you join us!

### **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.

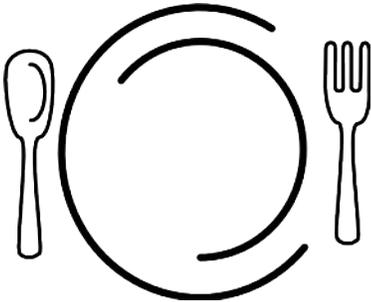
### **Love Feast...**

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...

Cheesy Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, 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 group 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.

### Moms 4 Real Volunteer...

The Moms 4 Real group is looking for 3-4 people to help out on the second Sunday of the month. This would be from 8:30-11:15; they need some people to sit and play with their kids while the mothers get to meet together to encourage and enjoy one another's company. If you are willing to help out please contact Tina or Maggie. If you are not already you will need to be Safe Place certified. If you are not aware of the Safe Place Policy they will fill you in. Tina: tmroessner@gmail.com // Maggie: maggiehibner@gmail.com. Thank you for considering, these mothers truly appreciate it!

#### Financial Report

Offering January 22, 2016

General Fund: \$5,433

Building Fund: \$67

Great Commission: \$1,043

Deacons Fund: \$110

Kitchen Fund: \$10

Hope House: \$50

Tea House: \$27

Local Mission: \$183

Other: \$25

#### Attendance

Week of January 22, 2016

Early Worship - 73

Kids - 65 Workers - 10

Late Worship - 152

Total Worship - 305

# YOUTH GROUP

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## 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

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