

VITAL SIGNS

Last week's offering \$53,900
Weekly budget \$59,997
Sunday worship 1688
Sunday school 845

PRAYERS & UPDATES

Recent Deaths

- Miles Biery

Recent & Upcoming Surgeries

- Laura Kuhn

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FAITH KIDS @ HOME

The following lesson was taught today in our children's Sunday School classes. If you have children, please take time this week to review the lesson with them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON : JULY 2

Title: God Sends Baby Isaac

Passage: Genesis 21:1–14

Principle: God always keeps His promises.

Praise: "Praise Him, Praise Him"

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- Who was the special baby promised to Abraham?
- Why was Isaac's birth a miracle?
- How did Ishmael treat Isaac?
- Where were Ishmael and Hagar sent?
- In what ways can you trust God?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the

following ways:

- By trusting God to keep His promises.
- By patiently waiting for God to fulfill His promises.
- By keeping the promises he has made.

This week: As a family, read Genesis 21:1–14.

Next week: Genesis 22:1–19; Hebrews 11:17–19

Memory verses: "Now **faith is the assurance of things hoped for**, the conviction of things not seen." **Hebrews 11:1***

* Preschool verse in bold print

In Christ Alone

Independence Day

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JULY 2, 2017
IN CHRIST ALONE

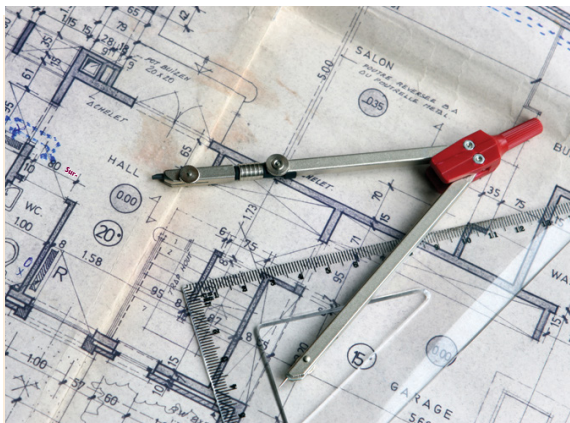
Strategic Ministry Planning

Thank you for the many suggestions and initiatives that have been provided over the past months. We have reviewed these suggestions and now need your input on prioritizing them for our five-year plan. Please go to faithlafayette.org/smpranking. There, you will find the ministry initiatives broken into five areas of impact:

Local Church Ministries
Biblical Counseling
Christian Education
Community Engagement
Global Missions

In each of the five areas of impact, please review the initiatives listed and then simply mark the ten you believe are the most important. Once you check ten, move on to the next section and choose ten more until you visit all five areas of impact. The exercise should take about fifteen minutes. Don't be concerned about ranking your choices, just select your ten preferred initiatives. We'll tally the overall choices and use this input to select our final list of 2018-22 initiatives for congregational approval in a few weeks.

Thank you in advance for taking part in this important ministry planning process.



Student Ministries
@ 9:30 & 11:00AM
Journey (6th-8th) the LOFT
Impact (9th-12th) Faith
East preschool
Faith West youth group
@ 9:30AM

Children's Ministries
Nursery-5th grade
Faith East @ 8:00AM
Both campuses @ 9:30 & 11:00AM

College & International Ministries
Fridays @ 6:45PM, Faith West

Faith Groups
Faith West
For information, please visit faithlafayette.org/faithgroups

Adult Bible Fellowships • Faith East

8:00AM	SONRISE FOUNDATIONS	Rob Green Brent Smitley	• 215/217 • 203/205
9:30AM	AMBASSADORS BEREANS CAREER COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT GENERATION PEACEMAKERS PROCLAIMERS YOUNG COUPLES YOUNG FAMILIES	Dave Jones & Guy Campbell Jeff Baker Lee Morrison Keith Harmeyer Joe Blake & Eric Seubring Adam Murphy & Jerry Jamison Dan Wickert & Scott Grass Rob Green Aaron Patton	• Vision of Hope • 207/209 • Community Center, Room 2 • Duck Room @FE Preschool • Community Center, Room 1 • Music Suite • 202/204 • 211/213 • 203/205
11:00AM	ENCOURAGERS ESTUDIO BIBLICO FRIENDSHIP	Dustin Folden Newton Peña Chester Bankes & Tim Catron	• 202/204 • 211/213 • Music Suite

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Faith Church

A family of followers of Jesus Christ who desire to honor God by applying His sufficient Word to all areas of life and ministry.




Faith Bible Seminary

Equipping men to be pastors for the ministry.



Faith Community Ministries

Addressing community needs with compassion, truth, and hope.



Vision of Hope

A faith-based residential ministry that focuses on applying practical solutions from God's Word to help produce permanent change in women's lives that have been characterized by negative habits.



Faith Christian School

Helping parents raise their children to live effectively in God's world.



Faith Biblical Counseling

Providing training and counseling based on God's sufficient Word.



Bethany Farms

A faith-based residential ministry for men that is structured to bring Christ into every area of life by focusing on meaningful work, Biblical counseling, involvement in the local church, and the study of Scripture.



A place to call home

In Christ Alone Handling Problems in a Christ-Centered Way Overcoming Bitterness in the Power of Our Savior Hebrews 12

"In short, for over a week the expedition resembled a hospital ward for the critically ill more than it did a platoon of fighting men. Herein lies one of the great stories of American history, even though it is a tale of what didn't happen rather than what did. It would have been the work of a few moments only for the Nez Perce to kill the white men and take for themselves all the expedition's goods. Had the Indians done so, they would have come into possession of by far the biggest arsenal not just west of the Rocky Mountains but west of the Mississippi River, along with priceless kettles, axes, hatchets, beads, and other trade items in quantities greater than any of them would ever see in their lifetimes." American History is Undaunted Courage by Stephen Ambrose

Hebrews 1:1-4 - *God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.*

3 reasons you should avoid bitterness at all costs

I. Avoid Bitterness because of its _____

A. _____ it is

Bitter - "pointed, sharp, pungent...and in a transferred sense painful, angry, relentless, embittered" (Colin Brown – Dictionary of New Testament Theology, Vol. 1, p. 201).

"...designating or having a sharp, often unpleasant taste; acrid...causing or showing sorrow, discomfort, or pain; grievous" (Webster's New World Dictionary).

Proverbs 14:10 - *The heart knows its own bitterness, and a stranger does not share its joy.*

B. How bitterness _____

1. It begins in the _____, like a "root in the ground"

see to it---episkopew---elder or overseer

2. If unaddressed, it _____ up

"short of the grace of God"

C. What it _____

1. It causes _____

a. the trouble of _____

Ephesians 4:31-32 - *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.*

b. the trouble of _____/envy

James 3:14 - But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.

James 3:15-18 - This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Acts 8:20-23 - But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity."

c. The trouble of _____ communication

James 3:10-11 - ...from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way. Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water?

Romans 3:14 - Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.

2. It _____ many

II. Avoid Bitterness because of its _____

A. Illustrated in _____

Genesis 27:34-36 - When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, O my father!" And he said, "Your brother came deceitfully and has taken away your blessing." Then he said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob, for he has supplanted me these two times? He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing." And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"

B. Illustrated in _____

Ruth 1:16-17 - But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. "Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the Lord do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me."

Ruth 1:20-21 - She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. "I went out full, but the Lord has brought me back empty..."

Ruth 4:14-15 - Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed is the Lord who has not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name become famous in Israel. May he also be to you a restorer of life and a sustainer of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you and is better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.

III. Avoid Bitterness because of its _____

Hebrews 12:17 - For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

It's time for a sundae on Sunday! Come enjoy an ice cream sundae of your own creation at our annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 16, 2:30-4:00PM. Enjoy fellowship with other ladies and hear a devotional from Jocelyn Wallace. Girls of all ages are encouraged to attend. Sign up at the table in the foyer or online at faithlafayette.org/women by July 12. No childcare will be provided for this event. Contact Sandy Esgar at scesar@gmail.com with any questions.



FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Join us for the 20th annual Eagle Scramble supporting the athletics programs at Faith Christian School. This year's tournament will be held at the Battle Ground Golf Club on Saturday, July 29. Registration is 12:00-2:00PM with a shotgun start. Lunch and dinner will be provided on the course and included in the registration of \$100.00 per player. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Register at faithlafayette.org/scramble.

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT

There will not be a Church Family Night for July. The next CFN will be August 6. Plan on joining us then!

CALEB'S KIN (SENIOR CITIZENS)

Join us July 12, 10:00AM for our annual picnic at the Viars' home (40 Wildcat Bluffs Rd, Lafayette). Meat, drinks, and tableware will be provided; please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Questions? Contact Alisha Vegter 765.350.0919 or Roseanna Beecher 317. 709.6810.

**YOU WON'T
WANT TO MISS THIS!**