

Vital Signs

Last week's offering \$57,029
Weekly budget \$59,997
Sunday worship 1701
Sunday school 1069



Prayer Requests

RECENT DEATHS

•Tori Kjaer's grandmother, Ursula Lee

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Growing by Overcoming BITTERNESS



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July 21, 2019
Growing What
God Has Given



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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

We have a variety of offerings to help you grow and develop friendships this year. Faith Community Institute classes begin September 4 and 12-week small groups start the week of August 25. Please visit faithlafayette.org/women for more information and to sign up for one of our small groups!



Our Men of Faith ministry offers small groups, personal mentoring, Faith Community Institute (FCI) classes, large group events, as well as numerous serving opportunities. Our fall kickoff event is Saturday, August 17, 7:00AM in the Faith Church gym and includes breakfast, fellowship, and a personal testimony, followed by a pastor-led discussion from the Bible.

This fall we will be launching our brand new men's FCI classes: "A Shepherd's Look at Psalm 23" and "Exemplary Husband." Visit faithlafayette.org/men for more information.

Our Roots

Faith Church



Faith Community Ministries

Faith Christian School



Faith Biblical Counseling

Vision of Hope



Faith Bible Seminary

Children's Ministries



Student Ministries

Adult Ministries



College & International Ministries

Learn more about these ministries at faithlafayette.org

Children's Ministry

READ: Acts 10:1-11:18

ASK YOUR CHILD:

- How did God show that He wanted Gentiles to be saved? *God gave Peter a vision which revealed that He had eliminated the distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, making the gospel available to all people.*
- What happened when Peter preached in Cornelius's home? *The Holy Spirit fell upon the Gentile believers.*

EMPHASIZE THIS PRINCIPLE: God offers salvation to all people. Therefore, we should believe and proclaim the truth to others.

PRACTICE:

- Rejoice that God has chosen to save both Jews and Gentiles.
- Share the gospel with those around you.

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK: Revelation 20:1-15

MEMORIZE FOR JULY 21-AUGUST 11: "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

* 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. 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 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 Growing by Overcoming Bitterness Taming a Bitter Tongue James 3:1-18

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?

The Bible uses this word group in three distinct ways:

1. The presence of bitter conditions
2. The power of a bitter heart
3. The poison of a bitter lifestyle

3 principles to help us avoid bitter speech

I. Understand the _____ of Bitter Speech

Proverbs 18:21 - *Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.*

A. It is a universal _____

James 3:2 - *For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.*

James 3:8 - *But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.*

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).

B. It has incredible _____

1. like a _____ in a horse's mouth

James 3:3 - *Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well.*

2. like a _____ in a ship

James 3:4 - *Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires.*

C. It is notoriously _____

1. We use our tongues to _____ God and _____ people

James 3:9 - *With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God...*

"The Beatitudes are statements about the privileged status (blessedness) a relationship with Christ confers upon believers. Certainly, Eugena does not feel 'blessed' right now. But then few modern Americans would use 'blessed' to describe themselves if they saw themselves as 'poor in spirit,' 'mournful,' 'persecuted,' or 'hungry.' All this suggests that a different way of looking at life is needed to truly appreciate what Jesus is saying with these Beatitudes. Although Eugena won't resonate initially with these statements of blessedness, as a child of God, they are nevertheless true for her. And that reality can help her, over time, to recover from her divorce and redirect her new life as a single woman toward God's glorious kingdom purposes for her." Jeff Forrey, "Beating Bitterness with the Beatitudes", BCC blog post, July 10, 2019

2. Unlike other aspects of _____

II. Examine the _____ of Bitter Speech

Matthew 12:34-37 - ...For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil. But

I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

A. Its _____

1. _____

James 3:14 - ...but if you have bitter jealousy...

Acts 8:20-22 - 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.

Acts 8:23 - For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity.

2. _____ ambition

James 3:14 - But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart...

James 3:16 - For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist...

"Those whose lives are based on and motivated by human, ungodly wisdom are inevitably self-centered, living in a world in which their own personal ideas, desires, and standards are the measure of everything. Whatever and whoever serves those ends is considered good and friendly; whatever and whoever threatens those ends is considered bad and an enemy. Those who are engulfed in self-serving worldly wisdom resent anyone or anything that comes between them and their own objectives. John MacArthur, Commentary on James, p. 171

3. _____

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

4. _____

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.

B. Its _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

James 3:15 - This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.

C. Its _____

James 3:16 - For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

III. Seek an _____ to Bitter Speech

A. Its _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. reasonable

4. full of _____

5. unwavering

6. without _____

James 3:17 - But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

B. Its _____

James 3:18 - And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Caleb's Kin

Join us Wednesday, July 24, in Indianapolis for a private trolley tour, lunch at Shapiro's Deli, and then a tour of our state capitol. We'll leave at 7:30AM from the Faith Christian School flagpole and return around 4:00PM. The costs are \$15 for the trolley, \$3 for gas, and your lunch. Contact Nancy Wood at (765) 471-2401.

Children's Ministry

Our free ministries for children are packed with creative games, interactive lessons, and hands-on activities that are designed to help kids discover how a growing relationship with God can fill their lives with joy and purpose. Sunday programs are offered each week at Faith East at 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00AM, Faith West at 9:30 & 11:00AM, and Faith North at 11:00AM. Wednesday programs begin August 25 at our east campus from 6:30-8:00PM. Register at faithlafayette.org/kids.

Faith Christian Preschool

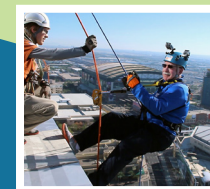
Are you interested in a Christ-centered, nurturing, and academic early education and child-care experience for your child? Please call for availability and then apply online at faithlafayette.org/preschool as soon as possible. On Thursday, August 1, from 5:00-7:00PM, we will host a preschool open house for any additional interested families to have a tour and meet the staff at both the Faith East (765) 449-0120 and Faith West (765) 449-3720.

Faith Christian School

FCS is still accepting applications for Preschool-12th grade. Our mission is to inspire a student's lifelong pursuit of Jesus Christ. We do this through our emphasis on supporting families and providing a rigorous education grounded in a biblical worldview. For more information or to schedule a tour, call our school office at (765) 447-2727 or visit faithlafayette.org/admissions to start your application today.

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