

Welcome to Faith

June 4, 2023

Prayer Requests

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Church Family Night

Join us tonight 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.

Free to Dream Groundbreaking Ceremony

You are invited to a brief groundbreaking ceremony for the Free to Dream major projects tonight. The ceremony will begin at approximately 6pm (after a shortened Church Family Night) on the lawn of the Faith East Community Center. We will celebrate starting the new FCS High School Facility, FE Athletic Training Center, FE Church Lobby Renovation, and completion of the Restoration Sawmill & Classroom Facility.

Caleb's Kin Activity

Senior adults - Join us, June 18, at Loeb Stadium to see the Lafayette Aviators baseball game. The game starts at 3pm. If 20 people sign up, cost is \$8 per ticket; otherwise, it will be \$10. Parking is available on the street surrounding Columbia Park, in the parking lots to the west adjacent to Scott Street, and the new designated lot located a block southeast of the stadium along Main St. We need a head count by Sunday, June 11. Please call/text Ross Andrews at (574) 270-8160 or email him at rossa1944@gmail.com to get signed up.

Caleb's Kin Fellowship

Senior adults - Join us for our monthly fellowship at 10am on Monday, June 5, at the Senior Living Clubhouse for an uplifting time of testimony, song, and fellowship with the teens and leaders of our 4:Twelve Student Ministries group. 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.

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.

JESUS DEFINES DISCIPLESHIP

READ: Matthew 16:13-17, 20-27

ASK YOUR CHILD:

- What did the Father reveal to Peter? "Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God."
- What does it mean to deny yourself, pick up your cross, and follow Christ? Christians must crucify sinful desires and choose to please God.

EMPHASIZE THIS PRINCIPLE: Jesus rewards faithful choices.

Therefore, we should deny ourselves and follow Him.

PRACTICE:

- Say "no" to sinful desires, and choose to please God instead.
- Rejoice that Jesus will reward those who faithfully follow Him.

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK: Matthew 25:14-30

MEMORIZE FOR JUN 4-18: "...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23*

*Preschool verse in bold

Promotion Sunday

Today many of the kids and teens involved in our children's & student ministries will promote to the next level. To learn where your child should go, please visit faithlafayette.org/promotions or use the QR code.



Last Week's Offering - \$73,748.94
Weekly Budget - \$74,195
Last Week Sunday Worship - 1,506

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Hope for Fruitful Service
Growing the Fruit of Moral Excellence
2 Peter 1:1-7, Daniel 1:1-21

Galatians 5:22-23 - *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

John 15:16 - *You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.*

1 Peter 1:3 - *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...*

2 Peter 1:5 - *Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence...*

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.*

Ephesians 2:10 - *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*

Philippians 2:12-13 - *So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

4 obstacles to integrity that God helped Daniel, and God can help us, overcome

I. The Obstacle of Making _____ Because of Your Age

A. _____ and his companions were likely 14-15 years old

B. _____ lessons for people like us

1. The importance and value of training children and young people to love God and live for Him
2. God can help young people do important things for Him now
3. God can use people who are young in the faith

II. The Obstacle of Becoming _____ Because of Your Place

A. He had been _____ from the promised land

B. He did not let hard _____ determine his choices

Daniel 2:5 - *The king replied to the Chaldeans, "The command from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be torn limb from limb and your houses will be made a rubbish heap."*

III. The Obstacle of Giving in to Small _____

A. What were the potential _____ with the food?

1. Eating it would have been a violation of the OT dietary laws
2. It is likely that the food probably had been offered up to foreign gods

B. _____ makers won't ask you to become one all at once - they'll just ask you to take one small step at a time

Proverbs 6:10-11 - *A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest- Your poverty will come in like a vagabond and your need like an armed man.*

IV. The Obstacle of Being _____ from Your God

A. Their names spoke of their love for and _____ to God

- Daniel - God is my judge
- Hananiah - Jehovah is gracious
- Mishael - Who is like God
- Azariah - Jehovah is my helper

B. The Babylonians wanted to _____ them from that

- Daniel - renamed Belteshazzar - Bel [one of their idols] protect the king
- Hananiah - renamed Shadrach - Command of Aku [another of their gods]
- Mishael - renamed Meshach - Who is what Aku is
- Azariah - renamed Abednego - Servant of Nego - the god of vegetation

Daniel 1:21 - *And Daniel continued until the first year of Cyrus the king.*

Daniel 7:13-14 - *I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.*