

## Vital Signs

Last week's offering: \$63,737  
Weekly budget: \$59,997  
Sunday worship: 2224  
Sunday school: 1208

## Prayer Requests

### RECENT AND UPCOMING SURGERIES

• Tuffy Fuller

### OTHER

• Franky and Amor were adopted by Justin and Lydia Brownfield

## Your Pastors

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# Celebrating the Reality of the Gospel

**faith**

February 16, 2020  
Celebrating God's  
Truth

# Children's Ministry

2<sup>YR</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> grade

**READ: 1 Kings 11:35-38; 12:1-33; 14:1-18**

**ASK YOUR CHILD:**

- Who led Israel after Solomon? *Rehoboam*.
- What happened when Rehoboam increased the labor of the 10 northern tribes? *The kingdom was divided into two nations - Israel and Judah*.
- Who became the leader of the new northern nation? *Jeroboam*.
- What happened when Jeroboam led Israel into greater idolatry? *His son died, his dynasty ended, and Israel would eventually be exiled*.

**EMPHASIZE THIS PRINCIPLE:** God blesses obedience and judges rebellion. Therefore, we should obey.

**PRACTICE:**

- Praise God for providing examples to warn us.
- Humbly obey God's Word.

**PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK:** 1 Kings 17:1; 18:17-46

**MEMORIZE FOR Febuary 9 - March 8:** "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. **God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability**, but with the temptation He will also provide a way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." **1 Corinthians 10:13\***

# 4:TWELVE

6<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> grade

**Sundays**

Faith East 9:30 & 11:00AM

Faith West 9:30AM

Faith North 11:00AM

**Wednesdays - Faith East and Faith North 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".*



# DEMO DAY

Faith CDC Workday - Feb. 29

9AM- Noon

1303 N. 17th, Lafayette

We'll be doing significant demo work and any skill level is welcome. While we have some tools available, if you have any of these, please consider bringing:

scrapers • crowbars • hammers/sledgehammers • safety glasses • cordless drills • shovels • wheelbarrows

We'll provide water and the "tear-something-apart" opportunity! Direct questions and RSVPs to Lori Walters at [lwalters@faithlafayette.org](mailto:lwalters@faithlafayette.org)



# HARTFORD HUB SERVING

The Hartford Hub serves youth of all ages M-F, 3:00-8:30PM. We are looking for servants for the spring semester and beyond. You would be building relationships with the kids, organizing and implementing activities, helping with homework, and supporting the shift leader. If you are interested in making a difference in a child's life, sign up at [faithlafayette.org/hubserve](http://faithlafayette.org/hubserve).

## ABF

Adult Bible Fellowships (ABFs) are a key part to spiritual development for adults at Faith. Each ABF is a group of friendly people wanting to learn about God's Word and live out their faith. ABFs sometimes do activities together as well, such as serving together or just hanging out. ABFs meet Sundays during morning services and are led by various members of Faith Church East.

## 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.

## NBG

Neighborhood Bible Groups (NBGs) 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.

*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.*



# What's Going on at Faith

## Preparing for Worship

Read Romans 3:21-31 to get a head start for next week's sermon.

## Women's Small Groups

Women's small groups are starting again, so be sure to join one by signing up at [faithlafayette.org/smallgroup](http://faithlafayette.org/smallgroup). We have lots of options during the day and evenings. We would love to have you be a part of a group where we enjoy digging into God's word, building close friendships, and holding each other accountable! We hope you choose a group to be a part of today.

## Miscarriage and Infertility Ministry

This ministry is designed to provide encouragement and hope from God's word for women who have suffered a miscarriage, are struggling with conceiving, or are experiencing infertility. You will be contacted by another lady who has personally experienced these challenges and who is ready to compassionately walk this tough road with you. For more information please contact Jamie Johnson [jamiemjohnson@comcast.net](mailto:jamiemjohnson@comcast.net).

SPRING *class*  
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Register @ [faithlafayette.org/fci](http://faithlafayette.org/fci), visit the table in the foyer, or call 765.448.1986

Join us WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 - 8:00PM

### **February 26 - March 18**

Intro to Faith (North)  
Steve Viars

### **February 26 - Apr 8**

2 John, 3 John, and Jude Bible Study  
Jonathan Barrette

Are You an Angry Father (men only)  
Jerry Jamison

Christian Life Essentials  
Trey Garner & Greg Wetterlin

Help for Those Living with Chronic Illness and Pain  
Craig Svensson

Microsoft Excel  
Ken Clarke

Northend Conversations  
Adam Murphy

Trayendo Gloria a Dios en el Matrimonio  
Newton Pena

Winning Within: A Schema for Biblical Heart Change  
Dan Carmody

### **February 26 - Apr 29**

Financial Peace University (\$109)  
Diane Imel & David Martindale

### **February 26 - May 20**

DivorceCare (\$20)  
Brian & Carolyn Barrett

GriefShare (\$20)  
Dale & Gail McGinty

Jobs for Life (\$10)  
Brent Smitley

Mom2Mom (women only) (\$20/semester)  
Danielle Schlueter

### **April 1 - 22**

Introduction to Faith (Faith West)  
Steve Viars  
Basic Bookbinding (North) (\$25)  
Dawn Oliver

### **April 1 - May 20**

Faith & Finances (\$15/family)  
Jason Hayden

### **Apr 15 - May 6**

Programming for Kids  
Jake Guffey

### **April 15 - May 20**

Examining Creation  
Jake Meyers  
Intervention: How to Help a Loved One with Addiction

Phil Leighty

The Holy Land  
Brent Aucoin

What is Your Worldview  
Faith Church Interns

Father to Father: How to Improve Your Family  
Paul Smith

Habits: Changing Life's Routines for God's Glory  
Greg Wetterlin

Inside Windows 10 & Cyber Security  
Steve Wanner

Trayendo Gloria a Dios en el Matrimonio  
Newton Pena

### **April 29 - May 20**

Art Journaling (North) (\$10)  
Dawn Oliver

### **Apr 29 - May 20**

Introduction to Faith (Faith East)  
Steve Viars

**Celebrating God’s Truth**  
**Celebrating the Reality of the Gospel**  
**Let’s Start the Celebration Because True Righteousness Is Available for You**  
**Romans 3:21-31**

“I’m 24 and I have never known contentment, I’m forever in pursuit and I don’t even know what I am chasing...In one hour’s time I will be out there again. I will raise my eyes and look down that corridor 4 feet wide with 10 lonely seconds to justify my whole existence. But will I? I have known the fear of losing, but now, I am almost too frightened to win.” Harold M. Abrahams

**Isaiah 6:1-4; Isaiah 6:5**

“The most important single paragraph ever written.” Commentator Leon Morris

5 characteristics of God’s righteousness that rescues humanity from the just wrath of God

**I. God’s Righteousness Is \_\_\_\_\_ by Him and Not Performed by Us – vv. 21-22**

**Romans 1:16-17**

A. This is \_\_\_\_\_ from the law

**Romans 3:21a** - *But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested...*

“But the apostle’s main point is the same, whichever of those senses he had in mind for Law. He is declaring that the righteousness God gives to believers is entirely apart from obedience to *any* law, even God’s own revealed law. God’s righteousness is in no way based on human achievement, on anything that man can do in his own power.” John MacArthur

B. However, the law \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s righteousness

**Romans 3:21b** - *...being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets...*

**II. God’s Righteousness Is \_\_\_\_\_ by the Immoral, the Moral, and the Religious – v. 23**

**Romans 3:23** - *...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*

A. All have \_\_\_\_\_

B. Fallen \_\_\_\_\_ of the glory of God

**III. God’s Righteousness Is \_\_\_\_\_ As a Gift Through Faith – v. 22, 24**

A. You can be declared righteous as a \_\_\_\_\_ gift through redemption

B. Placing your \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ changes everything

**IV. God’s Righteousness \_\_\_\_\_ His Justice – vv. 25-26**

A. “Propitiation” is the satisfaction of God’s \_\_\_\_\_

*“Hilastērion* (propitiation) carries the basic idea of appeasement, or satisfaction. In ancient pagan religions, as in many religions today, the idea of man’s appeasing a deity by various gifts or sacrifices was common. But in the New Testament propitiation always refers to the work of God, not of man. Man

is utterly incapable of satisfying God’s justice except by spending eternity in hell. The only satisfaction, or propitiation, that could be acceptable to God and that could reconcile Him to man had to be made by God. For that reason, God in human flesh, Jesus Christ, “gave Himself as a ransom for all” (1 Tim. 2:6). He appeased the wrath of God.”

**Romans 3:25** - *...whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood...*

“There can be no gospel unless there is such a thing as a righteousness of God for the ungodly. But just as little can there be any gospel, unless the integrity of God’s character be maintained. The problem of the sinful world, the problem of all religion, the problem of God dealing with a sinful race, is how to unite these two things.” The Death of Christ, Tasker; London: Tyndale, 1951, p. 98

**Romans 3:26; Psalm 85:10**

“God does not set His justice aside; he turns it onto Himself. The cross does not represent a compromise between God’s wrath and his love; it does not satisfy each halfway. Rather it satisfies each fully and in the very same action. On the cross, the wrath and love of God were both vindicated, both demonstrated, and both expressed perfectly. They both shine out, and are utterly fulfilled. The cross is a demonstration both of God’s justice, and of His justifying love.” Tim Keller, pp. 83-84

B. God’s forgiveness of all people at all time was based on Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 3:25; Hebrews 10:10–12**

C. God is righteous in \_\_\_\_\_ with sin and not simply overlooking sin

**Romans 1:17; Romans 3:26**

“‘God made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.’ Such we are in the sight of God the Father, as is the very Son of God himself. Let it be counted folly, or frenzy, or fury, whatsoever it is our comfort, and our wisdom; we care for no knowledge in the world but this, that man hath sinned, and God hath suffered; that God hath made himself the son of man, and that men are made the righteousness of God.” Richard Hooker, *The Works of Richard Hooker*, p. 341, 16<sup>th</sup> c English minister

**V. God’s Righteousness Results in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Our Struggle for Validation – vv. 27-31**

A. Where is the \_\_\_\_\_?

**v. 27** – *Where is the boasting? It is excluded.*

“If you understand the gospel of righteousness received, you will never boast. Or rather, you will never boast in yourself, but you will boast only in someone who is not in you, and exclusively about something you did not do; Christ, and Him crucified. Paul says he will ‘never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ’ (Galatians 6:14). Christians know they are saved solely and wholly by Christ’s work, not their own. They take no credit for their standing with God, not for their blessings from God.” Tim Keller, p. 88

B. Humanity is “\_\_\_\_\_”

**Romans 3:29-30; Romans 1:16-17**