

# 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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<sup>YR</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> grade

Pastor Trey and his friends will be uploading encouraging videos at [faithlafayette.org/kidsvids](https://faithlafayette.org/kidsvids).

You can find this week's online children's Sunday School lesson at [blogs.faithlafayette.org/faithkids](https://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

## Your Pastors

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### Faith Church East 9:30AM

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### Faith Church East 11:00AM

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**Hope in Everyday Suffering**  
**Living with Hope Under Leaders**  
**1 Peter 2:11-17**

4 ways to find hope in Christ in an unbelieving world with imperfect leaders

**I. \_\_\_\_\_ Carnal Desires that Threaten Your Ability to Live Out Your New Identity (v. 11)**

**1 Peter 2:11** - *Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.*

**1 Peter 1:1** - *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen.*

**1 John 2:15-17** - *Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.*

**Galatians 5:16-18** - *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.*

**Galatians 5:19-21** - *Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul

**II. \_\_\_\_\_ Your Behavior Excellent Among Non-Christians (v.12)**

**1 Peter 2:12** - *Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

A. Even when they \_\_\_\_\_ you as evildoers

B. Let them see you doing \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 5:16** - *Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*

C. So that they glorify God when his day of \_\_\_\_\_ comes

**III. \_\_\_\_\_ Even to Non-Christian Human Authorities (v.13)**

**1 Peter 2:13-15** - *Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.*

A. Because they are \_\_\_\_\_ by God (v.14)

B. By being a \_\_\_\_\_ of good and not evil (v.14, 15)

C. So that you are \_\_\_\_\_ and not punished (v. 14)

D. Because God wants you to silence the \_\_\_\_\_ against Christians (v. 15)

**IV. \_\_\_\_\_ Like a Free Person (v.16)**

**1 Peter 2:16-17** - *Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.*

A. Don’t use your \_\_\_\_\_ to justify doing evil

**Galatians 5:13** - *For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.*

B. Live like a \_\_\_\_\_ to God

- 1. Honoring all people
- 2. Loving the brotherhood
- 3. Fearing God
- 4. Honoring the king