### Prayer Requests

RECENT DEATHS Paula Yuill Jesse Shale's stepfather Ruth Maggard's brother

Caleb's Kin Join us on Friday, July 22 at 6pm in the Senior Living Community Clubhouse for a game night with Vision of Hope. Bring your favorite games and a competitive (but humble spirit.) Come and enjoy the evening fellowshipping with fellow Caleb's Kin members as well as the residents and staff of Vision of Hope. Questions? Contact Ross Andrews at <a href="mailto:rossa1944@gmail.com">rossa1944@gmail.com</a> or (574) 270-8160.

#### Women's Ministry Ice Cream Social

Grab your mom, neighbor, co-worker, friend, or daughter (late elementary and up) and join us for the Women's Ministry Ice Cream Social! We'll see you on Sunday, July 31, at 3pm in the Faith East Community Center multi-purpose room. It'll be a great time of fun, fellowship, and ICE CREAM, with a challenge from Sandy Esgar on "Learning to Count." Please sign up online at faithlafayette.org/women or today at the table in the foyer.

# FCS has completed 25 years, and we are grateful for the support

of Faith Church in our strategic expansion plans. School begins the week of August 8, and the Preschools begin the week of August 15. Some K-12 grades are full, but you can still visit www.faithlafayette.org/school to apply online. Faith East and Faith West Preschools have openings as well as staffing positions. Call the school office at (765) 447-2727 for information.

# Strategic Ministry Plan After months of surveys, input, feedback, and plenty of prayer,

the 2023-2025 Free to Dream Strategic Ministry Plan and Capital Campaign is now available. Please pick up your copy of the plan at the table in the lobby after today's service.

## Children's Ministry

July 17, 2022

 $2^{\text{YR}}$  -  $5^{\text{TH}}$  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.

SAUL IS CONVERTED ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS

**Read:** Acts 9:1-31

#### Ask Your Child:

- What happened to Saul on the road to Damascus? Saul was blinded by a light from heaven. Jesus spoke to him, and Saul placed his faith in Christ.
- How did Saul demonstrate his faith in Jesus? Saul proclaimed Christ and urged other to follow Him.

**EMPHASIZE THIS PRINCIPLE:** GOD CAN TRANSFORM ANYONE'S LIFE. THEREFORE, WE SHOULD REPENT AND SEEK TO BE USED BY HIM.

#### PRACTICE:

- Ask the Lord to use you in His service.
- Proclaim Jesus to others regardless of the cost.

Prepare for Next Week: Acts 10:1-11:18

MEMORIZE FOR JUL 3-JUL 17: "Your word is a LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH." PSALM 119:105\*

\* Preschool verse in **BOLD** 





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Last Week's Offering - \$97,437.31 Weekly Budget - \$74,195 Last Week Sunday Worship - 1,604

## Your Pastors

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# Growing in Gospel Gratitude Handling Criticism Victory for the Critical Heart

#### Numbers 21:4-9

"Space-travel really has nothing to do with the matter. To some, God is discoverable everywhere; to others, nowhere. Those who do not find Him on earth are unlikely to find Him in space. But send a saint up in a spaceship and he'll find God in space as he found God on earth. Much depends on the seeing eye." (C.S. Lewis, The Seeing Eye)

"Wilderness is the training place to wean the world's ways out God's people through learning the life of faith in the Word of God to adopt the ways of God" (Pastor Brent's summary of Deut. 8)

4 sights to look at with understanding to gain the victory over the critical soul I. God \_\_\_\_\_ Through the Trials – Revealing the Nature of Your Heart \_\_\_\_\_ of a Critical Poisoned Heart A. \_\_\_\_\_ the whole of the person – "The soul of the people" **Deuteronomy 6:5 -** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart (innerman) and with all your soul (inner and outer) and with all your might (the resources at your disposal or what you "do stuff" with, i.e. your "strength/ might"). B. \_\_\_\_\_ in a "short/shallow soul" – impatience C. \_\_\_\_\_ (without 'seeing') at God's day-to-day provision as "empty/worthless" to Show That We Are Infected with Venomous Poison III. God's Gracious \_\_\_\_\_ IV. God's Provision for the Poisoned \_\_\_\_\_\_ – "Behold My Victory Over Death" **Exodus 17:9-15 -** So Moses said to Joshua, "...Go out, fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." ... So it came about when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy... and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other. Thus his hands were steady until the sun set. So Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword...Moses built an altar and named it The Lord is My Banner. \_\_\_\_\_ – the instrument of death – even the bite of the serpent taken by God, Himself – is turned A. God's \_\_ into God's victory John 3:14-16 - As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (cf. John 8:28; 12:32)

B. Man's \_\_\_\_\_ - "Look" to see (understand) and be healed from the poisonous spirit - not do!