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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

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

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The Grace of Being You



Sermon Series Begins January 9

Life is not about any particular achievement or experience. The most important task of your life is not what you do, but who you become. John Ortberg

There have been a lot of books written about the Christian life that all seem to tell us that the blessed life is ours for the choosing. Life is a lot more difficult than simple choices—even if that choice is to follow Jesus.

The real truth is that your life will probably be complicated and hard. Jesus as much told this to those who would be his first followers. Jesus said,

The gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. Matthew 7:14

Whether you think your life is blessed, hard, or even cursed doesn't have to define who you become. The purpose of life is to become who God created you to be. That is *the grace of being you*. In this series we will tackle some of the toughest questions of Faith.

Why didn't God create us to be what He wants us to be?

Why does God make life so hard?

Does God create bad people?

How do I want what God wants for me?

How do I overcome temptation?

And, we will learn how to experience and live
by the grace of being you.



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Find Your Soul

Parker Palmer once described the human soul as being like a wild animal—tough, resilient, resourceful, savvy, and self-sufficient: it knows how to survive in hard places. But, the soul is also shy, it seeks safety in the dense underbrush, especially when other people are around. Like a wild animal, the soul doesn't respond to crashing through the woods, yelling for it to come out. But, if we walk quietly into the woods, sit patiently, wait patiently, and try to become one with our surroundings, the creature we seek might show itself.

This is the challenge of the spiritual life. The human soul is not very visible at all. It is something we sense more than we see. Very early in life we learn that there is more safety in concealing our soul than exposing it to the world. We become so

good at hiding our souls we even lose touch with it ourselves—forgetting that the soul is the true essence of who we are. In trying to hide our souls, we hide our identity and soon forget who we are and, worst of all, begin to live soulless lives. This is why it is so important to do the hard work of re-discovering our souls—the tough and resilient being within us. Then we must re-establish our soul as the center of our lives rather than whatever we have chosen (or the world has chosen for us) as a substitute for our soul. Why should we do the hard work of re-finding and exposing our souls?

Your soul is your vessel of grace. Christ wants to fill your soul with the abundance of grace that is His to pour into you. Your soul is meant to be a blessing to you and world. We are going to make our church that safe place for the soul to show itself in 2011 so that Christ can heal and fill our souls with the wonders and power of His grace. And, I look forward to sharing my soul with you in 2011.

Have a Blessed New Year!
Pastor Jim

Fun and Fellowship at Faith

During the Month of January 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 Lunch Due to the holidays, there will be no First Sunday lunch for January. Join us beginning in February as we gather after worship for First Sunday lunch. The church provides the entire meal. Please do not bring any food. Everyone is encouraged to stay and share the meal.

Wednesdays Together and Wednesdays for Kids Join us every Wednesday evening at 6:15 p.m. for a meal (check the calendar for theme), followed by adult fellowship, and activities for the children and youth.

Family Movie Night Join us January 8 for popcorn and a movie at the church. Look for details soon for the movie title.

New Member Dinner Faith will welcome new members Friday, January 28 with dinner at the church prepared and served by Elders, Deacons and church staff. All will have an opportunity to get acquainted better.

Growing Our Family of 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. 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!

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2 No Church School/Bible Study No choir / Praise band 10:30 am Worship/Communion No 1st Sunday lunch	3	4 6:30 am Coffee and the Bible	5 6:15 pm Wed Together/Wed 4 Kids Theme: Potluck 6:45 pm Fellowship Team 7:00 pm Music Advisory Team 7:30 pm Choir	6	7 8:00 pm Rising Disciples Lock In	8 7:55 am Men's Breakfast 6:00 pm Family Movie Night
9 9:15 am Church School/Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Children's Minis-	10 9:30 am Women's Morning Bible Study 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting 7:00 pm	11 6:30 am Coffee and the Bible 6:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 109 Meeting 6:30 pm Worship Advisory Team	12 6:15 pm Wed Together/Wed 4 Kids Theme: Soup / Chili 7:30 pm Choir 8:00 pm Praise Team	13 6:30 pm Deacon's meeting	14	15
16 9:15 am Church School/Bible Study 10:30 am Worship / Communion 5:30 pm Building	17 Martin Luther King Day	18 6:30 am Coffee and the Bible 6:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 109 Meeting 6:30 pm Session Meeting	19 4:30 pm Christian Upbeats Bell Choir 6:15 pm Wed Together/Wed 4 Kids Theme: Pizza	20	21	22
23 9:15 am Church School/Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	24 9:30 am Women's Morning Bible Study 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Eve-	25 6:30 am Coffee and the Bible 6:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 109 Meeting	26 4:30 pm Christian Upbeats Bell Choir 6:15 pm Wed Together/Wed 4 Kids Theme: Mexican 7:30 pm Choir	27	28 6:30 pm New Member Dinner	29
30 9:15 am Church School/Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm Evening Worship Service	31					

Joys and Concerns

We continue to pray for Gene McLaughlin's (father of Natalie Peak, Michelle, and Heather McLaughlin) recovery from heart surgery and a stroke. We pray for Cindi Carr (mother of Traci Jernigan) undergoing cancer treatment—and Doug Jernigan's father recovering from a heart attack. We pray for Paige Wilhelm's mother's continued recovery. We pray for Michelle Seay's Dad continued recovery and adjustment from kidney disease. We pray for Wanda Witherow's mother, Mabel Allen's continued recovery. And, we pray for those struggling with broken relationships, loss of job, and economic hardship. *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*

Faith Service Opportunities

Center of Hope Meal Service—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 or Brian Luig.

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.

Armed Services Ministry—Remember the men and women serving our country with your gifts of toiletries, snacks, or DVDs. See the list posted by the duffel bag in the church foyer.

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 Presbyterian Day School—Anyone interested in volunteering for the day school or being a substitute teacher please email Sheree Carter at dayschool@faithaledo.com

Administration—Anyone interested in volunteering to assist in the church office during the week please email Cathey Maddox-Coon at faithadmin@faithaledo.com

January Birthdays

Dorothy Minnerly 1/03
 Bill Shelton 1/03
 Robert Kroiss 1/06
 Zach Dobbins 1/08
 Virginia Henckell 1/09
 Oscar Kroiss 1/13
 Jeff Mohr 1/19
 Collin Cartmill 1/25
 Clara Kissner 1/28



Allison Sheets 1/03
 Trayce Allen 1/06
 Carrol Prokell 1/07
 Marti Woods 1/08
 Paula Hall 1/11
 Nita Ferrell 1/14
 Ben Wilhelm 1/20
 Emma Jernigan 1/28
 Grace Demers 1/30



Music



Ministry



What a glorious Advent season! We have so much to be thankful for at Faith!

First I want to thank all the children who participated in Faith's Christmas Children's Recital : Kayce Allen, Mary Bolf, Claire & Grace Demers, Zach Elliott, Kaitlyn & Parker Ferrell, Austin Hall, Mia & Jay King, Ian Henderson, Randye Nicole Harris, Celeste Larson, Claire Luig, Ariana & Tatiana Mohr, Brei Parks, Jade Seay, Gracie & Mary Taylor Tillman, Devin Woodliff and the Christian Upbeats Bell Choir

WOW - can you believe all the music talent we have!

Thank you to the Musicians of Faith for a beautiful presentation of Messiah. Thank you also to Sunny , who played magnificently. God has truly blessed Faith through music!

Mohr exciting news - A huge welcome to our two new choir members - Carol Rodgers and Donald Larsen! If you love to sing please come be a part of the Musicians of Faith - we are a fun group of people who enjoy praising God thru song!

What fun we had Caroling ~ Thank you to the Birdwell, Shelton, Wilhelm and Witherow families for hosting our fun traditional Advent event.

**What a blessed 2010 ~ Happy New Year to All,
johna beth**

Adult Ministry

Adult Sunday School—Open to all adults, this class meets in the adult classroom in the back right corner of the sanctuary Sunday mornings at 9:15 for a Scripture based discussion of contemporary issues. Topics will rotate weekly, so feel free to join us whenever you're able.

Women's Morning Bible Study—This group meets the first and third Monday of each month at 9:30 am. We'll be studying Daniel: Spiritual Living in a Secular World by Douglas Connelly.

Women's Evening Bible Study—This group meets at the church on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Join us for an exploration of Fairy Tale Faith by Brenda Waggoner.

Coffee and the Bible—Meet with Pastor Jim and other Faith early risers every Tuesday at 6:30 AM 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.

Men's Breakfast—Saturday, January 8, we will meet at R&K Café at 7:55am. All 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.

Last Sunday Communion Service—Sunday, January 30, from 5:30 to 6:00 pm. This service includes a traditional meditative service with Holy Communion.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

All programs are designed for preschoolers through fifth graders unless designated otherwise

Nursery -- Loving care for infants through four-year-olds
 Sunday mornings 9 a.m. – Noon
 Wednesday evenings 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
 First and third Monday 9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

FAITH Journeys – Sunday mornings 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
 Children's choir 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Worship Our Way (WOW) – Sunday mornings during
 10:30 a.m. worship service

Wednesday Night for Kids – Wednesday nights following
 church-wide potluck supper at 6:15 p.m.

For more information please contact Director of Children's
 Ministry Lisa Connolly at dce@faithaledo.com



Do You Have Your Walking Shoes On? Get Ready and Join Us for

FAITH Journeys

Sunday Mornings 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

This month children, preschool through fifth grade, will experience the story of Abraham and Sarah. The children will hear how God loves and cares for his people. The kids also will learn that our God is faithful and always keeps promises.

KIDS... don't sit down. Be ready to play games, wear costumes, act out the story, and just have a good time with your friends and laugh (just like Sarah did)!

We are in great need of teachers. If you have questions or would like to help out by teaching just one Sunday, donating or gathering supplies, or greeting/shepherding the kids to their classes contact Director of Children's Ministry Lisa Connolly at dce@faithaledo.com or visit the sign-up desk in the narthex,

Rising Disciples (Grades 6-8)

Rising Disciples meet in the Rising Disciples room during the Sunday School hour to explore the Bible, mission and service projects, and how Scripture relates to the modern adolescent experience.

Youth (Grades 9-12)

9th-12th graders meet in the High School Youth room during the Sunday School hour to apply the Bible to real world experiences, and explore the many ways people worship, including written word, music and art. We'll be meeting from 12-2:00 p.m. following the church service every Sunday unless we have something else planned.

Building the Youth Experience

All youth are invited to attend our new youth event. We meet on the first and third Sunday of each month from 5:30 pm—7:00 pm. Come see what this is all about.

JANUARY EVENTS

Youth and Rising Disciples Events

High School Youth

Rising Disciples

Friday, Jan 7: Lock In at church 8:00pm - Sat, Jan 8 9:00am

FAITH ADMINISTRATION CORNER

We have made changes to our Faith email list. There are 11 valid addresses:

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dce@faithaledo.com—Director of Children's Ministry (Lisa Connolly)
dayschool@faithaledo.com—Director of Day School (Sheree Carter)
admin@faithaledo.com—email administrator (Cathey Maddox-Coon)

JANUARY SAVE THE DATE

There will be no First Sunday lunch this month

Fri, Jan 07 8 pm—Sat, Jan 08 9 am
Saturday, Jan 08 7:55 am
Saturday, Jan 08 6:00 pm
Friday, Jan 28 6:30 pm
Sunday, Jan 30 5:30 pm

Rising Disciples Lock In
Men's Breakfast
Family Movie Night
New Members Dinner
Evening Worship Service

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL CORNER

The children at the Day School celebrated the birth of Jesus with a birthday party... complete with cupcakes and crowns for party hats. The 4 and 5 years old children went to see "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" at Casa Manana.

Starting in January, we will have a new class for children who have just turned two years old. They will join the rest of the children in learning about the cold, arctic animals, and all things "farm and rodeo" towards the end of the month.

We conclude this unit with a trail ride (on our stick horses) and a cookout with hot dogs, beans, and s'mores. Yee ha!

Every Month

Men's Breakfast

1st Saturday 8:00 am

First Sunday Lunch

1st Sunday after worship

Journey to Faith

3rd Sunday 4:00 pm

Women's AM Bible Study

1st 3rd Mondays 9:30 am

Women's PM Bible Study

2nd 4th Mondays 7:00 pm

Coffee and the Bible

Tuesdays 6:30 am

Wednesdays Together

Wednesdays 6:15 pm

Evening Service

last Sunday 5:30 pm

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