

Welcome to Faith

February 26, 2023

Prayer Requests

RECENT DEATHS
Erisa Funada

Church Family Night

Join us March 5, at 5pm at Faith East for Church Family Night. New member/update photos will be in Jeremy Vegter's office from 4:15-4:45pm.

Faith Community Institute

Faith Community Institute is a great way to connect with other people in the community, learn valuable life skills, and grow in your relationship with the Lord. It's not too late to sign up for one of the classes. Find more info and sign up at faithlafayette.org/fci.

Introduction to Faith

Introduction to Faith is a great opportunity to get to know others in the church, connect with the pastors, learn key doctrine, and ask any questions you may have. It's not too late to sign up for our class at Faith North. Find more info and sign up at faithlafayette.org/intro

FCS Friendship Celebration

The annual Faith Christian School Friendship Celebration is coming up on Friday, March 10. Our own FCS students are running the banquet this year, and everyone is invited to attend! Tickets can be purchased at faithlafayette.org/friendship, and we hope to see you there for a great night celebrating how God is working at Faith.

FCS Enrollment

Faith Christian School is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year in grades K-12. If you or a family you know is looking for a Christ-centered education, you can call our school office at 765-447-2727 or visit faithlafayette.org/chooseFCS for more information. With limited openings for Fall 2023, we are encouraging families to start the admissions process soon.

Children's Ministry

2^{YR} - 5TH grade

Pastor Trey and his friends will be uploading encouraging videos at faithlafayette.org/kidsvids.

You can find this week's online children's Sunday School lesson at blogs.faithlafayette.org/faithkids. You can use the ideas below to discuss the lesson as a family.

ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS OF BAAL

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 FEB 12-MAR 12: "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 THE WAY OF ESCAPE, THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO ENDURE IT." **1 CORINTHIANS 10:13** (ESV)*

*Preschool verse in bold

Caleb's Kin

Senior adults - join our monthly fellowship at 10am on Monday, March 6 in the Senior Living Clubhouse for food, fellowship, and a challenge from Pastor Rob Green. 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.

Last Week's Offering - \$90,573.13
Weekly Budget - \$74,195
Last Week Sunday Worship - 1,997

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Hope in Everyday Suffering
The Hope of a Spiritual House and Better Sacrifices

1 Peter 2:4-10

1 Peter 1:3 - ...born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

John 3:3 - Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:4-7

3 steps to take in order to offer sacrifices acceptable to God

I. Recognize that Jesus Christ Is the _____

Mark 13:1-2

John 2:19-21 - Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

1 Peter 2:4-5

A. Understanding the cornerstone _____

B. Rejection from men and exaltation from God were both _____

1 Peter 2:7 - ...The stone which the builders rejected, this became the very corner stone...

Mark 8:31-32 - And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And He was stating the matter plainly...

II. Go to Jesus so that He Can Use You in His Redemptive _____ Plan

Romans 3:10-12a - ...as it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless..."

A. Jesus makes you (individuals) into _____ stones – like him (v.5)

1 Peter 2:5 - ...you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1. In suffering and rejection by _____

1 Peter 4:12 - Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you...

Hebrews 13:12-14

2. In preciousness and honor from _____

1 Peter 2:6 - And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed.

1 Peter 2:7 - This precious value, then, is for you who believe...

B. Jesus builds living stones into a _____ house – the church

1 Corinthians 6:19 - Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

Revelation 21:3 - And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them..."

John 13:35 - By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

III. Live Out Your Exalted _____ in Christ

A. A multifaceted _____ in Christ

1 Peter 2:9 - But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession...

1. A chosen race

2. A royal priesthood

3. A holy nation

1 Peter 1:16 - You shall be holy, for I am holy.

4. A people for his own possession

B. Offer _____ spiritual sacrifices (v.5, 9)

1 Peter 2:5 - ...you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Romans 12:1 - Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

1 Peter 2:9 - But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...