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Sundays at Faith

Sunday School & Bible
Study begin at
9:15 a.m.
Worship begins at
10:30 a.m.

Childcare is provided

FAITH TIMES

*Our Vision – A Community where people are FINDING, GROWING, LIVING,
AND EXTENDING the love, grace, and compassion of Jesus Christ.*

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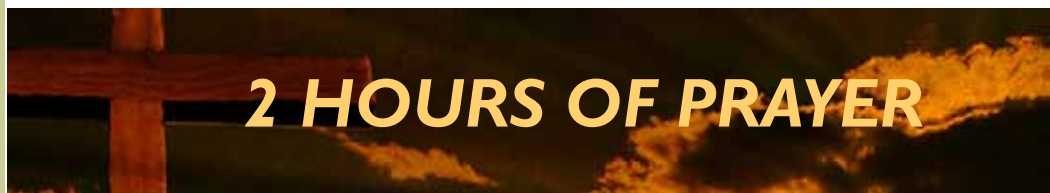
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PRAY 'TIL IT HURTS



Telling someone to pray until it hurts doesn't sound like the best encouragement for a more active prayer life. However, this is very much like telling an athlete while conditioning their bodies, "no pain, no gain". In general, pain is not a bad thing. Many things that cause pain are bad things and some things that cause pain are good things. First, we must understand that prayer only causes pain in the same way proper exercise brings pain to a muscle. Prayer exercises your soul, develops your spirit and makes you stronger—spiritually stronger. There

is no way around the pain required to make us spiritually stronger—but, it hurts so good. The first pain we experience in prayer is the change in our life required for prayer. Prayer takes time and something else has to go to make space for that time and sleep is not the best choice of those things to give up. The second pain experience in prayer comes from absolute honesty with God. That's hard because so few of us are even honest with ourselves. What's weird about this, is that most people believe God already knows our deepest, darkest secrets. So, the pain comes from admitting to ourselves—with God—in prayer how messed up we are. This is not just naked truth, it's buck-naked truth. You do know that 'buck-naked' is how God sees us, don't you? The third pain experience comes from cleaning up our messy lives. Prayer invites Christ to strengthen us and give us the courage to make the changes (and, change hurts) that will purify and detox our spirits. There is a lot of withdrawal pain to be shared with God in prayer as toxins are purged from your spirit. The fourth pain experience is the best. It's the pain of deep joy. Have you ever wondered why the things that make us happiest also bring tears to our eyes? It's because we realize in those moments how seldom we experience true happiness—deep joy. This is the ultimate goal of prayer to bring the tears of deep joy to your eyes that come from intimate, loving conversations with your Lord. Now, that hurts so good!



2 HOURS OF PRAYER

Saturday Morning, November 12, from 9 to 11

Where are you?



Life has a habit of just taking us along with it and sometimes (many times?) before we know it we end up somewhere or in a situation that's not very pleasant. Some would say that the devil does his best work when we're not paying attention. As a matter of fact, I know he counts on us not paying attention. So, I encourage everyone to regularly (as in, daily) ask themselves the question, "Where am I?" It's one thing to be where you are on purpose—at least you know who to blame when things aren't quite the way you hoped they would be. It's another to realize that the currents of life have carried you somewhere you don't want to be. The real question I want you to ask yourself is not just "Where am I?" but, "Am I where God wants me to be?" I can guarantee you that there is somewhere God wants you to be right now. One thing is for sure; your life was perfectly designed to get you exactly where you are. Now, whose design is this? Yours?, life/fate?, the devil's?, or God's? The good news is that Christ has been with you for the entire journey to this point whether you wanted him there, or not. (You might want to think about the places you've taken

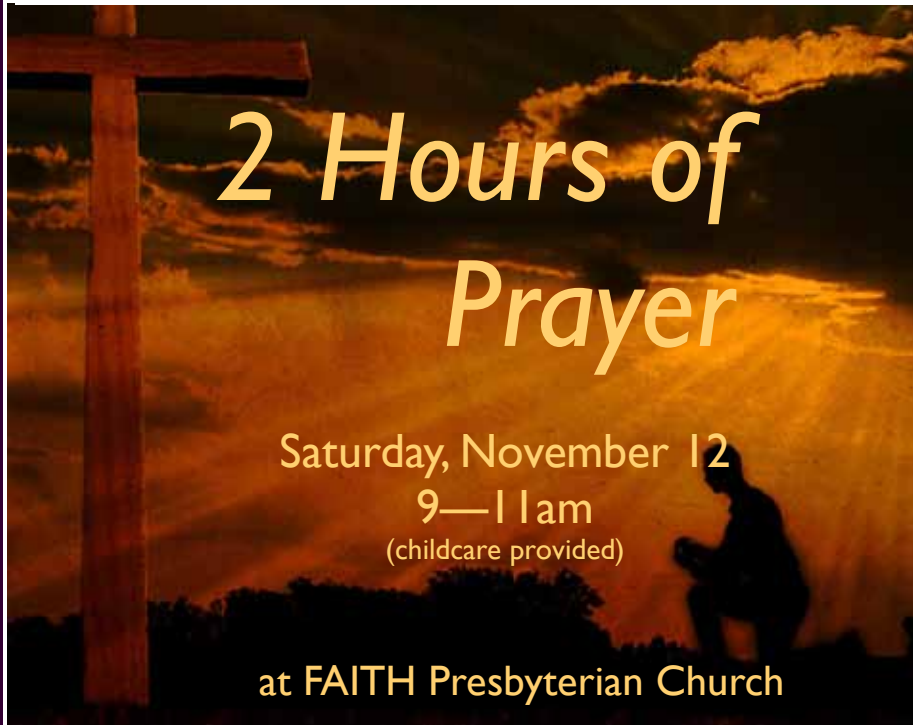
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Him). He's just been waiting for you to ask Him this simple question, "Where does God want me to be, Jesus?"

God is Good and Grace is Amazing
Pastor Jim

Fun and Fellowship at Faith

Please check the calendar on page 3 for a complete list of dates and times.



Begin this season of Thanksgiving by joining Pastor Jim and other FAITH friends for two hours of prayer at FAITH Presbyterian Church, Saturday morning, November 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. Praying is the heart of Christian worship and prayer discipline is essential to the life of every Christian. Pastor Jim will spend the first half hour with you teaching prayer disciplines that have proven effective over the centuries since Christ instructed his first disciples in prayer. Then we will spend the balance of our time in guided practice of these disciplines. Praying is guaranteed to enrich your life—in all ways. Please join us. All are welcome.

Growing Our Family of Faith

If you are visiting Faith we hope that you experienced the Faith Hospitality that we want to extend to all whom God brings our way. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to fully participate in everything we do at Faith—membership is not required—but if you are looking for a church home, we encourage you to consider our Faith family. Information about becoming a member, Journey to Faith, is available at the Hospitality Desk. Please contact Pastor Jim if you are interested in or would like more information about joining our Faith family!

A note from Jean Bodine:

Thank you so much for the prayers, flowers, beautiful cards and letters while I was in the hospital and rehab. It is good to be home.

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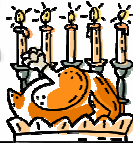
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| | | 1 6:30 am Coffee and the Bible | 2 4:15 pm Bell Choir 6:15 pm Wed Together / Wed 4 Kids 6:50 pm Youth 6:50 pm Journey Through the Bible 7:30 pm Choir 7:35 pm Audio | 3 | 4 10:00 pm Rising Disciples Lock-In | 5 7:55 am Men's Breakfast |
| 6 8:00 am Praise Team 9:15 am Church School/Bible Study 9:30 am Music Team meeting 10:15 am Choir 10:30 am Worship / Communion 11:30 am First Sunday Lunch | 7 | 8 6:30 am Coffee and the Bible 6:30 pm Worship Advisory Team meeting | 9 4:15 pm Bell Choir 6:15 pm Wed Together / Wed 4 Kids 6:50 pm Youth 6:50 pm Journey Through the Bible | 10 6:30 pm Deacon Meeting | 11 | 12 9:00 am 2 Hours of Prayer 6:30 pm Wild at Heart Dinner & Pokeno |
| 13 8:00 am Praise Team 9:15 am Church School/Bible Study 10:30 am Worship & Audio 4:00 pm Building Youth Experience | 14 9:15 am L.I.F.T | 15 6:30 am Coffee and the Bible 6:30 pm Session Meeting | 16 4:15 pm Bell Choir 6:15 pm Wed Together / Wed 4 Kids 6:50 pm Youth 6:50 pm Journey Through the Bible 7:30 pm Choir | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 8:00 am Praise Team 9:15 am Church School/Bible Study 10:30 am Worship / Communion 4:00 pm Journey to Faith Class | 21 | 22 6:30 am Coffee and the Bible | 23 6:50 pm Youth Service Project | 24 Thanksgiving | 25 Office Closed | 26 |
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Joys and Concerns

We celebrate the wedding of Michelle McLaughlin and Jerrod Hancock. Congratulations Michelle and Jerrod! We pray for Jean Bodine as she returns to the hospital. We pray for Skip Green's health and the difficult journey ahead for him, Andrea, Laura and family. We pray for Braydon in hospital with a difficult heart condition. We also pray for the continued recovery of Chris Demer's mother, Nelda. We continue to pray for Gene McLaughlin's health (father of Natalie Peak, Michelle and Heather McLaughlin). *If you have joys, concerns, or prayer requests please let us know. Call 817-441-6262 and leave messages on Pastor Jim's voice mail or send an email to Pastor Jim*

November Birthdays

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| Natalie Baumeister | 11/01 |
| Kevin Bollin | 11/01 |
| Delaney McLachlan | 11/03 |
| Devin Woodliff | 11/04 |
| Anna Lee Swan | 11/06 |
| Ted Studdard | 11/08 |
| Monika Gonzales | 11/09 |
| Byron Larson | 11/09 |
| Susan Demers | 11/11 |
| Tracey Johnson | 11/12 |
| Keith Coughlin | 11/16 |
| Zachary Watson | 11/24 |
| Polly McCall | 11/26 |
| Pete Prokell | 11/30 |



FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH

November 6

Potluck

Ribs provided by church

Bring your favorite dish

BE A PART OF THE FAITH PRESBYTERIAN PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

New Deadline 12-04-2011

Church Photo
Directory



- **Email your family picture file to Cathey**
- or
- **Have a volunteer photographer take the picture at church.
Sunday mornings before or after church
Wednesday nights during Fellowship**

(Appointment required in order to schedule volunteers)

Contact: Cathey Maddox-Coon faithadmin@faithaledo.com

Music Ministry & Events

A Time to be Thankful

I always seem to be in such a hurry these days and all too rarely take the time to tell people how much they mean to me. So this Faith times article I am making a point to take the time just to tell the Music Team and the congregation ~ you really mean a lot to me !

Jeff Ferrell and Janette ~ thank you for leading the congregation in music ~ I love the support you give to me as well as to the congregation ~ you both sing with such expression always showing your love for God .

Praise Band ~ you guys give so much of your time and you enrich our music each week ~ I love your ideas and there is never a dull moment !

Musicians of Faith choir ~ thank you for sharing your voices , I am so proud each time you sing , I marvel at the sound you produce and I thank you for your dedication.

Sunny ~ thank you for sharing your gift that God gave you , you bless us each week with your playing .

Congregation ~ thank you for singing and helping us all enrich our worship experience together, thank you for allowing me to lead you in worship ~ I am truly blessed at Faith !

Sincerely, Johna Beth

Adult & All Church Ministry & Events

Wild At Heart's 3rd Annual Pokeno Party



Saturday, November 12th
6:30pm
1590 E. FM 1187
(Jeanie's home)



for Pokeno, please bring a \$2 unwrapped gift and a \$10 wrapped gift per person attending

Potluck Mexican Food

If desired, bring your favorite beverage

hosted by: Jeanie Birdwell and Nita and Jeff Ferrell

RSVP to jbird1015@hotmail.com

Coming Events

December

First Sunday Lunch

December 4

Children's Christmas Recital
December 4 6:30 pm

Messiah
December 11
10:30 am

Bethlehem Star Movie
December 11
tbd

Breakfast for Dinner with Santa

Wed, December 14

6:15 pm



Let's Go Caroling
December 18
6:30 pm

Children Rising Disciples Youth Ministries & Events



Faith Presbyterian participated in the Tarrant Area CROP Hunger Walk held Sunday, **October 16** at TCU. We received the Kids Award for having the most elementary-aged participants this year's event.



WEDNESDAY HAPPENINGS FOR YOUTH
NOVEMBER
 6:50 pm - 7:30 pm

Nov 2 **GAME NIGHT** 

 Nov 9, **JOB PART I** 

 Nov 16 **JOB, PART II**

Nov 23 **JOB, SERVICE PROJECT** 

Nov 30 **DISCUSSION**

For more info email Josh at faithyouth@faithaledo.com

BUILDING THE YOUTH EXPERIENCE
WORSHIP 

Sunday, November 13 4:00 pm



For details contact Josh deSteiguer at faithyouth@faithaledo.com

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN **RISING DISCIPLES** **LOCK-IN**
 Fri November 4th 10 pm - Saturday November 5th 8 am



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OCTOBER PICTURES

Did you know that October was Fire Safety Month? In addition to a fire drill last week, the children got to meet a fireman today, see Ms. Angela dressed up in their gear, and got to climb aboard the fire truck!

We want to extend our thanks to Fireman Joe from the Aledo Fire Department for his help today in teaching us about fire safety.



The Women's Retreat at Faith in October was a success. Thank you Janette Hahn, Wanda Witherow and Johna Beth Mohr for hosting. And a special thanks to guest speaker Marsha Scott.



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