

# **Faith Family Celebration**

May 19, 2024

## **Gather Together:**

Faith Family Celebration is a unique time of togetherness for the body of Christ. During Sunday's services, you may have had a chance to see people you normally do not see or connect with simply because of the unique timing and structure of the morning. As you found a place to sit, was it your "normal spot"? Who were you able to connect with? Were there people and friends you hadn't seen in a while? As you looked at the fullness of the Worship Center, what impact did it have on your heart and soul? What were you anticipating as you waited for the service to begin?

#### Music:

- ? "I Sing the Mighty Power of God," "Victory in Jesus," "How Great Thou Art," and "Great Are You Lord" were some of the songs at our celebration. Music and lyrics can have a powerful impact on our souls as we worship together. Was there a particular song or lyrics that spoke deeply to your spirit?
- ? How did the musical selections bring you into the presence of our mighty God?

## **Child Dedications:**

- ? In Matthew 19:14, Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Did your parents dedicate you to God and his greater glory as a young child?
- ? If you have children, do you pray for the moment they will believe in Christ as their personal Savior?
- ? Do you pray for family and friends to become mighty men and women of God?

### **Pastor Roger Thompson:**

- ? Roger shared that his life verse is I Thessalonians 5:24: "The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it" (NIV). Do you have a life verse?
- ? What area of ministry have you been called to?
- ? How has God provided for you in your area of ministry?

#### Pastor Deven MacDonald:

- ? Pastor Deven said that our vision moving forward has the bedrock of Jesus as Lord and his Word as our authority. This means we should believe God's Word, obey it, and submit to it. Do you struggle with any of these?
- ? In accordance with the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), Berean exists to make and multiply disciples of Jesus for the glory of God. We desire to make disciples who have depth, are developed, and are deployed.
  - "Depth" is characterized by treasuring Christ and joyfully obeying his Word.
  - "Developed" is characterized by living for God and loving people.
  - "Deployed" is characterized by actively serving and pursuing gospel impact locally and globally.
- ? As a disciple of Jesus, do these descriptions fit who you currently are? Where might you need to make adjustments? Developing your prayer life and taking opportunities to be trained and equipped are some ways to grow and serve!

#### **Pastor Peter Barnaby:**

- ? The Lakeville Campus is also on mission to make and multiply disciples of Jesus. In the coming months, you are invited into this community to make a gospel impact through serving opportunities. Have you prayed and asked God how you can get involved?
- ? Has God revealed what he may be calling you to do?

## Pastor Dan Feldkamp:

- ? Missions is focused on reaching the unreached, planting and strengthening churches, and translating and distributing Bibles. Five mission trips are on the calendar for 2024. Have you prayed about serving on one of these trips?
- ? Have you ever been on a mission trip? How did you see God work?

### **Pastor Brent Birdsall:**

- ? The Stephen Ministry equips caregivers to help others through the storms of life. Do you need a caregiver to walk with you through your current season?
- ? Now that you've learned a little about the Stephen Ministry, could you direct someone you know to receive care from this ministry? Would you like to become a caregiver yourself?

## **Baptisms:**

? Baptism by immersion mirrors what Christ has done for us through his death, burial, and resurrection. It is an outward declaration of allegiance to our Lord and Savior. Have you ever been baptized? If so, were you like little Charlie or Ainsley with their arms stretched high as they came out of the water? Or were you like the Peters siblings who were baptized together? Share your baptism story.

## Wrap up your group study with the following verse:

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26).