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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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## FALL KICKOFF—AUGUST 30

Join us on Sunday August 30th at 9:15 for breakfast and a special time of celebration as we begin our new program year. There's lots of fun and interesting things to experience and learn about our faith, the Bible, and living and growing as disciples of Jesus Christ. Our teachers and volunteers who will be sharing their gifts and talents with us during this new program year are looking forward to leading and guiding us as we share our journey of Faith. We hope you too will make Sunday School and Bible Study a regular part of your faith life. Sunday School/Bible Study is a special place where we can connect with each other, study God's word and come to understand how God's Word applies to our daily lives. It's a fellowship like none other that the world offers -- a safe place to share laughter and deep meaning as we figure out together what it means to follow Jesus and to live as a community of faith. So, come to our Kickoff - a new year of growing and fellowship as learning disciples of Jesus Christ.



## A MISSIONAL CHURCH

As we near the end of our first decade of the 21st Century, the Church (this would be the one Church of Jesus Christ that includes all believers no matter what denomination or church name they may use) is finding it increasingly difficult to be relevant and meaningful or keep up with the speed of change in today's culture. There is an unmet need that is growing almost as a result of the information age. Too much information has created uncertainty, reduced trust, and a search for truth. But, the information age has created a special challenge for the Church as an institution—people don't trust institutions and aren't attracted by institutions. People want to connect with people and will go to where there are other people who want to connect with people. Genuineness is the trait that first impressions must communicate for there to be any further interaction or conversation. People will gather where they believe genuine people gather, but that is only if they are invited by or have previously met someone who they perceive to be real, honest—genuine.

The information age also demands that the Church actually move into the information age. Deliver the Good News to where people are rather than just be a place where people are expected to come and consume. The challenge is differentiating the Good News from all the other informational clutter that finds its way through cell phones, i-pods, blackberrys and other PDA's. There are lots of very bright people and billions of dollars dedicated to bringing cultural messages through this very media—the Church must learn to compete here, too. Some are, but most don't have a clue.

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## Message from Your Pastor

We're about to begin our new program year at the end of August. Every year, we in the church business are finding it more and more difficult to keep Sunday mornings free from the competition of work schedules, children's sports events, personal recreational needs, or simply the need to sleep-in after a full week's work and other activities. Demanding and busy lives need physical rest and recreation. But, demanding and busy lives need spiritual food, guidance, and strength even more. After all, God has an eternal plan that doesn't end with our physical life's journey and He has provided the vision and means for us to see and live beyond the stuff of our busy lives. You have to make time to look for it though. And the best way to do that is with other people who are looking for the same thing. Most importantly, our life together as a church is not simply a break we take from

the rest of life. We are always in the church—even when we're doing things that shouldn't be done in church. You and I are the church in the world and through us others experience church—or not. Please, keep your life of Faith that which guides and informs the rest of your life. Take advantage of all the opportunities to come together in fellowship, study groups and worship so that our lives reflect the very Body of Christ—His church.

*The Amazing Grace of Christ be with You!*

*Jim*

**MISSIONAL CHURCH**—Finally, the Missional Church in order to be genuine and relevant must be making a difference, changing the world—even if it's only one relationship, one point of suffering, or one ray of hope at a time. This is the true proof of genuineness. All these things require that today's church reclaim the true missional qualities of the first followers—disciples—of Jesus Christ. When we read about them in the Bible, we should be struck by the lack of institutional dependence in their work. They and Jesus went out (*apostles* literally means “sent ones”) to take genuine hope, healing, and Good News to the communities and people of ancient Palestine. It was the genuineness that attracted the crowds. Something real showed up in the middle of empty promises and hard, demanding lives—something that could be trusted. The Missional Church is always the church that understands that we are sent by God for His purpose. In the words of Paul Hooker:

“*Missional* is a relatively new term in the parlance of the Church and may be unfamiliar to some. In addition, its similarity to more colloquial uses of the term “mission” or “missions” invites confusion and misdefinition. A missional view of the Church is much more than a list of projects or priorities for congregational energy and resources. It is not the result of having done a “mission study” and defined the congregation's priorities for its work in the coming year. Instead, it is a more profound understanding of the mission that lies at the very heart of the Church's existence.”

The “heart” of our existence depends on our being a church that knows that it is sent into this community and the world to make a genuine difference, meeting people where they are—not expecting them to come to us or even want what we want or like what we like. People will gather where genuine people gather, especially when that genuineness is filled with the grace of Jesus Christ. As we begin a new year of learning and growing as disciples of Jesus Christ may we also commit to be a genuinely missional people, too.



### VBS 2009

**SON ROCK KIDS CAMP VBS** is August 3-7 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. and is open to children ages 5-11 (as of September 1, 2009) who will be entering Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders will enjoy the fun of VBS but will take a special leadership role at Son Rock Kids Camp this summer!

# August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<p>1 8a.m. Men's Breakfast R&amp;K</p> <p>6:30 Musicians of Faith BBQ</p>
<p><b>2</b>9:15 Church School</p> <p>10:30 Worship w/ Communion</p> <p>11:45 FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH</p> <p>1pm VBS Decorate</p>	<p><b>3</b>Women's Morning Bible Study 9:30a.m.</p> <p>6—8:30pm VBS</p>	<p><b>4</b>6:30 a.m. - Coffee &amp; the Bible</p> <p>6—8:30pm VBS</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>6—8:30pm VBS</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>6—8:30pm VBS</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>6—8:30pm VBS</p>	<b>8</b>
<p><b>9</b>9:15 Church School</p> <p>10:15 Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p>4:30-6:30 YOUTH</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>11am-1pm Camp Hope</p> <p>Women's Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>11</b>6:30 a.m. - Coffee &amp; the Bible</p> <p>12-3 Camp Hope</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>12-3 Camp Hope</p> <p>Wednesday Together Wed 4 Kids 6:15 p.m. Dinner Theme: Pot Luck 7:15 trio and quartet 7:30 Musicians of Faith 8:15 By Grace Alone</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>12-3 Camp Hope</p> <p>630 Deacons</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>6:30 Girl's Night Out</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Wild at Heart Pizza &amp; Bowling</p>
<p><b>16</b>9:15 Church School</p> <p>10:30 Worship w/ Communion</p> <p>K-6 FW Nature Center</p> <p>YOUTH POOL PARTY</p>	<p><b>17</b>Women's Morning Bible Study 9:30a.m.</p>	<p><b>18</b>6:30 a.m. - Coffee &amp; the Bible</p> <p>6:30 Session Mtg</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Wednesday Together Wed 4 Kids 6:15 p.m. Dinner Theme: Salads 7:15 trio and quartet 7:30 Musicians of Faith 8:15 By Grace</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>6:30pm Adult Ice Cream Social</p>
<p><b>23</b>9:15 Church School</p> <p>10:15 Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p>4:30-6:30 Youth</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Women's Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>25</b>6:30 a.m. - Coffee &amp; the Bible</p> <p>10am-2pm Center of Hope</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10am-2pm Center of Hope</p> <p>Wednesday Together Wed 4 Kids 6:15 p.m. Dinner Theme: Italian 7:15 tquartet 7:30 Musicians of Faith 8:15 By Grace Alone</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>10am-2pm Center of Hope</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>6"30 Faith Crafters</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b>FALL KICKOFF</p> <p>9:15 Church School</p> <p>10:15 Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p>4:30-6:30 Youth</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>					

## *Music at Faith Presbyterian...*

August 1 Musicians of Faith BBQ at Cathey Coon 6:30 ~ bring a covered dish

August 5 no choir , no praise band, no music advisory team mtg

August 12 Musicians of Faith rehearsals are back !

7:15 trio and quartet 7:30 Musicians of Faith 8:15 By Grace Alone

August 19

7:15 trio and quartet 7:30 Musicians of Faith 8:15 By Grace Alone

August 26

7:15 quartet 7:30 Musicians of Faith 8:15 By Grace Alone

August 10 Worship Advisory Team Mtg 6:30 Rising Disciples Room

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*




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## FAITH SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- ⇒ 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.
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## Growing Our Family of Faith

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 Carla Luig's family as they mourn the loss of aunt, Becky Gordon. We pray for Sue Melton's failing sight and success for her upcoming procedure. 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](mailto:pastor@fpcepc.org).*

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Mary Bolf	1	Bill McCall	10	Connie Suchocki	23
Molly Bolf	1	Dorothy Forester	11	Stephen Whitfield	23
Deborah Kayser	1	M G Ames	13	Donald Kissner	23
Jon Coon	2	Justin Kayser	15	Amy Hamm	30
Madeline Kroiss	3	Jamie Kayser	15	George Kayser	30
Hoyt Harris	3	Avery Elliott	15	Amy Brown	30
Michaela Harris	5	Rick Sheets	16		
Allen Dobbins Jr	9	Nicole Bolf	21		

### ADULT ACTIVITIES

#### 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!

#### Sunday Mornings

**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](mailto:children@faithaledo.com) no later than the Wednesday prior to the Monday Bible study.

**Women's Evening Bible Study** - 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, August 1** 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

## New Beginnings and Fall Kick-Off

August is a time of new beginnings. School age children begin a new grade; band, sports and other extracurricular activities begin practices; college freshmen begin a new chapter in life; and church ministries launch new schedules. At Faith, we have an exciting new fall season ahead, too!

To celebrate this new season, we'll have our "Fall Kick-Off" on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> with a special breakfast prepared by our very own Mike Birdwell. In addition the delicious food, we'll have Registration forms for children and youth ministries on hand. We'd like to encourage parents of children sixth grade and under, as well as our youth, to fill out a Registration form (this includes contact info, allergies, birthday, etc.). This will help ensure a great experience in all of our children and youth ministries. We'll also use the info to keep you updated as we have great lessons and many fun activities planned for all ages!

Fall is also a new season for our Wednesday night dinners and fellowship. This is a great mid-week injection of encouragement and refreshing. We hope you'll join us on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. for our relaxed gatherings as we strengthen our bonds of friendship through sharing food and enjoying each other's company.

As this new fall season begins, I want to echo Paul's words in Philippians 4:4-6.

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Grace & Peace,  
Judith



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

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

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#### **Upcoming Activities**

#### **Club 3:16 (grades K-4) & Rising Disciples (grades 5 & 6)**

August 3-7 – Vacation Bible School, 6-8:30 p.m.

August 16 – Fort Worth Nature Center. Time TBD

#### **Youth (grades 7-12)**

August 2 – Meet following church service to decorate for VBS; no meeting at 4:30

August 9 – Meet at church, 4:30-6:30

August 16 – Pool party at Austin Hall's house; time TBA

August 23 – Meet at church, 4:30-6:30

August 30 – Movie outing

September 6 – No meeting (Labor Day Weekend)

Saturday, September 26 – ACT at First Presbyterian Church Richardson (evening)

## FUN and FELLOWSHIP AT FAITH

During the Month of August 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.

**ALL ADULT ICE CREAM SOCIAL**—The Young at Heart invites The Wild at Heart and all adults to a ice cream party and game night on Saturday August 28 at 6:30. Please RSVP to Sheila Ames @817-596-4553.

**PIZZA AND BOWLING**—August 15 Wild at Heart ~ dinner at Palios Pizza Cafe and Bowling - details coming. Wild at Heart are generally adults under 50 and/or with school age children—or just Wild Hearts.

## DEACONS' CORNER

### FAITH PRESBYTERIAN IS ORGANIZING A CAMP HOPE TEAM

#### FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10-14.

**Camp Hope is a VBS experience for underprivileged children in our community. Camp Hope is a ministry of the CENTER OF HOPE. All the programming and materials are in place, they just need volunteers. Your Session and Board of Deacons hope you will join them for this special opportunity to serve the children of our community. See below for details and let us know if you can help.**

Email: [faithtimes@faithaledo.com](mailto:faithtimes@faithaledo.com) or call the church office 817 441 6262!

#### **Scheduled dates and location for Camp Hope:**

- Aug 10-14 – Cypress View Apartments (behind W'ford Fire Station on north side of I-20 at Bankhead and I-20 across from Love's Truck Stop.)

#### **Weekly schedule:**

**Monday** – volunteer training and delegation of Camp duties – 11am – 1 pm. All volunteers must attend the Monday training. Lunch will be provided.

**Tuesday – Thursday** – Camp Hope (Bible stories & verses, skits, crafts, songs, lunch) -

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