VITALSIGNS

Last week's offering \$56,087 Weekly budget \$59,997 Sunday worship 1,680 Sunday school 982

PRAYERS & UPDATES

Recent & Upcoming Surgeries

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FAITH KIDS @ HOME

The following lesson was taught today in our children's Sunday School classes. If you have children, please take time this week to review the lesson with them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON: JULY 16

Title: God Chooses Jacob over Esau

Passage: Genesis 25:21–26; 27:1–29

Principle: God sovereignly chooses whomever He wants to accomplish His purposes.

Praise: "God Will Take Care of You"

Prompt: Ask your child these questions:

- What were the names of the twins born to Isaac and Rebekah?
- Which brother did God choose to receive the birthright?
- How did Jacob steal the inheritance?
- How was God gracious to Jacob?

Practice: Help your child apply these truths in the following ways:

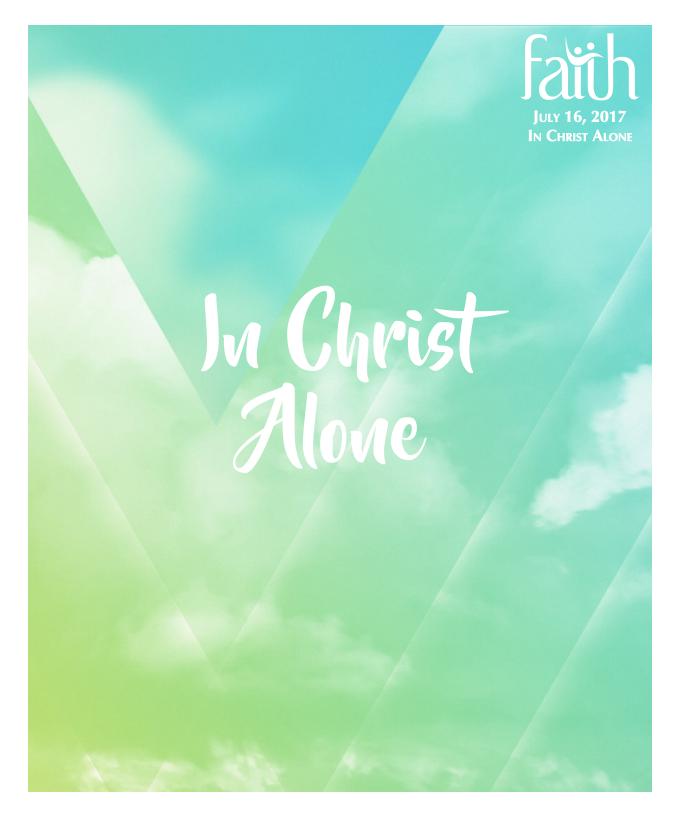
- By patiently waiting for God's timing.
- By not committing one sin to make up for another

This week: As a family, read Genesis 25:21–26; 27:1–

Next week: Genesis 32

Memory verses: "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." Romans 9:15*

* Preschool verse in bold print





Thank you for the many suggestions and initiatives that have been provided over the past months. We have reviewed these suggestions and now need your input on prioritizing them for our five-year plan. Please go to faithlafayette.org/smpranking. There, you will find the ministry initiatives broken into five areas of impact:

Local Church Ministries Biblical Counseling Christian Education Community Engagement Global Missions

In each of the five areas of impact, please review the initiatives listed and then simply mark the ten you believe are the most important. Once you check ten, move on to the next section and choose ten more until you visit all five areas of impact. The exercise should take about fifteen minutes. Don't be concerned about ranking your choices, just select your ten preferred initiatives. We'll tally the overall choices and use this input to select our final list of 2018-22 initiatives for congregational approval in a few weeks.

Thank you in advance for taking part in this important ministry planning process.

strategic Ministry Planning





Adult Bible Fellowships . Faith East

Chester Bankes & Tim Catron

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Faith Church

A family of followers of Jesus Christ who desire to honor God by applying His sufficient Word to all areas of life and ministry.



Equipping men to be pastors for the ministry.



Addressing community needs with compassion, truth, and hope.

Vision of Hope

A faith-based residental ministry that focuses on applying practical solutions from God's Word to help produce permanent change in women's lives that have been characterized by negative habits.



Faith Christian School

Helping parents raise their children to live effectively in God's world.

Faith Biblical Counseling

Providing training and counseling based on God's sufficient Word.

Bethany Farms

A faith-based residental ministry for men that is structured to bring Christ into every area of life by focusing on meaningful work, Biblical counseling, involvement in the local church, and the study of Scripture.



In Christ Alone Handling Problems in a Christ-Centered Way Do not Despair, Hope in God. Psalm 42-43

| 3 K | eys to Handling Despair Biblically |
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| I | the evidences of despair |
| a. | You're uncertain you will ever be |
| | Psalm 42:1-2 - As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God? |
| b. | You feel an ongoing sense of and loss of hope |
| | Psalm 42:3 - My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all day long, "When is your God?" |
| | Psalm 42:5a, 11a; 43:5a - Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? |
| | Psalm 42:6a - O my God, my soul is in despair within me |
| | Psalm 42:7 - Deep calls to deep at the sound of Your waterfalls; all Your breakers and Your waves have rolled over me. |
| II | the source of despair |
| â | a. Your response to your circumstances reveals the source of your |
| | Habakkuk 3:17-19 - Though the fig tree should not blossom and there be no fruit on the vines, though the yield of the olive should fail and the fields produce no food, though the flock should be cut off from the fold and there be no cattle in the stalls, yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and He has made my feet like hinds' feet, and makes me walk on my high places. |
| k | o. Choosing to despair is ultimately a result of choosing to forget |
| | Psalm 139:7-12 - Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven. You are there, if I make my hed in Sheol, hehold. You are there. If I take the |

wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me. If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light around me will be night," Even the darkness is not dark to You, and the night is as bright as

the day. Darkness and light are alike to You.

Psalm 121:1-8 - I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall my help come? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun will not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul. The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in From this time forth and forever.

| III. | properly to despair |
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| | a. Ask good questions |
| | b. Ask hard questions in faith |
| | c. Remember things |
| | Psalm 42:4 - These things I remember and I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go along with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God, with the voice of joy and thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. |
| | Psalm 42:6 - O my God, my soul is in despair within me; therefore I remember You from the land of the Jordan and the peaks of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. |
| | d the truth |
| | Psalm 42:8 - The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime; and His song will be with me in the night, a prayer to the God of my life. |
| | Psalm 42:5 - Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him for the help of His presence. |
| | Psalm 42:11 - Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God. |
| | Psalm 43:5 - Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God. |
| | e out to God |
| | Psalm 43:1 - Vindicate me, O God, and plead my case against an ungodly nation; O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man! |
| | f to God |
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Psalm 43:3-4 - O send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling places. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and upon the lyre I shall praise You, O God, my God.

GROUNDBREAKING

We'd like to thank everyone who attended last Sunday afternoon as hundreds from our church family interacted with neighbors from our community at the groundbreaking for the Northend Community Center. We would encourage everyone to faithfully pray for the construction and planning that will take place over the next year as we prepare to impact the North End with the hope of Christ.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Faith's Junior and Senior High school student ministries are called 4:Twelve as a reminder of the admonition from 1 Timothy 4:12, "Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe". Join us Sundays at Faith East at 9:30 & 11:00AM and at Faith West at 9:30AM; Wednesdays at Faith East, 6:30PM beginning August 23.

CANCER MINISTRIES

Are you or someone you know going through cancer, or want to learn more about cancer? If you have a question or just need a shoulder to lean on, our cancer ministry is here for you. Our core group has experiences with the many trials of cancer. For information, please contact Bill Rogers at 765.448.1986 or brogers@faithlafayette.org.

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT

Join us for our next Church Family Night, August 6, 5:00PM at Faith East. New member pictures and updates will be taken in the Faith Resource Center from 4:15-4:45PM.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our free ministries for children are packed with creative games, interactive lessons, and handson activities that are designed to help kids discover how a growing relationship with God can fill their lives with joy and purpose. Sunday programs are offered each week at Faith East at 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00AM and at Faith West at 9:30 & 11:00AM. Wednesday programs begin August 23 at our east campus from 6:30-8:00PM. Register at faithlafayette.org/kids.

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!