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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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Faith Presbyterian Church begins the month of June in a new home! With the completion of a new building comes the beginning of a new chapter in the mission and ministry of this church. The mission of Jesus Christ continues in this community as it does throughout the Christian world in a variety of churches and faith traditions. Faith Presbyterian is committed to standing alongside the other churches of this community as a partner in Christ's mission, reaching out and making a real difference in the lives of the people of Parker County and beyond. We believe that even though some find the variety of churches confusing, this variety serves God's purpose by making the Good News of Jesus Christ more accessible and inviting. When people argue or make claims over which church is "right" they miss the point entirely. For the most part, it is more about emphasis than it is about right or wrong. As long as Jesus Christ is proclaimed as God's Son and through Christ you have access to eternal life you are most probably in a church that is faithfully serving Christ's mission. We also believe that God is active in helping people find the "right" church for their personal faith journey. God speaks to people through friends, the media, random acquaintances, and even while you're driving down the road passing by a church building that attracts your attention. We celebrate every choice for Christ's church whether it is for this one or another one. The church of Jesus Christ exists to serve the physical and spiritual needs of people and to offer a place of acceptance and true community that we call the Body of Christ. It is our hope that this new building is a way to facilitate the growth of the community of the Body of Christ that has already begun with this group of people who are now growing together in their faith and serving the needs of others. As you begin a faith journey and grow along with others in faith a new creation takes shape. Life is transformed in real, positive ways with healing of pain and heartache, new energy for serving the needs of others, and a new sense of self-worth as one of God's beloved children. The church is where these things really happen and we intend to help people find a new beginning with new and exciting possibilities for real joy in life and a hope beyond anything this world can offer. The mission continues and if you are reading this newsletter consider this either an invitation to come and visit Faith Presbyterian or any church that attracts your attention, or an encouragement to invite someone new to your church home. A new creation is waiting for you—a new home in the Spirit.



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Message from Your Pastor

WORSHIP

One of the things that separates a church from other organizations is the activity of worship. A church is a worshipping community. Indeed, without worship the church, is at best just another organization trying to do good things. There are really only two elements necessary to determine if worship is happening and a church exists. In the words of John Calvin, "Wherever we see the word of God sincerely preached and heard, wherever we see the sacraments administered according to the institution of Christ, there we cannot have any doubt that the Church of God has some existence." And yet, churchgoers since the first house churches in Palestine have tried to define worship and church by everything that goes on except the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments. In Paul's time, the churches in Corinth believed speaking in tongues was more important than preaching the Word so that it could be understood and more

important than properly celebrating the Lord's Supper. Paul addressed both of these issues in I Corinthians very directly. Over the past 30 years music style has been the main determinant for most people as to whether "true" worship is going on. I wonder what Paul would write to our churches today about all the focus on music style while the frequency of the celebration of the Lord's Supper has declined to only the first Sunday of the month or even quarterly or less in many churches (traditional or contemporary). Actually, the frequency of celebrating the Lord's Supper has been on the rise more so in the contemporary churches than traditional churches lately—go figure. We have a wonderful new place of worship and I will do my best to sincerely preach the Word of God and administer the Sacraments as Christ directed. Our music will likewise sincerely interpret the Word, compliment the Sacraments, lead us in prayer, and always glorify Jesus Christ with spiritual energy and enthusiasm. I am certain that the Apostle Paul and John Calvin would approve. Now, let us worship God and celebrate our new church home!!!

The Amazing Grace of Christ be with you!

Jim Witherow

The YOUTH of Faith have many fun activities planed for the summer. We hope you'll join us!

Summer Youth Group Activities for Grades 7-12

Sunday, June 7th – Meet 4:30-6:30 Decorate Youth Room

Sunday, June 14th - Lunch & Pool party at the Dobbins' house right after church.

Sunday, June 21st - **No Meeting; It's Father's Day!**

June 24th-28th - Mission trip to Goodland Boys Home. Registration forms due by June 14th

Sunday, June 28th - **No Meeting** - arriving from Goodland

Sunday, July 5th - Concerts in the Garden at Botanic Gardens. Cost is \$15. Time TBA.

Sunday, July 12th - Meet 4:30-6:30; Plans TBA later.

Thursday, July 16th - Day at Six Flags; Time TBA.

Sunday, July 19th - Meet 4:30-6:30; Plans TBA later.

June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Women's Morning Bible Study 9:30a.m.	2 6:30 a.m. - Coffee & the Bible	3 Wednesday Together Wed 4 Kids 6:15 p.m. Dinner Theme: Pot Luck 7:30pm Choir & TFG	4	5 6:30 p.m. Girl's Nite Out Dinner and Movie	6 8a.m. Men's Breakfast R&K 5p.m. Young at Heart BBQ
7 9:15 Church School 10:30 Worship w/ Communion 11:45 FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH 4:30-6:30 Youth Decorate new Youth Room	8 Women's Evening Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	9 6:30 a.m. - Coffee & the Bible	10 5:30 VBS Meeting Wednesday Together Wed 4 Kids 6:15 p.m. Dinner Theme: Mexican 7:30pm Choir & TFG 8:15 Praise Band	11 6:30 Deacons	12 6:30p.m. Wild at Heart Dinner	13
14 9:15 Church School 10:15 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:45 Youth Pool Party at the Dobbins'	15 Women's Morning Bible Study 9:30a.m.	16 6:30 a.m. - Coffee & the Bible 6:30 Session Mtg.	17 Wednesday Together Wed 4 Kids 6:15 p.m. Dinner Theme: Pot Luck 7:30pm Choir & TFG 8:15 Praise Band	18	19	20
21 FATHER'S DAY 9:15 Church School 10:30 Worship w/ Communion 12 noon ALL CHURCH LOW COUNTRY SHRIMP BOIL	22	23 6:30 a.m. - Coffee & the Bible	24 GOODLAND MISSION TRIP Wednesday Together Wed 4 Kids 6:15 p.m. Dinner Theme: Salads 7:30pm Choir & TFG 8:15 Praise Band	25	26	27
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A CHURCH FOR EVERYONE



Our New Home
301 Bailey Ranch Rd.
Completed May 2009!!!

We've moved and ministry has begun on Bailey Ranch Rd.! We hope you will come be part of this exciting time in the life of Faith. A church building is meant to support the life of Faith in community and for the community. Our new church home will enable us to extend the love, grace, and compassion of Jesus Christ with new energy and resources. We still have a lot to learn about all the new possibilities our new church building provides, but we know that God will guide us in how best to use this wonderful resource for His purpose. More than anything else we want this building to fulfill the intended vision from the first drawings:

FAITH SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- ⇒ CPR/FIRST AID INSTRUCTOR—We have the need for CPR/First Aid Training for our Day School Staff and other staff and volunteers within the church. Please contact the church office or Melinda Lary-Smith if you are qualified to provide certified training.
- ⇒ 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 Mike Birdwell, Greg Larson 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 Deacons Janette Hahn or Jeff Shook if you are able give a hand with this.
- ⇒ LANDSCAPE MINISTRY—We can always use help with our weekly landscape upkeep. Pastor Jim and/or Don Kissner can always be found at work on Friday mornings beginning at 9 a.m.
- ⇒ CENTER OF HOPE—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.

Growing Our Family of Faith

Welcome to the Seay Family! Brad, Michelle, and their children, Jade and Glenn united with our church family on May 31. Brad is a Biology teacher in the Fort Worth ISD and Michelle is court reporter at the Tarrant County Courthouse. They live in Willow Park. Please give the Seay's a big Faith Welcome!!!

We want to welcome all who have been our guests. We hope that you experienced the Faith Hospitality that we want to extend to all 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 Table. Please contact Pastor Jim if you are interested in joining our Faith family!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

We pray for the Putnam family after a recent home break-in. We celebrate the marriage of Eric and Amy Brown. We continue to pray for Johna Beth's brother-in-law, Larry Braidfoot who continues to have complications. We pray for a broken family in our community. We pray for friends and family who have lost jobs recently. We pray for the economic health of our country, wisdom for those working on solutions for bringing back stability to the marketplace, and new hope for those who have lost employment and homes. *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@fpcepc.org.*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Brian Luig	12-Jun	Jan Farnham	28-Jun
Laura Wilhelm	22-Jun	Hudson Davis	29-Jun
Carter Whitfield	27-Jun	Venessa Vasquez	29-Jun
Kaylin Elliott	27-Jun		

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Sunday Mornings

Death and Resurrection of the Messiah – 10 Faith Lessons

Pack your bags. We're going on a journey, a quest to uncover Scripture and its meaning across history. Filmed on location in Israel and throughout the Middle East, the Faith lessons DVD series led by Ray Vander Laan is a life-changing experience with the Bible. You will discover why Jesus turned the world upside down with his compelling call to follow him. Please join us as we embark on this journey starting Sunday March 1, 2009 during the 9:15 a.m. Church School hour in the Worship Center building. We look forward to seeing you there!

Women's Morning Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. This group meets the first and third Monday mornings of each month and is open to any interested women in our community. We hope you will join us. Childcare is provided.

New change: If you need child care, please notify Judith Alexander Priest at children@faithaledo.com no later than the Wednesday prior to the Monday Bible study.

Women's Evening Bible Study - resumes regular meetings on April 27. 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, May 2**, 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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Faith Presbyterian Church is committed to reaching children and youth for Christ and discipling them to know, love and serve God. In fact, it is our desire to strategically partner with parents in their efforts to raise children in the Christian faith. Because this is such a serious responsibility, we believe it is our duty as church community to be intentional in our efforts. **VIPs** are those who are saying, "YES! We want to partner with Faith Presbyterian Church and work together to make sure the critical years of our children's spiritual formation are the best possible! Count me in!"



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

Why YOU Should Serve In Children & Youth Ministry

1. Young people are important to God. I don't know about you, but I want to serve in ways that matter most to God. There is no question about God's attitude toward young people. The Bible tells us that kids are a blessing from God. While Jesus was on earth, he made a point to welcome children and to affirm their value. Make no mistake; children and youth matter to God.

2. Responsibility for children and youth rests with the entire congregation. The following exchange takes place during the sacrament of baptism: "*Pastor: Will you nurture this child in his/her faith teaching him/her to obey all that Christ commands? All: We will.*" We in the congregation are committing ourselves to do everything in our power to support, nurture and develop our children and youth into fully devoted followers of Christ.

3. Serving in Children & Youth Ministry multiplies the church's efforts long-term. There are few ministry opportunities that allow you to impact the future in such a direct way. When you love and teach children and youth, you are also influencing generations to come. Our children and youth will one day become parents and church leaders themselves. If you want to change the world long-term, then you should serve in Children & Youth Ministry.

As a young Christian I discovered that some avenues of church service were beyond my abilities. Although you may never sing a solo or preach a sermon in church, God definitely wants you to find a place of ministry. There are many ways that you can get involved in serving in Children or Youth Ministries. If you love God, then we can find ways for you to help. **I pray that you will become one our VIPs!**

Grace & Peace,
Judith

Music at Faith Presbyterian...

Thank you Jon Coon, Jeff Shook and Paul Priest for all of your work making our sound system and video presentation run so smoothly !

Thank you Jeff Ferrell for the many hours placing the worship and songs into the video system

Thank you choir for all of your patience ,flexibility , and communication

June Schedule ~ each Sunday the choir will sit up front

June 3 choir rehearsal at 7:30

June 7 choir sings meet in choir room at 10:15

June 17 choir rehearsal at 7:30

June 21 choir sings meet in choir room at 10:15

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 ! *johna beth*



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—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' NITE OUT—DINNER AND A MOVIE: Friday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. the adult girls of all ages will gather at Natalie Peak's home for dinner, a movie, and a lot of fun. The only requirement for this event is to be a girl and want to have some fun night out with other girl friends of faith.

YOUNG AT HEART BBQ at Bill and Polly McCall's home, Saturday, June 6 at 5:00 p.m. Bring a side dish, everything else is provided. RSVP 817-246-2988. Most of the Young at Heart crowd are over 50 and/or empty-nesters. The only requirement is that regardless of age you're Young at Heart.

WILD AT HEART DINNER at Bill and Melinda Smith's home Friday, June 12—6:30p.m. The Wild at Heart crowd are mostly under 50, but you'll find some older wild hearts and these fun gatherings, too. Plan on a great meal and fun fellowship every time this group gets together.

FATHER'S DAY LOW COUNTRY SHRIMP BOIL, Sunday June 21 after church services. All church, all ages, and all friends and visitors are invited to share in the great food and fellowship for Father's Day. This special event is being offered by the Elders and Deacons of Faith and they hope everyone will stay and partake of this wonderful Southern meal and hospitality.

DEACONS' CORNER

Goodland Mission Trip

Date: June 24 –28

Our Goodland Mission Team is off on another mission trip as we continue this wonderful partnership with the Goodland Children's Academy in Hugo, Oklahoma. Started by Presbyterians in the 1850's for Choctaw Indian children, Goodland is the oldest continuously operating children's home west of the Mississippi River. Each year we have a great reunion with the resident boys, now of all racial/ethnic groups and help with maintenance and improvement projects. And, there's always time for some fun. Please pray for the Goodland Team that they have another fruitful trip again this year!

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