



FAITH ALLIANCE CHURCH

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Welcome to Faith Alliance!

From Pastor Trent's desk...



Last week I referenced, "The Cost of Discipleship" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Here is an excerpt from his book, if you have never read it, I highly recommend it.

"Cheap grace means grace sold on the market like cheapjacks' wares. The sacraments, the forgiveness of sin, and the consolations of religion are thrown away at cut prices. Grace is represented as the Church's inexhaustible treasury, from which she showers blessings with generous hands, without asking questions or fixing limits. Grace without price; grace without cost! The essence of grace, we suppose, is that the account has been paid in advance; and, because it has been paid, everything can be had for nothing. Since the cost was infinite, the possibilities of using and spending it are infinite. What would grace be if it were not cheap?..."

Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble; it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him.

Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock.

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Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: "ye were bought at a price," and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "The Cost of Discipleship"

Blessings,

Pastor Trent

Current Prayer Concerns...

- John Schulze, work
- Helen Tangeman's great-granddaughter, Zoe Tangeman, eye injury, pray against infection
- Mike Cox, continued prayers for healing
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Thursday Morning Women's 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!

Paint and Praise...

Paint & Praise class called "Mediterranean Breeze" will be held on Saturday, February 25, 10am -1pm at the Youth Center (212 S. Walnut St. New Bremen). You have a choice of canvas size of (8 x 10)-\$25, or (16 x 20)-\$40. Payment secures your place in the class, brunch, and all materials. All proceeds will go towards the Tea House Missions Trip. The deadline is Saturday, February 18. To pay please contact Jodi Shimp at (419) 733-9909 // Jodi.Shimp@yahoo.com.



Wednesday Night Dinner Menu...

Chicken Pot Pie, Fruit, 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.

HOPE Meeting...

There is a HOPE Group meeting on Monday, February 6 at 7:15pm. The HOPE group meets the needs of those in the congregation and the community. If you are interested in joining the HOPE Ministry please attend the meeting Monday evening.

Casa Lupita...

There is a luncheon after the second service next Sunday, February 12 at Casa Lupita. This is a time to connect with other women and fellowship over lunch. All women are welcomed to join.

Reading Group...

The Reading Group will be discussing The Shack on Sunday, February 19 at 8:30 am. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcomed to come and discuss the book, which will be coming out in movie-form in March.

Coffee Clean-Up Substitute...

Shelly is looking for anyone willing to be a substitute to clean out the coffee airports after the second service. Clean-up usually takes 15- 20 mins. If you are willing to be a substitute please contact Shelly Finke.

AZ Missions Trip...

We will be sending a men's construction team to Arizona on June 17-25, 2017. There will be an informational meeting on Sunday February 19th following second service in the old library for those interested in participating. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor James.

Moms 4 Real Volunteer...

The Moms 4 Real group is looking for 3-4 people to help out on the second Friday 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: magghibner@gmail.com. Thank you for considering, these mothers truly appreciate it!

Financial Report

Offering January 29, 2016

General Fund: \$29,619

Building Fund: \$50

Great Commission: \$1,268

District Extension: \$300

Kitchen Fund: \$5

Hope House: \$25

Tea House: \$35

Local Mission: \$931

Joel Meyer: \$80

Attendance

Week of January 29, 2016

Early Worship - 74

Kids - 23* Workers - 13

Late Worship - 152

Total Worship - 314

*5th Sunday, K-5 in Service

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

Happy Birthday this month to

Bryan Kidder, Grant Brautigam

Hanna Lemley, Kierstan Williamson

Donate Your Shoes...

Help the local YMCA raise funds for an organization collecting shoes. Donate your gently worn, used, or new shoes! Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors. Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations. They are typically operated by one person or family and friends, depending on size. There will be a bin located in the foyer for your donated shoes. Thank you!

Cram the Van...

You are encouraged to grab a yellow bag on your way out of service this morning, and return it next week filled with items to be donated to Auglaize County Family Life Center. The center is in need of baby soap and lotion (prefer lavender scented), diapers, and baby wipes. Thank you for giving!

Thank You...

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, and meals as Fred is recovering from surgery. The prayers helped guide a smooth surgery. Please continue to pray for healing. Thank you to everyone who brought a meal to us; they were absolutely delicious.

-Fred & Barb Moeller