

Welcome to Faith

May 1, 2022

Prayer Requests

RECENT DEATHS

Samantha Wagner's father

RECENT SURGERIES

Gina Adeyemi

Restoration Nursery

Looking for some nice trees and a way to support men seeking to overcome addiction through Christ? Restoration Nursery invites you to come out for a visit and purchase a tree. Visits are by appointment only so just contact Matt Hurja at mhurja@faithlafayette.org to set one up. You can pick it up, have us deliver it, or have us plant it. Tell your friends and neighbors too! We'd love to help.

Women's Seminar

Ladies, do you long to understand how grace can truly transform your life? Do you wonder if God can really change you? Do you feel stuck or discouraged in your Christian growth? Come learn about how grace changes your life from the inside out. All ladies are welcome to attend! Bring your Bible! Sign up online at faithlafayette.org/women, at a table in the foyer, or contact Lorri Wiegand at lwiegand@comcast.net.

Faith CDC Workdays

Folks who have skills in framing are especially needed, but we can put anybody to work! April 30 and May 14, from 9am-12pm at 2213 N 19 Street, Lafayette, IN 47904. We'll have PPE, some tools, water, and snacks. Volunteers who will be framing are encouraged to bring their own tools. RSVP or questions can be directed to Lori Walters, lwalters@faithlafayette.org or Ross Reeder, rreeder@faithlafayette.org.

Ukrainian Refugee Scholars

Purdue is sponsoring 20 Ukrainian scholars to come to Purdue. They have requested host families from Faith Church who would be willing to welcome the scholars and help them get settled by assisting in furnishing their apartments and running errands. We are asking church members to sign up in teams for a scholar. Dates: Late May and Early June (Dates depend on when scholars secure visas and arrive) If interested, sign up in the foyer or email Pastor Aaron Birk at abirk@faithlafayette.org.

Last Week's Offering - \$60,004.17
Weekly Budget - \$74,195
Last Week Sunday Worship - 1,791

Children's Ministry 2^{YR} - 5TH grade

Our children's Sunday school classes are designed to ground kids in the foundational truths of God's Word. We encourage parents to review the content of each week's lesson with their children. You can use the QR code to find helpful suggestions for continuing the discipleship process at home.



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.

Seminary Wheels

Our next cohort of Faith Bible Seminary students are arriving this summer. We are expecting several international students who will need a used reliable car for three years. Due to the current car market conditions, used cars are more expensive than their ability to pay. If you have a working vehicle you would like to donate, sell, or lend, please contact Pastor Brent Aucoin (baucoin@faithlafayette.org).

VBS Servant Sign-UP

This year's Vacation Bible School takes place June 13-17 from 6 to 8pm at all three of our campuses. Please help us introduce the children of our community to Jesus this summer by volunteering to serve. To learn more or to sign up, please visit faithlafayette.org/servevbs.



National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is May 5. There will be a gathering at the Columbian Park Amphitheater on May 5 at 5:30pm to pray for various aspects of the City of Lafayette. Anyone is welcome to join.

Worship Night

Join us Friday, May 6, at 7:00pm at the Northend Community Center for a night of worship and praise, with the theme "Dwelling upon God's Unchanging Character." The songs will include a variety of hymns, both old and new, to help us exult in God's character together.

Your Pastors

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Faith Church East 9:30AM

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Faith Church East 11:00AM

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Faith Church West 9:30AM

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Faith Church West 11:00AM

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Growing in Gospel Gratitude
By Learning The Secret of Fullness of Soul
Philippians 4:10-14

4 secrets about our empty souls and how they are filled

Contentment - a sense of satisfaction/fullness of soul regarding circumstances and self that enables a response of thankfulness for any good thing experienced without demanding more, a response of generosity for others in need without grasping for what is owned, a response of rejoicing in others successes without needing that success to be true of me.

I. Fullness of Soul _____ You to Truly Love Others

Philippians 4:10 - *But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned before, but you lacked opportunity. Not that I speak from want...Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction.*

A. Without using your friends - "Not that I speak from want" (v. 11)

B. Focus on genuine godliness instead of gifts - "you have done well to share in my affliction" (v. 14)

II. Fullness of Soul Is _____ (v. 11 & 12)

Philippians 4:11 - *Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be... I have learned the secret...*

Exodus 20:17 - *You shall not covet ... anything that belongs to your neighbor.*

Romans 13:9 - *For this, "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

III. Fullness of Soul _____ Prosperity and Need (v. 12)

Any and every circumstance...

- Humble means and prosperity
- Going hungry and being filled
- Suffering need and having abundance

A. The despair of need - "I won't be happy until I get..."

1 Corinthians 8:1 - *Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.*

B. The despair of prosperity - "I have got much but I want more, why am I not content?"

Without the "secret" to a full soul, humanity's response to the despair of need and prosperity will be:

- In the extreme - suicide
- Doubling down by pursuing a more intense or different path toward my desire
- Turning to a different form of covetousness to numb the pain of unfulfilled longings - substance abuse, numbing, escape
- Becoming indifferent/apathetic/cynical/passionless/stoic/withdrawn in life

IV. Fullness of Soul _____ Only Through a Heart Filled with Christ

Philippians 4:13 - *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Practical Steps to Learn How to Fill an Empty Soul

1. Consciously acknowledge your unfulfilled longings.
2. Recognize each unfulfilled longing as a pointer to the divine relationship we have been alienated from.
 - We are wanting folks to love us - ultimately God's love
 - We are wanting the blessings of this earth - ultimately God's blessing
 - We are wanting meaningful work with purpose - ultimately God's purpose-filled way of life
 - We are wanting the approval of others - ultimately God's acceptance
3. Remember the "one thing" - Christ, who on the cross emptied His soul so that your soul could be filled up one day.
4. Confess any ways you are striving to be fulfilled/satisfied other than Christ.
5. Out of God's love, hope and promise, cultivate daily thanksgiving to God for any and each good experience of a comfortable shelter, warm clothes, tasty food, a beautiful creation vista, the kind words/actions of a friend, meaningful service, a successful accomplishment, etc. Practice saying, "I am full in Christ. It is enough!"
6. Present your needs and concerns to God in prayer. (Phil 4:6-7)
7. Invest your time, talents, and treasures in others without expecting a personal return knowing that God (not others) has and will fill you up.
8. Enjoy the blessing of a fuller soul.