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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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BASIC ESSENTIALS



Do you ever feel confused about what is essential to being a Christian? Is being a Christian about a way of life, or a set of beliefs, or belonging to a club? Is being a Christian just another way of saying, “Be a good person”? Is there more than one way to be a Christian? Or, is there only one way? These questions have been around since the first followers of Jesus Christ began organizing into what we call church. In Paul’s letter to the Church in Galatia he is very concerned that the members of that church had gotten confused over what it meant to be a Christian. They were listening to teachers who came into the Galatia region after Paul. These teachers convinced many in the church that Paul hadn’t given them the ‘complete’ picture of what it meant to be a Christian. Paul’s letter attempts to straighten things out—without pulling any punches. Join us as we study this important letter to the Galatians and learn the Basic Essentials of what it means to be a Christian. Pastor Jim Witherow begins this series of seven sermons from Galatians on June 13. Please join us!

BASIC ESSENTIALS

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| June 13 | Essential Gospel |
| June 20 | Essential Difference |
| June 27 | Essential Righteousness |
| July 4 | Essential Nation |
| July 11 | Essential Christian |
| July 18 | Essential Freedom |
| July 25 | Essential Community |



**SUMMER INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP
GOODLAND CHILDREN’S ACADEMY
June 23–27**

See page 7 for more information



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SUMMER FRUIT

The Book of Amos in the Old Testament includes a prophecy that begins with Amos seeing a vision of a basket of summer fruit (chapter 8). However, this prophecy speaks to a people who are anything but fruitful. The people to whom Amos is prophesying are taking advantage of the poor—doing anything for a dollar (really, a shekel). Amos' prophecy predicts that the only basket of summer fruit these folks will see will be an end filled with disaster and suffering as a result of the suffering they are adding to the already difficult lives of the less privileged people of their community.

Summer is the time most of us take our vacation breaks from the routines of school and work. These breaks are important as they refresh our energy and enthusiasm for the hard work of life.

I encourage you to also take some time to reflect on the basket of summer fruit that is your life. The Apostle Paul gives us a wonderful picture of a basket of fruit that comes from a fruitful life. Paul says that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). How many of these fill the basket of fruit that comes from your life's work. As you can see by this list, there is not one word about material things or monetary measures of a fruitful life. No, this list is about how others experience you as a person. You are the fruit of God's creation and God sent you into the world to share you with the world—especially those closest to you. I pray that all the activities of your summer produce a wonderful basket of summer fruit and God continue to guide you into the fruitful life I know he wants you to have.

The Amazing Grace of Christ be with You,
Pastor Jim

FUN and FELLOWSHIP AT FAITH

During the month of June there are several Fellowship opportunities for our faith family to eat, hangout, and have some fun together. We hope everyone will find their way to one or more of these fun events.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH—June 6

Every First Sunday we gather after worship for lunch. The church provides the main course and everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite side dish, salad, dessert, bread, or whatever. We hope you'll make plans to eat with us on the First Sunday in June.

Girls Night Out Dinner and a Movie Friday, June 4 at 6:30p.m. Polly McCall's home 721 Verna Trail North Fort Worth, 76108 Please RSVP 817-246-2988 or pollymccall@msn.com

WILD AT HEART Summer BBQ—Please join the Wild at Heart Fellowship Group co-hosted by the Luig's and Poynters RSVP to BBQ and for childcare by May 28 to bluig@uwmmail.com Please bring a side dish to 512 Muir Hill Court, Aledo. The main course and fun will be provided!

WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER & WEDNESDAYS 4 KIDS—Join us every Wednesday evening at 6:15 p.m. for a potluck meal (check the calendar for theme), adult fellowship, and activities for the children and youth.

FAITH CRAFTERS

Bring your favorite craft project and enjoy an evening of fellowship with other Faith Crafters on the last Friday evening of each month. This group gathers at the church at 6:30 p.m.

Growing Our Family of Faith

We welcome recent new members into our family of Faith—

Doug and Traci, Caleb and Emma Jernigan; Craig and Carol, Brennan and Alex Rodgers. Please join us in giving the newest members of our family of Faith a big Faith Welcome!

We also want to acknowledge all who have been our guests. 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. We set aside the last Sunday of each month to bring in New Members. Information about becoming a member, Journey to Faith, is available at the Hospitality Desk. Please contact Pastor Jim if you are interested in joining our Faith family!

June 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 6:30 am Coffee and the Bible | 2 6:15 pm Wed Together/Wed 4 Kids Theme:Italian 7:30 pm Musicians of Faith 8:00 pm By Grace Alone | 3 | 4 6:30 pm Girls' Night Out Dinner and a Movie | 5 8:00 am Men's Breakfast EPC Garden Party 6:30 pm Wild at Heart Summer BBQ |
| 6 9:15 am Church School/Bible Study 9:15 am Music Advisory Team Meeting 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am First Sunday Fellowship Lunch and Youth Team Meeting | 7 6:30 pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting | 8 6:30 am Coffee and the Bible 6:30 pm Finance/Administration Team Meeting | 9 5:30 pm VBS Planning Meeting 6:15 pm Wed Together/Wed 4 Kids Theme:Italian 7:30 pm Musicians of Faith 8:00 pm By Grace Alone | 10 6:30 pm Deacon Meeting | 11 | 12 |
| 13 9:15 am Church School/Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Noon Youth (7th-12th) Fort Worth Cat's Baseball Game | 14 6:30 pm Worship Advisory Team | 15 6:30 am Coffee and the Bible 6:30 pm Session Meeting | 16 6:15 pm Wed Together/Wed 4 Kids Theme: Potluck 7:30 pm Musicians of Faith 8:00 pm By Grace Alone | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Father's Day 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 Youth Mission Trip to Goodland 6:15 pm Wed Together/Wed 4 Kids Theme: Mexican 7:15 pm Musicians of Faith 8:15 pm By Grace Alone | 24 Youth Mission Trip to Goodland | 25 Youth Mission Trip to Goodland 6:30 pm Faith Crafters | 26 Youth Mission Trip to Goodland |
| 27 Youth Mission Trip to Goodland 9:15 am Church School/Bible Study 10:30 am Worship | 28 | 29 6:30 am Coffee and the Bible | 30 6:15 pm Wed Together/Wed 4 Kids Theme: Italian 7:15 pm Musicians of Faith 8:15 pm By Grace Alone | | | |

Music at Faith Presbyterian...

Calling all people who love to sing! Come to one of our rehearsals, come sing and have fellowship! We always have a seat waiting just for you ~ the Mohr the merrier!

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FAITH SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- ⇒ **CENTER OF HOPE MEALS** Next opportunities to serve at COH are July 20-22 and August 24-26. Every few months we prepare and serve meals at the Center of Hope. Please see Brian Luig if you would like to help with this important ministry.
- ⇒ **SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS**—We're always looking for new smiling faces to welcome our Sunday morning guests. It's a great way to get to know our Faith regulars and new guests. Please let Natalie Peak know if you are able to serve as a greeter on Sunday mornings.
- ⇒ **SUNDAY MORNING SETUP**—Join the early setup team and help us get our worship space ready for Sunday worship. We meet at 8:30 a.m. See Brad Seay, Brian Luig, or Paul Priest
- ⇒ **CENTER OF HOPE SFS DRIVE**—We are making regular deliveries to the Center of Hope of Soup, Flour and Sugar. You will need to be able to lift tubs that weigh 50 lbs. or so. See Brian Luig, Rick Sheets or Jeff Shook if you are able give a hand with this.
- ⇒ **LANDSCAPE MINISTRY**—We can always use help with our weekly landscape upkeep. Brad Seay, Don Kissner and/or Pastor Jim can always find healthy, outdoor work for you.
- ⇒ **FAITH PRES. DAY SCHOOL**—Anyone interested in volunteering for Faith Presbyterian Day School or being a substitute teacher please email Sheree Carter at daycare@faithaledo.com
- ⇒ **ADMINISTRATION**—Anyone interested in volunteering to assist in the church office during the week please email Cathey Maddox-Coon at ap@faithaledo.com

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| Dori Woods | June 9 | Kristy Denney | June 16 | Drew Woodliff | June 27 |
| Brian Luig | June 12 | Paige Wilhelm | June 22 | Jan Farnham | June 28 |
| Carly Walker | June 16 | Kaylin Elliott | June 27 | Hudson Davis | June 29 |

JOYS AND CONCERNS

We pray for Bob Peak who recently lost his grandmother, Ruth Peak. We pray for Helen Kayser in hospital from a stroke. We pray for Sue Cox's continued recovery, as well as Ken's continued improvement as both were recently hospitalized. We give thanks and pray for Marley's continued recovery. Some of our members have upcoming procedures scheduled in the months of June and July and we pray that all goes well and for quick recoveries: Spencer Smith, Liza Lehmkuhl, and Connie Suchocki. We continue to pray for Bambi Cartmill's mother Peggy enduring her ongoing struggle with Parkinson's. *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 at: pastor@faithaledo.com*

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Sunday Mornings

All Adults—In "2DIE4, The Dangerous Truth about following Christ," Ryan Dobson passionately demonstrates what it means to die to self. We may never face physical death for our faith, but we're called to daily deny ourselves doses of this earthly existence. And to pursue the amazing LIFE Jesus promises. Join us at 9:15am every Sunday in the Adult Sunday School room to explore what it means to die to self and learn how to live for Christ

Women's Morning Bible Study - *We are taking a summer break and resume in September* This group meets the first and third Monday mornings of each month (except this January when we will meet on 2nd and 4th Monday, see the calendar on p. 3) and is open to any interested women in our community. We hope you will join us. Childcare is provided.

Women's Evening Bible Study - *We are taking a summer break and will resume in September.* This group meets at the church on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month. Please consider joining us. We find that each person brings unique thoughts and blessings.

Men's Breakfast - **Saturday, June 5** we will meet at R&K at 7:55 a.m. All of our Men of Faith are encouraged to join us for a great morning of fellowship and sharing events of our lives, our faith, and a great meal. We meet the first Saturday of each month. It's a great way to get to know each other a little better.

COFFEE AND THE BIBLE

TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 6:30

Meet with Pastor Jim and other Faith early risers every Tuesday morning for a guided Bible Study and devotion. We will be studying books of the Bible, what the Bible says about topics on your minds and issues of the day, and how the Bible can feed our souls with the grace of Jesus Christ. Join us for a refreshing pause in your week for that much needed time in the Word of God. Previous experience in Bible study or knowledge of the Bible is not necessary to participate. We will end each session promptly at 7:30 a.m. We hope you will come and enjoy Coffee and the Bible with Pastor Jim.

LAST SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

The service time is from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and includes a traditional meditative service with Holy Communion on the last Sunday of the month
Our next Last Sunday Communion Service will be on June 27.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES



LISA CONNOLLY

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We provide many opportunities for children and youth to learn about God's love and experience the excitement of God's promises.

For more information about any of our Children or Youth Ministries, contact the church office at 817-441-6262 or email children@faithaledo.com.

Children

Club 3:16 – PreK thru Grade 4

Children & Rising Disciples (PreK-6th grade) are using the Hands-On Bible Curriculum that engages students while they learn about God. The curriculum taps into kids' God-given desire to play. Experiment. Wiggle. Discover. Eyes light up with understanding. Come join us as kids' hearts turn toward God. Using everyday objects, much like Jesus used to teach, coins, lilies, sheep...their faces widen with bright, delighted smiles as they make the connection between a feather ball and the promises of an eternal God.

Sunday School and WOW are designed to help children know love, and follow Jesus. The Bible comes alive through fun activities including crafts, games and interactive lessons.

Rising Disciples – Grades 5 & 6

The Rising Disciples will remain in the service on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. We'll be using the 5th and 6th grade years to help preteens transition from being in WOW (children's church) to being in Youth (where they remain for the full service). On the opposite weeks, the Rising Disciples will be released for WOW where they will study the Bible and learn more about being fully devoted followers of Christ.

Youth (grades 7-12)

We'll not be meeting on Sundays after church during the summer but will have some fun events during these three months. Look for special announcements at church and in This Week at Faith.

June Youth Events

Sunday, June 13—Fort Worth Cats Baseball

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPERIENCE BEGINS JUNE 13

MISSION ADVENTURES

Beginning June 13 we will share a new Sunday School experience during our first hour on Sunday mornings at 9:15. This will be an experience for all ages. Each Sunday will have a particular mission focus on the needs of our community and beyond. It will be a great opportunity for families, youth, young adults, and young at heart adults to share and learn about ways to extend the love, grace, and compassion of Jesus Christ. Please join us for this time of learning, doing, and having fun every Sunday morning during the summer months.



**SUMMER INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP
GOODLAND ACADEMY**

Middle School through Adult ages

Our 5th annual Mission Trip to Goodland Academy in Hugo, Oklahoma is set for June 23 through June 27. Goodland was a Presbyterian Mission founded in the mid 1800's to help homeless Native American children. They are now a resource for children at risk living in Oklahoma and all over the United States. We have developed a wonderful partnership with Goodland and we look forward to helping them with several grounds projects on this trip. And,

we are looking forward to spending time with the kids living there! The cost of the trip will be travel expenses, some meals, and incidentals—three meals a day and living quarters are provided. We caravan in our personal vehicles so out of pocket expenses are minimal for this trip. Goodland is about 20 miles north of Paris, Texas – a 3 hour drive from here. This is our annual intergenerational youth/adult Mission Trip and we invite anyone who wants to be blessed by helping improve this campus and the lives of these children to join us. No particular skills other than a willingness to do God's hard work are needed. Email faithtimes@faithaledo and tell us if you are interested in going on this rewarding mission.

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