



FAITH ALLIANCE CHURCH

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Welcome to Faith Alliance!

From Pastor Trent's desk...



Recently we have been beginning to talk about resting in Christ. It is my hope and prayer that Faith Alliance Church will be a sanctuary of rest for those who are heavily burdened by the demands of the world. If we hope to create a space of rest for ourselves and for those seeking God then we must be willing to be honest with others and ourselves. I'm thinking specifically of being honest about who we truly are. One temptation that comes along with carrying the label, "Christian," is to present oneself artificially. We all want to be godly and spiritually mature, but the reality is that when it comes to measuring our morality and spiritual maturity there is only one measuring stick - Jesus Christ. A.W. Tozer says, "artificiality is one curse that will drop away the moment we kneel at Jesus' feet and surrender ourselves to His meekness."

No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, I encourage you to make 2017 a year of setting aside the curse of artificiality, ask God to remove any part of yourself that is attempting to create an image of yourself other than what you truly are. Tozer again, "There is hardly a man or woman who dares to be just what he or she is without doctoring up the impression." It is hard work for us to hold up areas of our lives that we have to manufacture in our own strength. This doesn't mean we need to stand before the entire church and confess every one of our failures. But it does mean that each one of us should strive to be honest with ourselves and willing to speak of ourselves and present ourselves to others honestly. If you do not currently have a brother or sister in Christ who you can share with openly, someone who will pray with you and for you, be praying for God to send that person your way this year. This year don't pursue God alone. Find someone to journey with, someone who can remind you that true rest is found in the presence of Jesus Christ.

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Luke 8:17, "For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open." The day is coming when we will all kneel at Jesus' feet - he knows every struggle we have, he knows who we truly are. We'd be better off shedding the dead weight right now. If you're feeling weak but trying to appear strong, find someone to share your weakness with. If your marriage stinks right now, find a couple to be honest with and journey alongside of them. If you are depressed, find someone to pray for you. If you have a problem with any sort of addiction, find someone to support you. As we who are already part of the body of Christ at Faith Alliance express a willingness to be honest and seek forgiveness, those who visit us, those who are longing to know Christ, will also feel comfortable to leave their artificial shells at the door. For those of you who have already shed the dead weight, you have experienced the freedom that is found in being honest with Christ, yourself, and others, boldly proclaim the goodness that you have tasted. Invite people to come and experience the love and grace of our amazing Father who takes our sins and burdens and hurls them across the universe as far as the east is from the west. Freedom is in Christ; rest is in Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Trent

Current Prayer Concerns...

- Amber Sommer's father, Gee, recovering from surgery
- Fred Moeller, surgery to replace valve in heart
- Carl Knapke, Jim's brother, melanoma behind ear
- Bruce Rush, critically ill
- Rick Conley, pray his body accepts bone marrow

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 clean up. If you can help please contact Shelly at shelly@nktelco.net or see her at church.

Pray and Praise...

Those who have shared prayer requests with Kristin Lampert to put onto the Pray and Praise document, please update Kristin when a change has occurred. If possible send an email or call at the end of each month to let her know of any changes to update to the prayer document before she prints out the next month's document (first Sunday of each month). The prayer team prays over these documents each Sunday evening.

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu...

Enchiladas, Mexican Rice, Chips and Dip, 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.

Revive Outreach & Equipping Night...

Friday, January 13 at 6:00 pm. at First Church in New Knoxville there will be a Celebration Banquet (carry in dinner). There will be a time of sharing testimonies, training, and ending the night with worship lead by the band "Paraclete".

Outreach with Revive Ministries will take place on Saturday, January 14 at New Knoxville Methodist Church. Schedule as follows:

- 7:00 am. - Worship and prayer
- 8:00 am. - Breakfast
- 8:45 am. - Team leader training
- 9:00 am. - Organize teams to go over Revive hub and where to send prayer requests
- 9:25 am. - Register teams
- 11:45 am. - Team check-ins
- 12:00 pm. - Testimonies, worship & closing prayer

Financial Report
 Offering January 8, 2016
 General Fund: \$5,024
 Building Fund: \$60
 Great Commission: \$785
 Hope House: \$25
 Tea House: \$10
 Local Mission: \$170

Attendance
 Week of January 1, 2016
 Combined Worship - 190

Washington D.C. Trip...

Have you ever wanted to visit Washington D.C. but you are not an 8th grader anymore? Were you there with your 8th grader but want to go back? Well, now you can!

An adult tour is scheduled for September 27th - 30th, 2017.

See our Nations history through Christian Discovery tours. Local resident, Carol Bock, will be organizing the trip and will be your tour guide and hostess. Total cost includes bus travel, meals, hotel accommodations and attraction fees.



Costs are as follows:

- 4 People in your room - \$869 per person
- 2 People in your room - \$995 per person

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January:

13th: Overtime @ 9:30pm

15th: Mad River Mountain @ 2pm

SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP

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

(In Classroom 8)

Happy Birthday this month to

Grant Beair, Sam Freer

Cassie Stachler, Kyla Stachler

Josie Sprague
