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The Lord's Day

February 25, 2018

Some Christians try to go to heaven alone, in solitude. But believers are not compared to bears or lions or other animals that wander alone. Those who belong to Christ are sheep in this respect, that they love to get together. Sheep go in flocks, and so do God's people.

— Charles Spurgeon

The answer of our prayers is secured by the fact that in rejecting them God would in a certain sense deny His own nature.

— John Calvin

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-9

Worship Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Worship Leader: This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

All: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Worship Leader: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

All: Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

Hymn of Praise #2 *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* Robinson/Wyeth

Invocation

Call to Confession of Sins ☩

Psalm 51:1-3

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

All: Father, you have made us for yourself. Our hearts are restless until they rest in you. We confess that we have been foolish, straying, and wandering off on our own. We confess that we have not faithfully loved you, nor have we adequately cared for our neighbors. We have not had the same mind that was in Christ. Pour out, therefore, your grace on us that we might enjoy purity of heart and strength of purpose. May no selfish passion hinder us from knowing you, no weakness keep us from loving you; and in your service may we find perfect freedom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Songs of Renewal

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Jesus, I Come

William Sleeper and Greg Thompson © 2000 Greg Thompson

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Dawn Rogers, Eric Wyse © 1989 Word Music, LLC

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

(Chorus)

*You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

(Chorus)

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

(Chorus x2)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, by His mercy He proves He is love.
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Catholic¹ and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

¹ That is, the Christian Church made up of believers throughout history

Pastoral Prayer *(followed by the Lord's Prayer)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Announcements

(Children age 4 through 5th grade may be dismissed for children's church)

Sermon

"Pray with Joy, Pray for Love"

Pastor Grant Carroll
Philippians 1:1-11

The Lord's Supper

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to share in this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in a deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church.

Closing Hymn #275

"How Firm a Foundation"

Rippon

Benediction

✠ Worship Notes

Worship of a holy God must include recognition and **confession of sin**. This is difficult for our age, but without it our worship lacks integrity. It is a matter of simple honesty. God is offended by sin, and yet he accepts sinners. We rejoice in the uncompromising holiness of God and in the fact that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15).

Philippians 1:1-11

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, **4** always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, **5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. **6** And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. **7** It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. **8** For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. **9** And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, **10** so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, **11** filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

WELCOME TO FAITH

Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church. We're glad you are worshipping with us today. Below you will find information regarding small groups, Sunday School, children's and youth ministries, service and prayer opportunities, and what we believe. If you have any questions about our church or Christianity or specific needs we can pray for, please contact the church office at (256) 238-8721 or email us at sfreeman@faithchristian.info.

SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups are the building blocks of FPC. Sunday mornings we meet with the triune-God in a unique way, but it is in the context of small groups that community is built and nourished.

<i>Group</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>Meeting Time</i>
<i>Youth Group</i>	<i>Faith</i>	<i>Jay Dial</i>	<i>256-613-1153</i>	<i>Sunday, 5:30 pm</i>
<i>Ping's</i>	<i>Ping Home</i>	<i>Jack Totherow</i>	<i>256-452-3661</i>	<i>Sunday, 6:00 pm</i>
<i>Ladies Bible Study</i>	<i>Faith</i>	<i>Alice Walker</i>	<i>256-225-1349</i>	<i>Wednesday, 10:00 am</i>
<i>Commons</i>	<i>Faith</i>	<i>Grant Carroll</i>	<i>601-421-1277</i>	<i>1st & 3rd Wed., 5:30 pm</i>
<i>Searle</i>	<i>Searle Home</i>	<i>Rick Searle</i>	<i>256-239-5264</i>	<i>Wednesday, 6:15 pm</i>

Small Group Descriptions

Check the chart for dates, locations and times.

Ping Group – An active, fun group with great discussion (based on years of acquired knowledge) and a feast of food

Searle Group – A blended group that starts with a “family style pot-luck dinner around the table” followed by a book study

Commons Group - For people in their 20s-40s who want to grow in their relationship to God through Christ and in their relationships to brothers and sisters in Christ. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 5:30 pm to 7 pm, starting September 6th in The Commons for dinner, fellowship and prayer (BYOD - Bring your own dinner.) Group members will alternate providing child care during prayer time. We will also meet every week during Sunday School in the school board room. This quarter, we're studying Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Ladies Bible Study - A small group of women who meet faithfully throughout the year for study, prayer and encouragement

SUNDAY SCHOOL

<u>Room</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
<u>Children:</u>		
0-2 yrs (Nursery)	Jesus Story Book Bible	Susan Weaver, Suzan Freeman Kathryn Searle
3-4 yrs (Yellow Rm)	Teaching Little Ones: Learning About God	Katie Weaver & Mary Mallory
K5-2nd grade (L-2)	Investigating God's Word: Genesis 25-50, Job, Matthew	Kris Herndon & Beth Wilson
3rd- 5th grade (L-9)	Investigating God's Word: Genesis 25-50, Job, Exodus	Eliska Mattox & Sue Pruitt
<u>Youth:</u>		
Pastor's Office	A Study of John 1-10	Jay Dial
<u>Adults:</u>		
L14	Psalms	Rick/Jack/Vince
Board Room	Galatians: Jesus + Nothing	Grant Carroll
L12	Inquirer's Class (Feb 11, 18, 25)	Rick Searle

Sunday School Class Descriptions

- A study of John 1-10

Who is Jesus? "I'm spiritual but not religious"—is that enough? How is Jesus the Light of the World? Why are Jesus' words of eternal life confusing—or even offensive—to many people?

In A Study of John 1–10, students have the opportunity to listen to the greatest Teacher of all—Jesus, God himself in the flesh—when he walked this earth. In this eyewitness account written by “the disciple whom Jesus loved,” we find Jesus using everyday items and events to teach deep spiritual truths, and everyone must either believe or reject him.

- Psalms

The Book of Psalms powerfully resonates with the whole spectrum of human emotions and experiences, resounding with heartfelt praise, humble confession, and honest lament. Using the 12-week study guide by Douglas O'Donnell, we'll explain the biblical text with clarity and passion, explore the Bible's ability to transform our emotions and incline our hearts toward worship. Study guides are \$6.

- Galatians: Jesus + Nothing

The book of Galatians is one of the apostle Paul's most impassioned and eloquent letters. It warns Christians of the dangers of both legalism and lawlessness, while calling them to live lives that are shaped by the gospel. In this study, we will walk through the promises, warnings, and gospel declarations found in Galatians. Both accessible and theologically robust, this study will help us find freedom in our identity as God's adopted children.

- Inquirer's Class

For those interested in becoming a member of Faith Presbyterian Church or would like to know more about the Presbyterian Church in America. This class meets for three weeks: Feb 11, Feb 18, Feb 25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Board Members

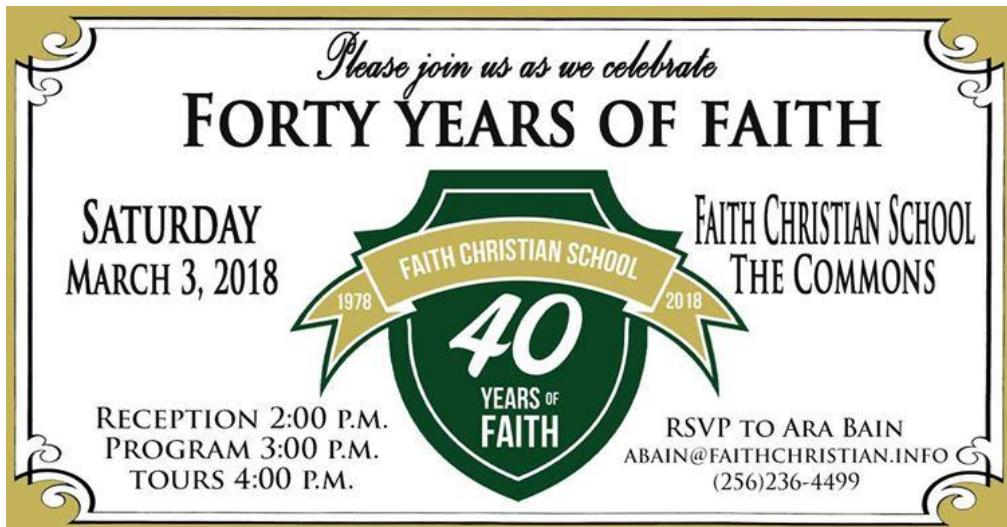
There is a meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30 pm in the board room.

Youth Group

Youth will not meet this evening. Jay is out of town. Next Sunday evening, March 4, the youth will meet from 5-7 pm at Anniston Bowling Center. (321 W. Blue Mountain Rd.) Bring money for bowling and food. Jay will text parents this week with more details.

Forty Years of Faith

Join us on Saturday, March 3, as we celebrate the fortieth anniversary of Faith Christian School. Guest speakers will include Dr. Bill Lanier, our first Headmaster; Dr. Ben Character our Headmaster when we expanded to a high school; and Mr. Chip Jones, our current Headmaster. There will also be previous members of the church in attendance, who were instrumental in the development of the school: Mary Beth Walker, Wayne & Ann Curles, and Nancy Mitchell.



Please join us as we celebrate
FORTY YEARS OF FAITH

SATURDAY
MARCH 3, 2018

FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
THE COMMONS

1978 **40** 2018
YEARS OF
FAITH

RECEPTION 2:00 P.M.
PROGRAM 3:00 P.M.
TOURS 4:00 P.M.

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The invitation is framed in a gold border with decorative scrollwork in the corners. The central graphic features a green shield with a gold banner across it. The banner contains the text 'FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL' and the years '1978' and '2018' on either side. The shield itself has '40' in large white numbers, with 'YEARS OF FAITH' written below it.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Josiah McDaniel, being treated and monitored for an irregular heartbeat

Kelsey McWilliams, recovering from back surgery

This week's families: Neal & Sandy Hegeman, Eddie & Kris Herndon, Mike & Leigh Anne Hill

Military: Peck Mallory III, Ben Herndon, Jonathan Searle, Jon Mattox, Adam Shelley, Aaron

Pugh, Quenton Moore, Parker Moore, Tyler Harris, Andrew Smith, Jason Moore

Pregnancies: Ginny Searle, Katie Weaver

Homes to sell: Chip & Anne Jones, Andrea Callahan, Grant & Camille Carroll (Mississippi house)

Church Ministry: Worship Team

Church Leaders & Staff: Brian Totherow, Brad Weaver

Young Adults: Sam Smith, Claire Stover, Thomas Walker

Those struggling with health issues: Rosie Ping, Gene Wilson, Fred Medley, Gladys Snow,

Jesse Floeck, Rosemary Cooley, Kevin Miller, Rob Bailey, Paul Hayden, Louis Feazell,

Colleen Taylor

Those who are battling cancer: Chris Mixon, Craig Childs Sr., Anne Yoggy, George Yoggy,

Cassie Brock, Lesley LaPlante, Damion Womack, Janet Sykes, Joanne Corbin

Those being cared for at home or an extended care facility: Tina McLeod, Annie Bell, Ann

Gilliland, Laurie Shaffer (Kris Herndon's sister), Gladys Snow, Dottie Brazelton, Clifford

Herndon

Missionaries: Katherine Long (Bulgaria, MTW); Derek & Laura Dougherty (Peru, MTW);

Brad & Colleen Taylor (International World Reach); Anees Zaka (Church Without Walls);

Kristen Flaniken (Wycliffe Bible Translators); Daniel & Courtney Hightower (JSU, RUF);

Wayne and Ann Curles (Burma, Church Resource Ministries)

This Week's Schedule

Sun: 9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
6:00 pm Ping Small Group

Mon: 10:30 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm School Board meeting

Tue: 9:30 am Ladies Discipleship

Wed: 8:00 am FPC/FCS Calendar mtg
10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
6:15 pm Searle Small Group

Sat: 2:00 pm FCS 40th Year Celebration

Children's Ministry

This Week	Next Week
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Infant Worship: Kathryn Searle Alicia Williams	Infant Worship: Deby Buchanan Jean Miller
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2-3 Year Worship: Leigh Anne Hill	2-3 Year Worship: Jack Totherow
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4 Yrs-1st grade: Katie Weaver	4 Yrs-1st grade: Camille Carroll Claire Stover
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2nd-5th grade: Rick Searle Jay Dial	2nd-5th grade: Grant Carroll Eddie Herndon
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Deacon:

This Week: Justin Williams
Next Week: Chris Probst

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mike Hill-27th, Phyllis Bethiaume-27th,
Cade Miller-27th, Josh Goode-28th,
Angela Formby-28th, Kyla Miller-3rd,
Eddie & Kris Herndon (A)-3rd

WELCOME CARD

Please detach and place in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary.

Date: _____

Name (s): _____

Child(ren): _____

Email: _____

Phone(s): _____

Address: _____

Please indicate:

- 1st Time Guest
- 2nd Time Guest
- Regular Attendee
- Member

I would like more information about:

- What FPC believes
- Small Groups
- Youth Group
- Children's Ministry
- Joining FPC in Membership
- La Iglesia Casa de Adoracion en Anniston

WHAT WE BELIEVE

- We believe the Bible is the written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is the revelation of God's truth and is infallible and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.
- We believe in the Holy Trinity. There is one God, who exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- We believe that all are sinners and totally unable to save themselves from God's displeasure.
- We believe that salvation is by God alone, by grace alone, and through faith in Christ alone, not based upon any human merit.
- We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who through His perfect life and sacrificial death atoned for the sins of all who will trust in Him, alone, for salvation.
- We believe that God is gracious and faithful to His people, not simply as individuals but as families in successive generations according to His Covenant promises.
- We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells God's people and gives them the strength and wisdom to trust Christ and follow Him.
- We believe that Jesus will return, bodily and visibly to judge all mankind and to receive His people to Himself.
- We believe that all aspects of our lives are to be lived to the glory of God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The Vision of Faith Presbyterian Church is

To become a fellowship of
believers who are experiencing the
transforming power of the Gospel,
And are Instruments of Change
in the lives of others

Our Mission is

To *reach* people for Christ
And *equip* them to serve

Elders

Rick Searle *Senior Pastor*
Grant Carroll *Associate Pastor*
Peck Mallory, Vince Mattox,
Jimmy Miller, Shannon Robertson,
Tim Smith, Phil Stumbo,
Jack Totherow, Jay Walker

Deacons

Chad McLeod, Kelsey McWilliams,
Charlie Ping, Chris Probst,
Joe Searle, Brian Totherow,
Brad Weaver, Justin Williams

Ministry Leadership

Rick Searle *Senior Pastor*
Grant Carroll *Associate Pastor*
Jay Dial (Intern) *Youth Ministry*
Chrissy McLeod *Children's Ministry*
Suzan Freeman *Office Administrator*
Ara Bain *Remembrance*
Jennifer Bush *Hospitality*