



Faith

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A community loving Christ,
building disciples, serving all

Therefore...

Romans 5:1-11

*“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

- Romans 5:8

Welcome, Guests!

Friends,

We are glad you are here with us and hope you sense God's presence in worship today. If there is any way we can be of help to you, don't hesitate to ask. Here are a few of the questions we often hear from our guests when they first visit:

- ~ **How long is the worship service here at Faith?** Our worship services typically run 60 to 70 minutes.
- ~ **How can I introduce myself?** We'd love to meet you after the service; don't hesitate to introduce yourself! You can also visit our webpage (www.faithpresby.org), and click on the "I'm New" tab and then the "Introduce Yourself" button. This is a great way to let the pastoral staff know who you are and how we might welcome and serve you. Also, stop by the Welcome Center on the way out. We have a gift waiting for you there! And if you need a Bible, we can offer you one there as well.
- ~ **I have kids. Are they welcome here?** Absolutely! We love the sounds of children in the sanctuary. During the children's message at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, kids up to 6th grade are invited to come up front to listen in. Having them stay with you to listen is also fine. After the children's message, children are invited down the hall to Room 4 (grades 3 to 6) and Room 5 (Pre-K to 2nd grade) with our children's staff. Nursery care is available throughout the 9:00 a.m. worship service in Room 7.
- ~ **Are there classes for adults?** Yes. Check the bulletin and listen for announcements in worship about upcoming classes. We currently have in-person and online classes.
- ~ **What if I have trouble hearing the service?** If you have difficulty hearing, please ask one of our ushers for a personal receiver for the hearing impaired. Also, a T-Loop hearing-assist system is available in the back four pews on the right side of the sanctuary. Set your hearing aid to the "T" setting.
- ~ **How can I find out more information about Faith?** Feel free to speak to any of us and if we can't answer your questions, we'll find somebody who can. Our website is a great source of information: www.faithpresby.org. Also, *This Week @ Faith* is a weekly email that goes out on Mondays with information about upcoming opportunities and activities. Email Laura Anderson in our office at landerson@faithpresby.org if you'd like to be included on the email distribution list.
- ~ **What if I'm interested in exploring membership or deeper involvement at Faith?** If you'd like to know more about becoming a member at Faith, or want to understand how you can begin or continue to grow in your Christian faith, we encourage you to contact one of our pastors. You can call the church office at (916) 428-3439 or email one of our staff members. (Email addresses are available on our webpage and further on in this bulletin.) We'd love to meet you and find out how we can be of help.

Again, we are glad you are here with us today!

Grace and peace—The People of Faith



Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 30, 2026

Order of Worship

*✠ Those who are able, please stand.
Please silence all electronics before the start of worship.*

Prelude

Eunice Bancu

Greeting

Brett Shoemaker

One: The Lord be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

✠ Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candles

Melina Markarian (9:00)

Ben Chand (11:00)

✠ Song of Praise (All songs used by permission CCLI #676622)

Only a Holy God

Prayer of Confession

Brett Shoemaker

Response to Confession

Peace Give I to Thee

✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pass the peace of Christ.

Welcome

Jeff Chapman

Moment for Mission: Team World Vision

Jill Whitney & Dave Reynen

Message for Children (9:00)

Jeff Chapman

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Rebecca Westmore (9:00); Barbara Tracy (11:00)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Illumination

*At this point in the 9:00 service, children pre-K to 6th grade are invited
either to be excused to our children's programs or to return and sit with their families.*

Therefore...

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Giving & Receiving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Rebecca Westmore (9:00)

Barbara Tracy (11:00)



After worship, you may place your offering in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. You may also give online at faithpresby.org under the "Give" tab. This QR code will take you directly there.

Time & Talents Offering

✠Doxology (*literally, Words to Glorify*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠Prayer of Dedication

✠Hymn of Faith

Crown Him with Many Crowns
#151, The Presbyterian Hymnal

✠Prayer of Blessing (9:00)

Ron Beams

✠Prayer of Sabbatical Blessing (11:00)

Jeff & Esther Chapman

✠Benediction

✠Postlude

Eunice Bancu

*If you would like to have somebody pray with you for any reason,
there will be a prayer team available in the front row immediately after worship this morning.
Prayer Team: Candi Okada & Pat Witzens (9:00) and Jim & Barbara Tracy (11:00)*

Announcements and Events

Family Ministry

Rooted & Growing



Sundays 9:00 AM



Nursery
Newborn-3 yr



Godly Play
TK-2nd



Worship & Wonder
3rd-6th

Where we learn to stay rooted in Christ
and always growing in faith

For questions about Faith's Sunday morning children's programs, contact Lindsay Stanford, Director of Family Ministry, at lstanford@faithpresby.org.

Memorial Service for Bernice Hopkins

The memorial service for our beloved sister in Christ, Bernice Hopkins, is scheduled for **Saturday, October 3, at 2:00 p.m.** here at Faith. While more details about the memorial will follow, for now, Bernice's family is trying to get an idea of how many people to expect in order to plan well for refreshments. All things being equal, if you think that you will be attending Bernice's memorial, would you please email her daughter, Donna, at hopkins2655@gmail.com and let her know the number in your party? She will very much appreciate your input! Please respond to Donna by Monday, September 7.

Please know that this is not a formal RSVP but more of a general headcount for planning purposes. Even if you don't reply at this time, you are, of course, warmly invited to come and celebrate Bernice's life in Christ at her memorial service and reception. Still, the family is grateful for the favor of any replies they may receive. Thank you!

Faith Office Opens Late on Monday

Owing to an off-site staff meeting tomorrow morning, the Faith office will open later than usual. The office will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. tomorrow, August 31.

— LIGHTHOUSE — GRADES 7-12

Confirmation Info Night

Wednesday, September 9

7:00—8:00 p.m.

Youth Room

Interested but can't attend?

Email Pastor Brett.

Lighthouse Kickoff!

Sunday, September 20

6:00—8:30 p.m.

Link Hall & Youth Room

Pizza & T-shirt Making

Invite your friends!



Contact Brett Shoemaker for more info and to get on our email list:
bshoemaker@faithpresby.org

Opportunities to Learn, Connect & Serve

Adult Sunday School

Why We Worship the Way We Do

**Concludes This Morning, August 30
10:15 a.m., Grace Room**

Our worship service is more than a collection of hymns, prayers, and readings; it is a carefully shaped pattern that has developed over centuries to help God's people worship Him faithfully. It's "the work of the people"—our liturgy.

Join us between services in July and August as we explore the meaning behind our worship and discover how a deeper understanding of the liturgy can help us engage more fully—with mind, heart, and body—in the worship of God together.

Here's the schedule:

July 12	Gathering, with Mark Tootle
July 19	Confession & Forgiveness, with Jeff Chapman
July 26	The Word, with Lorie Sprinkle
Aug 16	Response to the Word, with Brett Shoemaker
Aug 23	Sacrament, with Jack McNary
Aug 30	Sending, with Laura Anderson

New to Faith?

We'd like the chance to meet you!

If you are new to Faith Church, we would like to invite you to an informal reception so we can get to know you, and in turn you can get to know us. Our next Look @ Faith reception is **today at 10:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room.**

The reception lasts about 30 minutes. You'll have the opportunity to get to know others who have been coming to Faith, meet some of our leadership, and learn a few things about what makes this congregation unique. You may have questions about this church or about the Christian faith, and that's great—feel free to ask! This is just an informal opportunity to get to know one another. Come join us! *For more info, email Laura at landerson@faithpresby.org.*



Life Groups @ Faith

Life Groups are small groups (4-12) of people who meet weekly for Bible study, prayer and community. These groups have been instrumental in fostering spiritual growth and building friendships for many here at Faith. Not a part of a Life Group? We'd love to tell you more. Contact Janelle Hendricks to learn more (joyfuljanelle@gmail.com; 916-215-7053).



Sing with Faith's Chancel Choir!

Are you looking for a deeper community connection here at Faith? Are you seeking a meaningful way to serve in worship? Then consider being a part of Faith's Chancel Choir! Our inaugural rehearsal gathering is this Thursday, September 3, when we'll gather for a kickoff dinner. Regular rehearsals follow on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary and Choir Room. For more information about the Chancel Choir, or any of Faith's music ensembles, please contact Director of Music Ministry Mark Tootle at mtootle@faithpresby.org or 916-428-3439, ext. 109. He'd love to hear from you!

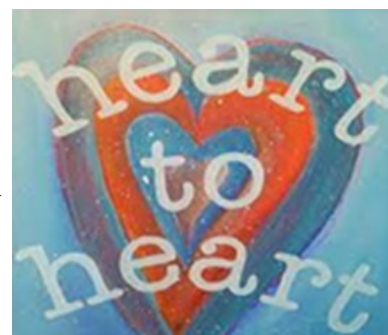


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Heart to Heart Is Here to Serve!

Heart to Heart is a group of people here at Faith who are committed to serving those in our congregation who need assistance when a need arises. *Heart to Heart* provides things like rides to doctor appointments, meals during a difficult season, cards of encouragement, and more. If you have a need and you don't know how it will be met, contact *Heart to Heart* coordinator Kathy Ellis at (916) 215-4997 or trvlkath@comcast.net. If you would like to serve on the *Heart to Heart* team, you can also contact Kathy. We would love to hear from you either way!



August Time & Talents



Ministry Opportunity	Date(s) Needed	Approx. Time Commitment	Contact Person
Sanctuary Flowers Team Member — Seeking a few more people to help create our Sunday morning floral bouquets. Serve once every one or two months. Tasks include communicating with person placing the flowers, shopping for flowers, creating the bouquet, and delivering it to Faith on Sunday morning. Submit your receipts for full reimbursement of flower-purchase expenses.	Once every 1-2 months	Varies, but probably 2-3 hours each time	Paul Kinney Worship Elder pk@radiofilms.com (916) 803-6364
Kids Club Volunteers — Be a part of the team that helps create a fun, welcoming, Christ-centered evening for our Kids Club children. Lend a hand with dinner, games, crafts, Bible lessons, supervising children, setup and/or cleanup. Kids Club is kind of a mini-VBS every 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening. We'd love to have you minister to these youngsters by sharing your time, energy, skills and creativity with them. Training and support provided.	Meets every 1st & 3rd Wednesday during the school year. Serve on a regular basis or as your schedule permits.	About 2 hours each time	Lindsay Stanford Director, Family Ministry lstanford@faithpresby.org (916) 428-3439, ext. 106

As a Reminder...

- ✓ Don't have a name tag? Sign up for one in the Welcome Center. Within a week or two, you'll find your new name tag ready for you on the name-tag wall. (Tags are arranged alphabetically by last name.)
- ✓ Printed copies of today's sermon will be available this coming week in the Link Hall foyer. Past messages are available on the church website.
- ✓ A reminder to parents: Thank you for picking up your children from Sunday School or the nursery within five minutes of the end of the service.
- ✓ Unless you are taking it home with you, please recycle your bulletin in the narthex on your way out.



Join Us as We Celebrate...

Oktoberfest

Faith's Annual Fall Dinner, Silent Auction & Raffle

Saturday, October 10, starting at 4:00 p.m. in Link Hall

Fall is just around the corner, which means it's time for Faith's annual fall dinner. This year we are celebrating Oktoberfest, and we really hope you will join us for this fun-filled evening. There will be delicious Oktoberfest fare and time to enjoy the fellowship of others in the Faith community. And, of course, there will be plenty of items to bid on in our silent auction, ranging from gift certificates to In 'n Out, the Sac State Aquatic Center, Scribner Bend Vineyard and Scott's Seafood, to baskets of goodies from Trader Joe's and Mrs. Renfro. And more vendor donations are still coming in!



It's a great night filled with laughter, fun, and quietly determined bidding. And don't forget that all net proceeds benefit the Pat Tatro Scholarship/Campership Fund. These funds help make camp and retreat experiences more affordable for individuals and families.

Tickets for the dinner go on sale next Sunday, September 6. You may purchase yours in the narthex after worship; there will also be an online purchase option available starting next Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-18, and free for ages 5 and under. The deadline to purchase tickets in person or online is Sunday, October 4, after the second service. (Note that tickets are not available for purchase in the office during the week.) Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to this fun, intergenerational event.

Call for Auction & Raffle Items

One of the really special aspects of the silent auction and raffle is all the wonderful donations given by members and friends of the congregation. These donations can be physical objects, like tickets to sporting events or a basket full of car-care items, or they can be donations of your time and experience, such as housecleaning, babysitting or yardwork; knitting lessons; a golf outing; or boating on the SF Bay. Use your imagination and share your wonderful skills and resources! Group donations from Life Groups, book clubs, and other groups (PW, deacons, elders) are welcome! Donation forms will soon be available in the narthex. The deadline to drop off your donation will be Sunday, September 27.

If you have any questions about this year's Oktoberfest celebration, or if you would like to help the Fellowship Team as they put on this multifaceted event, please contact Fellowship Elder Rich Hendricks at ickskiing@gmail.com or 916-798-8393.



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The Goal of Clean Water for All Is in Sight!

Partner with Team World Vision as They Run for Clean Water

Team World Vision is hitting the pavement once again, running and walking to bring life-saving clean water to those in need. They would love to have your support as they prepare to run or walk the Sacramento Urban Cow 5K (9/26) or half marathon (9/27). Here are some of the ways you can help them “moove” (cow joke!) toward the finish line of clean water for every human being:



- Join the team! Talk with Jill and Dave about walking or running in the race.
- Pray for the team as they train for and then take part in the race—for safety, health, steadfastness, encouragement, stamina and an unflagging vision of what they are working to accomplish.
- Cheer them on when race day comes.
- Make a monetary donation. Their goal this year is to raise funds to provide clean water for 700 children, or \$35,000. Through World Vision, every \$50 raised provides clean water for one person for a lifetime! If you are able to contribute, choose the way that works best for you:
 - * Write your check to **World Vision** and give it to one of our runners.
 - * Donate online via the Team World Vision website. Go to www.teamworldvision.org. In the Fundraiser Search box near the top right, enter our team name—Faith and Friends—and click on the search icon. On the page that opens, you can choose to contribute to the whole team’s effort or to individual team members. Just toggle between the “Fundraisers” and “Teams” tabs to donate as you wish. (Or, find us at our table outside the sanctuary this morning, and we can help you make an online donation.)
 - * Give online using your phone by scanning the QR code at right. This will take you directly to the Team World Vision page for our team, Faith and Friends.
 - * Give via Faith’s website. Go to www.faithpresby.org. Click on the Give tab on the top ribbon and then on the “click here” link for tithes and offerings. On the page that opens, scroll down and enter your donation amount in the “Team World Vision” box. Then complete the payment and billing information, and click the blue Submit button at the bottom of the page.



If you have any questions or would like to learn more, talk with Jill Whitney after worship or reach her at whitneydds@gmail.com or (916) 606-7767.

However you may choose to support Team World Vision, thank you so much! The global goal of clean water for all is in sight, and in partnership, we can cross the finish line together.

Sign Up for “This Week @ Faith”

Did you know that Faith sends out two or three group emails every week? Monday’s email, “This Week @ Faith,” offers information about upcoming events in the life of Faith. Wednesday’s “House to House” shares pastoral reflections on a variety of topics and often the daily psalm. On Friday, there is a brief message from the coming Sunday’s preacher, letting you know the sermon theme and Bible passage, and highlighting important events taking place that Sunday.

If there is urgent information to be relayed to the community, such as the death of one of our members, this too is sent out via the group email list.

If you would like to receive these helpful notices, please let our office manager, Laura, know. You can reach her at landerson@faithpresby.org.

STAY
connected

PASTOR JEFF IS ON SABBATICAL THIS FALL

"I have discovered that all the unhappiness of men arises from one single fact, that they are unable to stay quietly in their own room."

-Blaise Pascal

Faith Church's personnel policies allow for our ordained pastors to take sabbatical leave after every six full years of service. The primary purpose of such leave is to allow our pastors extended rest and time with family so they can return to their responsibilities at Faith with renewed energy, spiritual vision and effectiveness.



Faith's Session has approved a sabbatical for Pastor Jeff Chapman this fall. His last sabbatical was in 2019. To gain Session's approval, pastors are required to submit a sabbatical plan which is designed to accomplish the stated goals of this leave. Pastor Jeff has determined that a major focus of this sabbatical will be the practices of solitude and silence.

To quote from his proposal, which was approved by Session this past spring:

As our congregation continues to think carefully about the various spiritual practices of the Christian life, and as I teach on these same practices here and in the Torchbearers ministry, solitude and silence are two practices that I recognize as vital in the life of any Christ follower (and too often lacking in the life of this particular Christ follower!). I've come to agree with Dallas Willard when he writes, "Of all the disciplines of abstinence, solitude is generally the most fundamental in the beginning of the spiritual life, and it must be returned to again and again as that life develops." Of course, with solitude naturally comes silence. That familiar line of Psalm 46:10 reminds us that until we learn to practice solitude and silence, we may struggle even to know God in the first place: "Be still and know that I am God."

Jeff and Esther will spend a significant portion of their time in the national parks of the United States and Canada. This will afford them the opportunity not only to study about the practices of solitude and silence but to put them into practice daily, dedicating significant time each morning to these practices. Jeff and Esther will end their sabbatical in Costa Rica, where their time will include a week spent teaching at the Portantorchas (Torchbearers) Bible School in San Jose.

Pastor Jeff will be away from September 4 through November 1. Though sabbaticals are generally 12 weeks, this sabbatical will be only eight weeks. Because Pastor Jeff is already away each spring on ministry leave in Kenya for four weeks, it was requested that he shorten his sabbatical by four weeks. This arrangement included financial compensation for the abbreviated sabbatical. Pastor Brett will serve as acting Head of Staff during Jeff's sabbatical, and Jeff's duties will be covered by other staff or volunteers in the church. We will offer a prayer of blessing over Jeff and Esther on Sunday, August 30, in worship.

Serving on Sunday at Faith

	Serving Today (8/30)		Serving Next Sunday (9/6)	
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Melina Markarian	Ben Chand	Elysia Fletcher	Madison Stanford
Coffee Hosts	Cindy DeYoung	Kathy Fields Linda Jacobs	First Sunday Sabbath	No Coffee Hour
Communion Servers	N.A.	N.A.	Rich Hendricks Stan Keasling Janet Leader April Reichert	Roy Chastain Vicky Chastain Cathy Healow Kitty Tatso
Greeters	Rich & Janelle Hendricks	Bob & Tess Bagby	Ann Johnson Audrey Newport	Georgianne Becker
Lock-up	N.A.	Efua Bannerman	N.A.	Bob Bagby
Media Center Techs	Dave Anders David Nash	Rick Hom	Dave Anders David Nash	Rick Hom
Pew Crew	<i>Serving 8/31—9/3</i>	Karena Van Duyn	<i>Serving 9/7—9/10</i>	Cynde Keasling
Prayer Team	Candi Okada Pat Witzens	Jim & Barbara Tracy	Karen Chan Claire Pisor	Georgianne Becker Alice Parente
Teller Escorts	Jennifer Anders	Jarvis Arellano	TBD	TBD
Tellers	N.A.	Erwina Bush Jim Tracy	N.A.	TBD
Ushers	Stan & Cynde Keasling	Melodi Anderson	Donna Touros	Renee Larsen
Welcome Ctr.	Marianne Jenkins	Janeil Hogue	Margie Montzingo	Kay Lum
Worship Asst.	Rebecca Westmore	Barbara Tracy	Paul Kinney	Lucy DaCastello

Faith Worship Band: Eunice Bancu, Michaela Bannerman, Shane Bannerman, Esther Chapman, Andrew Chen, Victor Contreras, Sue Kim, Cindi Kinney, Paul Kinney, Carolyn Kubish, Paul Philleo, Zach Roberts, Makayla Van Duyn, Vickie Weaver Owens and Jill Whitney.

Faith Brass Ensemble: José Hermocillo, Tom McDuffie, Fred Noteware, Betsy Pehrson, Dan Pehrson, Steve Rock, Laura Schneider and Carolyn Tillman (Director).

Faith Chancel Choir: Cynthia Abbott, Wendy Benjamin, Gregory Collins, Joe De Illy, Sally Evey, Jessica Flash, Paul Heaton, Janeil Hogue, Sue Kim, Cindi Kinney, Paul Kinney, Carolyn Kubish, Barbara LaPlaca, Kay Lum, Phil Lum, Betsy Pehrson, Dan Pehrson, Paul Philleo, Ken Pisor, April Reichert, Edna Rush, Ron Sprinkle and Charlotte Van Wagner.

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This Week @ Faith: August 30–September 5

SUNDAY

- **Worship—9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)**
- Look at Faith Reception—10:15 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Adult Sunday School—10:15 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Women's Life Group—10:15 a.m. (Rm 2)
- Our Savior's Anglican Church Worship—12 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Piano Recital (Outside Group)—1 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- Immanuel Indonesian Church—4 p.m. (Link Hall)
- AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

MONDAY

- BSF Leaders Meeting—9 a.m. (Link Hall, Rms 2, 4, 5)
- Faith Staff Meeting—9:30 a.m. (Off site)
- Faith Crafters—1 p.m. (Rm 2)
- Women's AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

TUESDAY

- Morning Prayer—7:30 a.m. (Online)
- Family Ministry Meeting—11 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

WEDNESDAY

- Women's Life Group—10 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Life Group—5:30 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Worship Band Rehearsal—6 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Life Together—6:30 p.m. (Off site)
- Life Group—7 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Men's AA Meeting 7 p.m. (Rm 2)

THURSDAY

- Men's Life Group—7:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Staff Prayer—9 a.m. (Online)
- Women's Life Group—10:30 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Men's Life Group—3 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Chancel Choir Gathering—6 p.m. (Link Hall)
- FAA Meeting—6:30 p.m. (Rm 4)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

FRIDAY

- No Scheduled Events

SATURDAY

- Tai Chi—8:30 a.m. (Courtyard)
- Faith Brass Ensemble—9:30 a.m.

Calendar at a Glance

Upcoming dates of note in our life at Faith

September 11-13	All-Church Fall Retreat
September 20	Choir Sings in Worship!
September 26	Team World Vision Urban Cow, 5k
September 27	Team World Vision Urban Cow, Half Marathon
October 10	Harvest Dinner & Auction
October 17	Presby Pumpkin Patch
November 29	First Sunday in Advent
February 10	Ash Wednesday; Lent begins
March 28	Easter
April 2-4	Women's Retreat
April 23-25	Men & Boys' Retreat

This week, the Faith Church office is open
Monday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.,
Tuesday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
and Friday by appointment.

Save the Date!

St. Anthony Community & Cultural Food Festival

Date: Saturday, September 12th Noon - 8pm
Address: 660 Florin Rd, Sacramento, CA

CULTURAL FOOD BOOTHS:

- Polish • Nigerian • Mexican
- Filipino • Paella • American

GAMES:

- KIDS GAMES • Face Painting
- Bingo • Cake Spin
- Pull Tabs • Wine Spin

Book/Garden Booth, Country Store, Car Show
Entertainment starts at Noon with Boy Scout Troop #259 presentation of Flags, followed by Elk Grove School of Rock, J Street Strummers, Hui Na Kai Hula Dancers, and much more.
The day ends with a local band, Buckteeth.

FREE Admission!



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“The Next Step”

A Resource for Life Groups and/or Personal Application

August 30, 2026

Romans 5:1-11 (NIV)

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.



Message Notes

Therefore...

Questions to Consider...

The following questions and scriptures are provided for Life Groups and individuals who want to reflect further on today's message.

1. Read Romans 5:1-11 again. What do you notice? What stands out to you?
2. Paraphrase what you think it means to be “justified through faith” (verse 1).
3. What benefits does Paul list as the benefits of being justified through faith? Focus especially on verses 1-5.
4. What does it mean to have peace with God? Do you feel that you have peace with God today? If so, what is the source of that peace? If not, what is standing in the way?
5. How are suffering, hope, and God's love interconnected? Or are they?
6. Share a testimony from your own life as to how God has used suffering or hardship in your life to lead you down a pathway that led to either glory, maturity, or assurance of his love for you.
7. Focus on verse 8. What is Paul telling us here? Eugene Peterson paraphrases this verse in *The Message* this way: “But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him.” Is that a good interpretation of what Paul is saying? Why or why not?
8. What tone of voice do you imagine Paul is using in verses 9-11? What is the main thing he is trying to communicate?



Table to Table: Something for kids and adults to consider together

Why does God love us? When did God start loving us?

Does God's love for us ever change?

Meeting With God This Week

To help you LISTEN to God...

For your continued times of meeting with God daily, we offer the following passages from God's Word for your reflection. If you need a Bible, let us know and we'll give you one. We encourage you to keep a journal at hand to write down what you hear as you listen to God's Word. If you are new to all this, these steps may help you get started:

Invite - Find a time and space where you can have at least fifteen minutes of privacy and silence. Begin by taking a moment to simply ask God to meet you. Expect God to answer your prayer and show up.

Scripture - Read slowly through the passage for the day (we offer suggestions below). Read it again, if you like. Pay attention to phrases or ideas that particularly strike you.

Listen and Reflect - Use a journal to write down what you hear God saying in these verses. What is God telling you about himself? What is God telling you about your life? What is God telling you he wants you to do or to do differently? What questions are raised? What promises are revealed? Write what you hear.

Respond - Use the 3 R's. **#1 - Rejoice!** What have I heard from God which causes me to praise God and give thanks? Pray accordingly. **#2—Repent.** What have I heard from God that brings to light sin in my life or change that needs to take place? **#3—Request.** What have I heard from God that informs the way I pray for myself and others? (The guide in the column to the right, "To Help You Speak with God," may be useful as you pray for others this week.)

Suggested Scriptures for the Week, as we offer God a portion of each day in His Word.

Monday:	Joshua 23 / Psalm 89
Tuesday:	Joshua 24 / Psalm 90
Wednesday:	1 Thessalonians 1 / Ps. 91
Thursday:	1 Thessalonians 2 / Ps. 92
Friday:	1 Thessalonians 3 / Ps. 93
Saturday:	1 Thessalonians 4 / Ps. 94
Sunday:	1 Thessalonians 5 / Ps. 95

To help you SPEAK with God...

♦Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

Ron & Sherry Beams ~ Barbara Beattie ~
Georgianne Becker ~ Jim & Chris Becker ~
Becky Bell

♦Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

For Healing & Strength: Carol Keller, Bob Johnson, Clara Murrels, Kristen Bye, Barbara Tracy, Cheryl Chan, Sandy Smoley, Nick LaPlaca, Marvette Swayzer, Glenda Arellano, Em Baker, John Warren, Susan Murray, Wally Smith, Frank DeYoung.

♦Church Leadership:

Brett Shoemaker	Associate Pastor
Stan Keasling	Elder, Personnel
Anthony Shelton	Deacon, Parish 8

♦Other Opportunities for Prayer

Prayer Chain: Contact Alice Parente at vsas77@earthlink.net to share a prayer concern or to become part of the prayer chain.

Pre-Service Prayer: We meet in the Fireside Room every Sunday morning at 8:30 for prayer before worship. All are welcome.

Prayer After Worship: If you would like someone to pray with you, our prayer team will be available at the front of the church immediately following worship this morning.

Tuesday Morning Zoom Prayer Gathering: All are welcome to join us for prayer on Zoom Tuesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. Using a psalm or other scripture as our guide, we pray together—some silently, some aloud. Most of us keep our cameras off. It's wonderful to start our day in this way together. The Zoom ID is **871 3470 6671**.

