

## Vital Signs

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Last week's offering: \$76,044  
Weekly budget: \$59,997  
Sunday worship: 1930  
Sunday school: 1214

## Prayer Requests

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Coen Alan was born to Joel and Ashley Sparks.

Rose Carnes, Sevina Sakel's mom, is on hospice care.

### RECENT DEATHS

Kelli Keller  
Joan, Jerry Prather's sister

### RECENT AND UPCOMING SURGERIES

Rebecca Buono  
Laura Hooker

### HOSPITALIZATIONS

Jackson Smith  
Don VAuters

## Your Pastors

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**Steve Viars - Senior Pastor**  
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### Faith Church East 8:00AM

**Johnny Kjaer - Student Ministries**  
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**Trey Garner - Children's Ministries**  
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### Faith Church East 9:30AM

**Dustin Folden - Adult Ministries**  
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**Brent Aucoin - Soul Care**  
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**Joel Brovont - Worship Ministries**  
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### Faith Church East 11:00AM

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**Greg Wetterlin - Restoration Ministries**  
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### Faith Church West 9:30AM

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**Stefan Nitzschke - College Ministries**  
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### Faith Church West 11:00AM


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### Faith Church North

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# Celebrating the Reality of the Gospel



**faith**

February 23, 2020  
Celebrating God's  
Truth

# Children's Ministry

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

**READ: 1 Kings 17:1; 18:17-46**

## ASK YOUR CHILD:

- Why did Elijah call the priests of Baal to Mount Carmel? *Elijah proposed a contest to reveal the true God.*
- How was God glorified through this contest? *The Lord was proven to be the only true God. Idolatry was judged and the Lord exalted*

**EMPHASIZE THIS PRINCIPLE:** The Lord is the only true God. Therefore, we should worship Him alone.

## PRACTICE:

- Worship the Lord alone.
- Tell others that the Lord is the only true God.

**PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK:** 2 Kings 21-25

**MEMORIZE FOR February 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\***

\* Preschool verse in bold print

# 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

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

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

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



## ABF

Adult Bible Fellowships (ABFs) are groups of friendly people wanting to learn about God's Word and live out their faith. 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 meet throughout the week and are led by various members of Faith Church West.

## NBG

Neighborhood Bible Groups (NBGs) are a place of community that provide a safe place to strengthen one another's faith. 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](https://faithlafayette.org/church/connect) and at the welcome desk.*

## CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT

*Next week @ 5:00pm*

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

# What's Going on at Faith

## Preparing for Worship

Read Romans 5:1-21 to get a head start for next week's sermon.

## Worship Night

Join us as we raise our voices together in praise during the next Worship Night! Mark your calendars for Friday, March 6, 7-8:30PM at the Faith West Multipurpose Room. All are welcome – hope to see you there!

## Caleb's Kin

Join our monthly fellowship Tuesday, March 3, 10AM in the Senior Living Clubhouse for a seminar, meal, fellowship, and a challenge from Pastor Rob Green. Kay Burry, a Family Services Counselor from Soller-Baker Funeral Home, will be presenting "Talk of a Lifetime," a seminar focused on helping to get people thinking about end of life directives and whetting their appetite to start taking some action. The cost is \$5 for the catered meal, but first time guests eat for free (as do any seniors for whom the cost is a hardship). Questions? Contact Alisha Vegter 765.350.0919 or Roseanna Beecher 765.337.1699.

## 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.

SPRING *class*  
SCHEDULE  
2020

FCI  
FAITH COMMUNITY INSTITUTE

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 Peña

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 Wannier

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**  
**A Powerful Picture of Saving Faith**  
**Romans 4:1-25**

1. The beauty and power of the \_\_\_\_\_ – 1:1-17

**Romans 1:1** - Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God...

**Romans 1:16-17** - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ are lost – 1:18-32

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ are lost – 2:1-16

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ are lost – 2:17-29

5. \_\_\_\_\_ is lost – 3:1-20

6. The righteousness of Christ is available for \_\_\_\_\_ who will repent and believe

**Romans 3:21-22** - But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction...

Justification – made and declared righteous by God

Redemption – you sin has been paid for by the shed blood of Jesus

Propitiation – God's wrath against sin has been fully satisfied

**Romans 3:26** - ...so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

3 perspectives through which we marvel at what faith can do

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Faith – We are Credited as Righteous – vv. 1-8**

A. The beautiful faith God gave \_\_\_\_\_

**Genesis 6:5** - Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

**Genesis 12:1-3**

**Genesis 15:17-18**

**Romans 11:25-29**

**Genesis 15:5-6** - And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** - For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

B. The power of something being \_\_\_\_\_

Logizomai - credited – (v. 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 22, 23, 24) and count (v. 8)

"...to credit something is to confer a status that was not there before" (Tim Keller, p. 96)

**Romans 4:5** - But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness...

C. Understanding \_\_\_\_\_ faith

**Romans 4:2** - For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

**Romans 4:4-5** - Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness...

D. King \_\_\_\_\_ could not have agreed more

**Romans 4:6-8** - ...just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, And whose sins have been covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account."

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Biblical Faith – We are All Children of Abraham – vv. 9-18**

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Abraham's justification and circumcision is very important

**Romans 4:9-10** - Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, "FAITH WAS CREDITED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." How then was it credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised...

B. Abraham is our \_\_\_\_\_ too

**Romans 4:11** - ...and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them.

C. God designed it this way to demonstrate His \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 4:16** - For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all...

D. Abraham stands in a long line of people who were given life from the \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 4:17** - ... (as it is written, "A father of many nations have I made you") in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.

**Ephesians 2:1-5**

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Biblical Faith – We Seek to Glorify God – vv. 19-25**

A. By believing that \_\_\_\_\_ reality may be far different than what you currently observe – v. 19

**v. 19** – ...without becoming weak in faith...

B. By focusing on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's promises – v. 20

**Romans 4:20** - ...yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God...

C. By placing your confidence in \_\_\_\_\_ ability, not your own – v. 21

**Romans 4:21** - ...and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.