

## UPDATE FROM PASTOR ANDY

It seems as though spring came early this year. At least, I don't remember already having to cut the grass 3 times by now any other year! This is that special time of year when the coldness and grey of winter starts to give way to new life. We see the buds on trees getting ready to burst into full leaves, bulbs are sending leaves up preparing to bloom into flowers. We see the beauty and beginnings of what soon enough we will see in its fullness.

Yet something infinitely more beautiful, and infinitely more glorious than all who are in Jesus Christ will one day fully see is the glory of God. David longed to see God's glory (Psalm 63:1-2). Moses asked for just a glimpse of it (Exodus 33:18-20), but could not look on the fullness of it. That makes the glory of Christ all the more amazing. He is "the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature" (Hebrews 1:3), the "image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15), and in him "we behold the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6). John Owen wrote, "Christ is specially glorious because he and he alone perfectly reveals God's nature and will to us. Without Christ we would have known nothing truly about God for he would have been eternally invisible to us. We would never have seen God at any time, either in this life or the next." In Christ we see the eternal wisdom of God. Our bodies exhibit the reality that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Ps 139:14). There is tremendous wisdom and knowledge that we have yet to understand. But only in Jesus Christ the "manifest (or fully displayed) wisdom of God" (Ephesians 3:10) is now made known not only to us, but even in the heavenly places as he displays God's eternal plan of redemption. In Christ we see the fullness of the power of God – the same "working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion" (Ephesians 1:20-21). And only in Jesus Christ do we see the full display of the glory of the love of God – "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him." (1 John 4:9)

We see the glory of God in Christ not with our physical eyes in this life, but we do see it through eyes of faith. And so, to have a real and living faith means that we should behold his glory regularly through eyes of faith. Again, to quote Owen: "Make up your mind that to behold the glory of God by beholding the glory of Christ is the greatest privilege believers have in this life. This is the dawning of heaven. It is the first taste of that heavenly glory which God has prepared for us..." That is what we do when we worship, and each day when we fix our minds upon Jesus, the "author and perfecter of our faith".

Grace and peace,  
Andy

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

This Sunday during worship we have the joy of formally receiving new members of Faith Church! It's been a great blessing to get to know all of them, and a greater blessing to formally welcome them as part of our church family. Our new members are:

Ashley Brown  
Andrew & Gabrielle Burns  
Caitlin Rineer  
Tom & Kerstin Roach  
Steve Smith  
Paul & Chris Yngve

Tristan Brown  
John Holtman  
Mary Ellen Rineer  
Tim & Julie Smith  
Bryan & Corrie Stauffer

### WORK DAY AT JOY-EL CAMP

For those signed up to go help prepare the Joy-El camp in Greensburg for this year's campers, please remember to meet here at the church building at 5:45 am on Saturday. Thank you for your service!

### SOLID ROCK FUNDRAISER

Solid Rock's annual Farm-to-Table fundraiser is coming up on May 28. As last year, it will be a "drive thru" experience again – you can pick your meal up anytime between 6:00-7:30 pm. You can take it home, or if you'd like to you can bring a lawn chair and eat outside while listening to music from 6:00-8:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 single, or \$20 if purchasing 2 or more. You can find out more from the flyer in the lobby or by visiting [www.solidrockquarryville.com](http://www.solidrockquarryville.com).

### SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Summer camps are coming up soon. Faith Church will provide scholarships for half of the fee, up to \$150, per camper to attend an overnight Christian camp. This is for children (age 17 and under) of church members. Parents should fill out and mail the camp registration forms with the required registration fee. Then sign up on the camp list for church support at the Welcome Center. Please list the child's name, parent's phone number, and the dates your child will attend camp. Sign up for scholarships ends on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Contact Chris Coomes with questions at 717.786.0928.