

## Vital Signs

Last week's offering \$62,327  
Weekly budget \$59,997  
Sunday worship 1738  
Sunday school 1129



## Prayer Requests

### RECENT DEATHS

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### RECENT & UPCOMING SURGERIES

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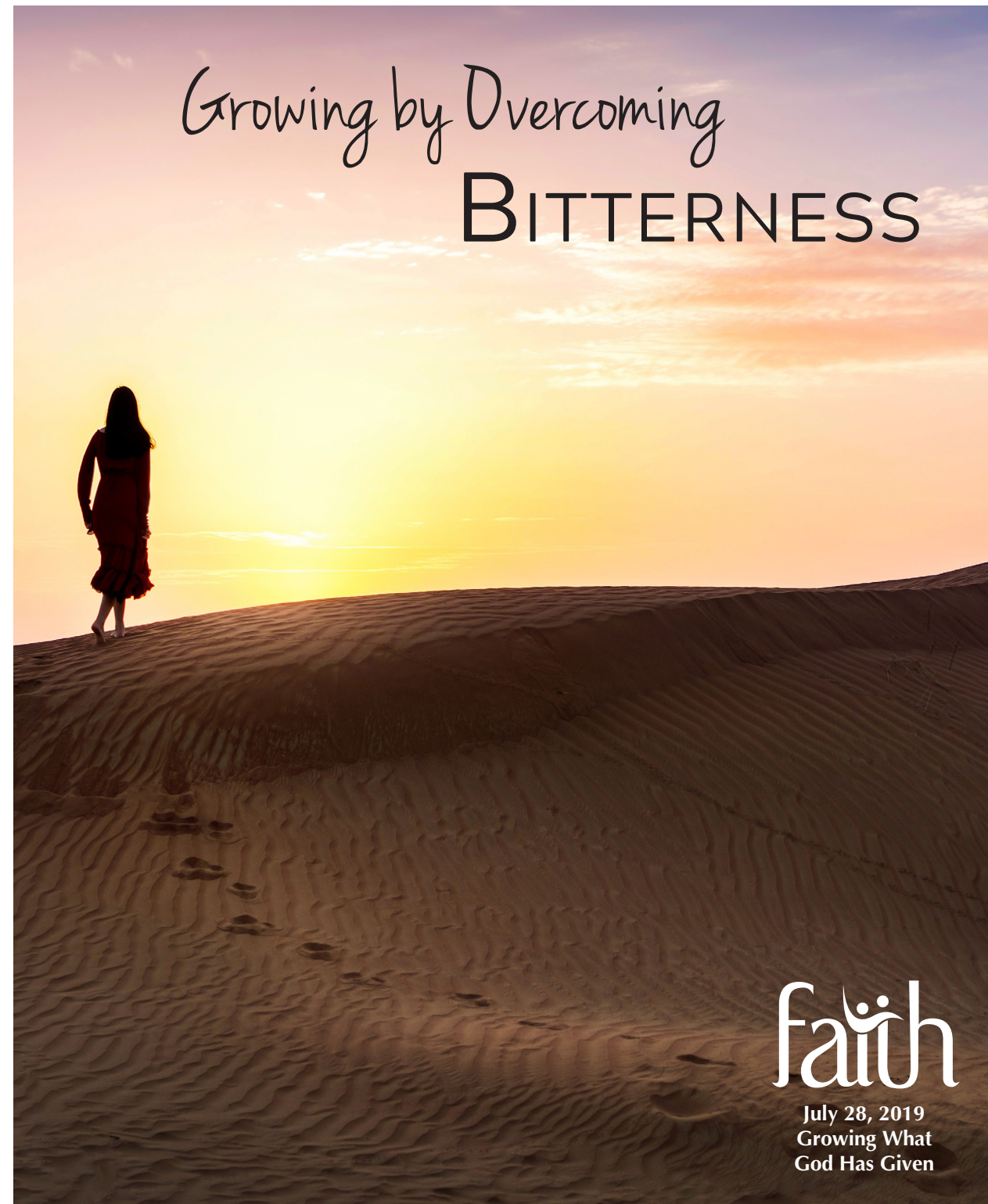
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# Growing by Overcoming BITTERNESS

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July 28, 2019  
Growing What  
God Has Given

# Back to school Back to church

FALL MINISTRY TRAINING AUGUST 14

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Faith East Auditorium

Who should attend?

- ABF teachers, coordinators, and key leaders
- Children's Ministry class leaders and class assistants
- Ushers, greeters, and coffee ministry servants
- Student Ministry leaders meet in The Loft

If you will need childcare, please RSVP at [faithlafayette.org/training](http://faithlafayette.org/training)

## FALL AT FAITH

### SUNDAY FALL KICKOFF

August 18—8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM

New preaching series on "Growth Essentials"

New Adult Bible Fellowship, Student Ministries,  
and Children's Ministries teaching

Invite others to join us!

### WEDNESDAY FALL KICKOFF

Night of worship on August 28

- Nursery and classroom ministries  
available for infants and preschoolers

Classes begin on September 4

- Faith Community Institute courses for  
adults
- Full ministries for children and teens



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

# Our Roots

Learn more about  
these ministries at  
[faithlafayette.org](http://faithlafayette.org)

# Children's Ministry

READ: Revelation 20:1-15

## ASK YOUR CHILD:

- What will happen to Satan and his followers? *They will be defeated and cast into the lake of fire.*
- What will happen to those whose names are not found in the book of life? *They will be judged at the Great White Throne and cast into the lake of fire.*

**EMPHASIZE THIS PRINCIPLE:** God judges sin and rewards faith. Therefore, we should follow Christ and share him with others.

## PRACTICE:

- Escape God's judgment by believing in Christ and repenting of sin.
- Eagerly share the gospel with others who are not saved.

**PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK:** Revelation 21:1-8, 22-27; 22:12-17

**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

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

# 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

 [faith4twelvestudentministries](https://www.instagram.com/faith4twelvestudentministries)

 [faith412](https://www.facebook.com/faith412)



## Growing What God Has Given Growing by Overcoming Bitterness Embracing Hope in Bitterness because of God's Providence Ruth 1

**Psalm 31:24** - *Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the LORD.*

**Psalm 39:7** - *And now, Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You.*

**Psalm 42:5**

**Psalm 71:14** - *But as for me, I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more.*

**Psalm 146:5** - *How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God...*

**Romans 5:1-5**

**Romans 15:13**

**Ephesians 4:31-32**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the reality of bitterness
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the pitfalls of sinful bitterness

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

**Deuteronomy 29:18**

**Hebrews 12:11** - *All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.*

**Hebrews 12:12-13**

**Hebrews 12:15-17**

**Romans 15:4** - *For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the hope in bitterness

## I. When Facing Bitter Circumstances, Carefully Evaluate the Way You Think and Speak About Your \_\_\_\_\_

"...the loveliest, complete work on a small scale." Johan von Goethe

"What Venus is to statuary and the Mona Lisa is to paintings, Ruth is to literature." John MacArthur, MacArthur Study Bible, Introduction to Ruth

A. Important \_\_\_\_\_

1. The days of the \_\_\_\_\_  
**Judges 21:25** - *In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*
2. The country of \_\_\_\_\_  
"Playing with fire." John Piper, A Sweet and Bitter Providence, p. 31
3. Extremely \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances  
**Ruth 1:5** - *Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died, and the woman was bereft of her two children and her husband.*  
"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." AW Tozer.

B. Naomi clearly believed in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

**Ephesians 1:11** - *...also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will...*

## 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](http://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.

1. regarding the initial \_\_\_\_\_

**Leviticus 26:3-4**

2. regarding the \_\_\_\_\_ of food in Bethlehem

**Ruth 1:6** - *Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the land of Moab, for she had heard in the land of Moab that the LORD had visited His people in giving them food.*

3. regarding her \_\_\_\_\_ to her daughters-in-law

**Ruth 1:8** - *And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you as you have dealt with the dead and with me."*

**Ruth 1:9** - *"May the LORD grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.*

C. Yet Naomi's theology was frighteningly \_\_\_\_\_

1. Her focus was on the provision she could see at the \_\_\_\_\_

2. Resulting in suggestions that were absolutely \_\_\_\_\_

**Ruth 1:9** - *"May the LORD grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband."*

**Ruth 1:15** - *Then she said, "Behold, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her gods; return after your sister-in-law."*

3. She failed to see God's fundamental \_\_\_\_\_, love, and mercy even in the midst of bitter circumstances

**Ruth 1:13** - *It is harder (literally – more bitter) for me than for you...the hand of the Lord has gone forth against me...*

**Ruth 1:20** - *...the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me...*

**Ruth 1:21** - *...the Lord has witnessed against me and the Almighty has afflicted me...*

**Genesis 50:20** - *As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.*

"The problem with Naomi is that the story of Joseph has not gotten into her bones...Joseph too went into a foreign country. He was sold as a slave. He was framed by an adulteress and put in prison. He had every reason to say, with Naomi, 'The Almighty has dealt bitterly with me.' But he was never embittered against God. God turned it all for Joseph's personal good and for Israel's national good. The key lesson in Genesis 50:20 is this: 'As for you [Joseph says to his brothers], you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good.' Naomi is right to believe in a sovereign, almighty God who governs the affairs of nations and families—and gives each day its part of pain and pleasure, as the old Swedish hymn says. But she needs to open her eyes—the eyes of her heart—to the signs of his merciful purposes." John Piper, *A Sweet and Bitter Providence*, p. 38

D. The \_\_\_\_\_ is in Ruth's sweet, sincere faith

**Ruth 1:16,17**

## II. When Facing Bitter Circumstances, Carefully Evaluate the Way You Think and Speak About \_\_\_\_\_

A. What word \_\_\_\_\_ you?

**Ruth 1:20** - *She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me."*

B. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ the blessings of her past

**Ruth 1:21** - *I went out full...*

C. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ to recognize the blessings of the present

**Ruth 1:21** - *...but the Lord has brought me back empty...*

## III. Understand that \_\_\_\_\_ is Probably Working behind the Scenes in Ways You Do Not Yet Understand

## Caleb's Kin

Join us on Wednesday, August 7, for a tour of WLFI News 18. We'll leave from the Faith Christian School flagpole at 9:30AM, touring WLFI at 10:00AM, and eating at Literato around 11:00AM. The cost is your lunch and \$3 for gas. There is a 25 person limit, call Nancy Wood to reserve a spot: (765) 471-2401.

## Pastoral Addition

Next Sunday, August 4, we will have the privilege of voting to authorize Pastor Viars to hire Rod Hutton to fill a pastoral staff position at the Northend Community Center. Members are invited to vote in the Faith East church gym prior to the Church Family Night service.

## Point Man Groups

Point Man groups exist to help men deepen their relationship with Christ to fulfill their purpose as godly men in relationship to others. Point Man groups will foster relationships that are intentional, purposeful, vulnerable, dependable, accountable, truthful, and loving. Visit [faithlafayette.org/men](http://faithlafayette.org/men) for more information.

## 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](http://faithlafayette.org/admissions) to start your application today.

# CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT

August 4 @ 5:00pm

Join us at Faith East for new member testimonies, ministry updates, and more! New member pictures will be taken in the Faith Resource Center, 4:15 - 4:45PM. Afterwards, join us at the community center for some relaxed family fun.