

## Vital Signs

Last week's offering \$79,773  
Weekly budget \$59,997  
Sunday worship 1761  
Sunday school 1142



## Prayer Requests

### RECENT DEATHS

- Bev Moore's mom
- Lea Foster's mom

### RECENT & UPCOMING SURGERIES

- Nathan Maifeld

### OTHER PRAYER NEEDS

- Jeff Gray

## Contacting Your Pastors

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*Overcoming*  
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June 9, 2019  
Growing What  
God Has Given



∞ **Faith Community Picnic** ∞

**Sunday, June 30, 11AM - 3PM**

Faith East Campus • Fun for Everyone

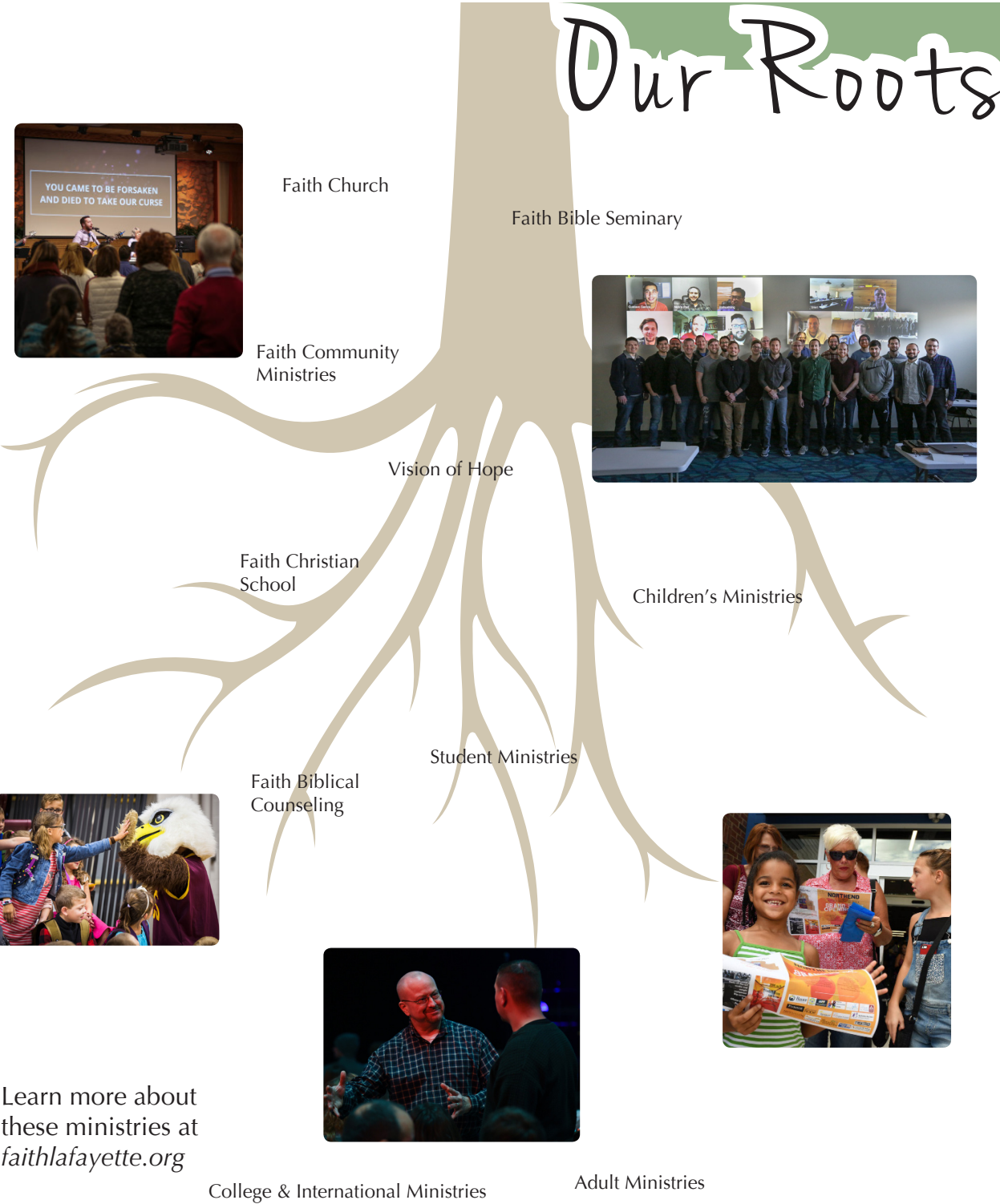


**Food • Bounce Houses  
Car Show • Face Painting  
Laser Tag • Food Trucks  
Rock Climbing Wall  
Trackless Train Rides • 38' Slide**

Join us for Father's Day! June 16

<b>FAITH CHURCH EAST (FE)</b> 8:00, 9:30, 11:00AM	<b>CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES</b> 8:00, 9:30, 11:00AM (FE) 9:30 & 11:00AM (FW) 11:00AM (FN)
<b>FAITH CHURCH WEST (FW)</b> 9:30 & 11:00AM	
<b>FAITH CHURCH NORTH (FN)</b> 11:00AM	<b>STUDENT MINISTRIES</b> 9:30 & 11:00AM (FE) 9:30AM (FW) 11:00AM (FN)

FATHER'S DAY



# Children's Ministry

**READ:** Matthew 25:14-30

**ASK YOUR CHILD:**

- Why was the master happy with the servants who earned talents? They managed well the things entrusted to them.
- What kind of servant is Jesus looking for? Faithful servants

**EMPHASIZE THIS PRINCIPLE:** God is our master. Therefore, we should faithfully serve Him.

**PRACTICE:**

- List some things God has entrusted to you that He intends you to use for His glory.
- Identify ways that you could faithfully steward what God has entrusted to you.

**PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK:** Matthew 21:1-11

**MEMORIZE FOR JUNE 2-23: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20**

\* Preschool verse in bold

# 4:TWELVE

**Sundays**

Faith East 9:30 & 11:00AM

Faith West 9:30AM

Faith North 11:00AM

**Tuesdays** - Faith North 6:30PM

**Wednesdays** - Faith East 6:30PM

**Thursdays** - Faith West 6:30PM



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Faith Church's entire sermon library is available on the SermonAudio app.  
Download @ [sermonaudio.com/mobile](https://sermonaudio.com/mobile). Church member ID is "faithlafayette".

## Adult Bible Fellowships

8:00AM SONRISE (215/217)  
FOUNDATIONS (203/205)  
COLLEGE (FW MPR)

9:30AM AMBASSADORS (VOH)  
BEREANS (207/209)  
CAREER (FECC rm 2)  
GENERATION (FECC rm 1)  
ESTUDIO BIBLICO (NCC)  
PEACEMAKERS (MS)  
PROCLAIMERS (202/204)  
YOUNG COUPLES (211/213)  
YOUNG FAMILIES (203/205)

11:00AM ENCOURAGERS (202/204)  
FRIENDSHIP (MS)

## Faith Groups

Faith Groups promote spiritual growth through meaningful Christian relationships. They encourage spiritual growth through the study of God's Word, being vulnerable with other Christians, group service opportunities, and additional biblical training. They meet throughout the week and are led by various members of Faith Church West.

More information about Adult Bible Fellowships, Faith Groups, and Neighborhood Bible Groups is available online at [faithlafayette.org/church/connect](https://faithlafayette.org/church/connect) and at the welcome desk.

## Neighborhood Bible Groups

Neighborhood Bible Groups at the Northend are a place of community that provide a safe place to strengthen one another's faith, encourage one another to good deeds, and to love and serve God and others. The groups meet throughout the week and are led by various members of Faith Church North.

## Growing What God Has Given Overcoming Bitterness The Power of Biblical Lament Psalm 13

**Romans 15:14, Ephesians 4:31-32**

**Proverbs 14:10** - *The heart knows its own bitterness...*

**Proverbs 4:23** - *Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.*

**Genesis 49:23** - *The archers bitterly attacked him, and shot at him and harassed him...*

**Exodus 1:13-14, 1 Samuel 1:6**

4 characteristics of lament that honors the Lord

### I. Addressed to Our God as an Expression of \_\_\_\_\_

A. A very helpful \_\_\_\_\_

B. Starting \_\_\_\_\_

"Bitter (OT – Marah, NT – pikros) – sour, brackish taste, the opposite of sweet. The poisonous, putrid bile from the gall bladder. An inner emotional feeling of deep sorrow, or an outwardly directed anger that cries out to the power that seems to be causing the problem." Theological Wordbook of the OT – p. 528-529

"Lament – The honest cry of a hurting heart wrestling with the paradox of pain and the promise of God's goodness." Vroegop, p. 26

C. \_\_\_\_\_ just "how long", but "how long O LORD?"

"It is precisely out of trust that God is sovereign that the psalmist repeatedly brings laments and petitions to the Lord...if the psalmists had already decided the verdict--that God is indeed unfaithful—they would not continue to offer their complaint"

D. Because we \_\_\_\_\_ in God's power and control

**Psalm 10:1** - Why do You stand afar off, O Lord? Why do You hide Yourself in times of trouble?

**Psalm 77:1-2, Habakkuk 1:1-4**

"God is the friend of the honest doubter who dares to talk to God rather than about him. Prayer that includes an element of questioning God may be a means of increasing one's faith. Expressing doubts and crying out about unfair situations in the universe show one's trust in God and one's confidence that God should and does have an answer to humanity's insoluble problems." Barker and Bailey – The New American Commentary, Vol. 20

"It takes faith to pray a lament." Vroegop, p. 31

### II. Characterized by Heartfelt Concerns and \_\_\_\_\_

A. By \_\_\_\_\_ both the cliff and the cave

B. Be \_\_\_\_\_ about what is troubling you

*How long O lord? (13:1a)*

*Will you forget me forever? (13:1b)*

*How long will you hide your face from me? (13:1c)*



*How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart all the day? (13:2a)*

*How long will my enemy be exalted over me? (13:2b)*

“Once you start to see these questions in the Psalms, they jump off the page. These heartfelt questions have been in your Bible all along, but somehow they’ve been easy to miss. It is almost as if we don’t understand the value of bringing our questions to God. Perhaps we think they’re not allowed. Michael Jenkins, in his book *In the House of the Lord*, reminds us that God can handle our struggles: ‘The psalms of lament open us to the greatness of a God who not only can hear, but also can handle our pain, our self-pity, our blame, and our fear, who can respond to our anger, our disillusionment in the midst of oppression and persecution, under the boot of tyranny and our sense of God-forsakenness in the face of life’s most profound alienations and exiles.’ These psalms give us permission—even encouragement—to lay out our struggles, even if they are with God himself.” Vroegop

C. And in so doing, be more like our \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 2:29-31**

### III. Filled with Bold Requests and \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

A. To arise and \_\_\_\_\_ the injustice

**Psalm 13:3a** - *Consider and answer me, O Lord my God...*

**Psalm 10:12** - *Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up Your hand. Do not forget the afflicted.*

**Psalm 3:7** - *Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God!*

B. To help you \_\_\_\_\_ what is occurring

**Psalm 13:3b** - *Enlighten my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death...*

C. To \_\_\_\_\_ His promises

**Psalm 25:6** - *Remember, O Lord, Your compassion and Your lovingkindnesses, for they have been from of old.*

D. To perform justice

**Psalm 83:16-18**

E. To forgive your sins

**Psalm 79:9** - *Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; and deliver us and forgive our sins for Your name’s sake.*

F. To teach you as you wait

“I shall look at the word through tears. Perhaps I shall see things that dry-eyed I could not see.”  
Nicholas Wolterstorff, *Lament for a Son*, p. 127 – Kindle

**Psalm 86:11** - *Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.*

G. To vindicate you in His time

**Psalm 35:23-24** - *Stir up Yourself, and awake to my right and to my cause, my God and my Lord. Judge me, O Lord my God, according to Your righteousness, and do not let them rejoice over me.*

### IV. Concluded with a Commitment to Trust and \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 13:5-6** - *But I have trusted in Your lovingkindness; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me.*

## Seminary Graduation

Join us for Faith Bible Seminary’s graduation, June 29, 10:00-11:30AM in the Faith East auditorium. We will be celebrating the outgoing class of MDiv & MABC students with a lunch to follow. We ask that you please donate \$10/couple or \$20/family of 4+ to help us offset the meal cost. RSVP at <http://bit.ly/fbsgraduation> or call Kirk Fatoool at 765.448.1986 by June 12.

## Women's Ministry

It is time for the Ice Cream Social! Sunday, June 23, 3PM at the Faith East Community Center multi-purpose room. Join us and bring a friend for a time of fun, fellowship, and ICE CREAM! Amy Anderson, a former member of Faith, will be speaking on “My True Identity.” Please sign up today in the foyer or online at [faithlafayette.org/women](http://faithlafayette.org/women).

## Ordination Info

Wednesday, June 26, 6:30PM in the Faith Church East Music Suite, the church family will be able to question Aaron Birk, Rod Hutton, Stefan Nitzschke, and Greg Wetterlin on their doctrine and character as these men are considered for ordination.

## Faith Bible Seminary

We are furnishing several houses for the new seminary interns that will be coming this summer and we’d love for you to consider partnering with us. If you are planning on downsizing, moving, dejunking, or have leftover garage sale items, we have a solution for your extras! We are looking for new or gently used items to set up three totally empty homes/apartments and four partially completed ones. Please email Connie Thomas at [new.creatures@comcast.net](mailto:new.creatures@comcast.net) if you have items to donate or you have questions about what items are still needed.

