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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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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON

Sundays:

Church School- 9:15 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship-10:00 a.m.
Worship-10:30 a.m.

Nov. 29 - Advent Evening Service

5:30 p.m. 1st Sunday in Advent Evening Communion Service

Dec. 5 - Breakfast with Santa at Faith

8 a.m. to 12 Bring your Christmas lists

ChristmasTyme in Aledo

5:30 p.m. Musicians of Faith at the Community Center

Dec. 13 -The MESSIAH and Children's Recital

7 p.m. Musicians of Faith and the Children of Faith

Dec. 24-Christmas Eve Service

6 p.m. Carols, Candlelight, Communion

Nursery and Childcare Provided
Visit us at faithaledo.com or Call 817.441.6262



ALSO DON'T MISS

Salvation Army Bellringers—Hudson Oak Wal-Mart, Dec. 19
Community Christmas Caroling—6pm, Dec. 20.

See Inside for details.

All of your friends at Faith wish you a Blessed and
Merry Christmas and that your lives be filled with the love,
grace, and compassion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



You can contact
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pastor@faithaledo.com
or call 817-441-6262.)

A Christmas Message from Your Pastor

Extravagance is usually a word we hear with a bit of negative twinge. It tends to imply excess. It is true that Christmas can involve this type of 'negative' extravagance but, in the *true* spirit of our Christmas celebration God wants us to experience extraordinary extravagance. Sometimes the relentless and chaotic quests for the right Christmas gifts—and the stretching of our financial resources to extremes—lead us away from the most extravagant gift of Christmas.

I know most of you will remember that this is Christ's birthday and most of you will find your way to church and other Christmas activities that focus on the true reason we celebrate this day. This Christmas, I encourage everyone to go one step farther in your

Christmas activities and allow yourselves to receive the extravagance that God wants to put into your heart. I want you to do this, because once you really allow yourself to experience the Amazing Grace of Christ (this grace by definition is the most extravagant and unconditional gift you will ever receive) you will be moved to share this extravagance with others. You will know that sharing this gift expresses far more extravagance than you could ever buy. Our God is extravagant. His love for us is everlasting. Jesus Christ is the most extravagant expression of that love—or any love that has ever been shared with humankind. This Christmas don't forget to share this love—extravagantly.

Have a Blessed, Merry, and Extravagant Christmas!

Pastor Jim

FUN and FELLOWSHIP AT FAITH

During the Month of December 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.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT—Join the girls of all ages for a dinner and a Christmas holiday movie Friday, Dec. 4, at 7p.m. at Cathey Maddox-Coon's home, 11324 Northpointe Ct. in Lost Creek. RSVP ccoon1@mesh.net or 817 244 7032.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA—Saturday morning, Dec. 5 beginning at 8a.m. See p.6 Children's Ministry for details.

CHRISTMAS TYME IN ALEDO—Come and enjoy the Christmas spirit as Faith members help Aledo celebrate the season on this special night of fun, food, shopping and Christmas activities. See page 7 for details.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING—Join us Sunday, Dec. 20, at 6p.m. as we travel to various homes of our Faith family and sing all the wonderful songs of the season.

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 December.

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.

YOUNG AT HEART—Saturday, December 17, 6 p.m. Christmas Party. Young at Heart are generally adults over 50 —or just Young at Heart.

Growing Our Family of Faith

We want to welcome into our family of Faith, Ellen Denny who joined our church in November. Ellen spends most of her time taking care of her and Rusty's two daughters, Christy and Austy. Ellen and Rusty and the girls live in the Aledo area. Let's give a big Faith welcome to Ellen and her family!

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 Table.

DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30am Coffee and the Bible 9:00 am - 2:00 pm FPDS 7:00 pm Fit Females of Faith Class	2 4:30pm Christian Upbeats Bell Choir 6:15pm Wed Together/Wed 4 Kids Theme: Italian 7:00pm Music Advisory Team 7:30 pm Musicians of Faith/Messiah 8:15pm By Grace Alone	3 9:00 am - 2:00 FPDS 7pm Fit Females of Faith Class	4 7:00 pm Girls' Night Out Dinner and a Movie	5 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Breakfast with Santa 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Christmas Time in Aledo
6 9:15am Church School/Bible Study 10:30 am Worship/Communion 11:30am 1st Sunday Fellowship Lunch 12:00pm Youth (7th-12th)	7 9:30 am Women's Morning Bible Study	8 6:30 am Coffee and the Bible 9:00am - 2pm FPDS 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Serve Lunch at Center of Hope 7:00 pm Adult Soloist Practice 7:00 pm Fit Females of Faith Class	9 10:00am - 2:00 pm Serve Lunch at the Center of Hope 4:30pm Christian Upbeats Bell Choir 6:15pm Wed Together/Wed 4 Kids Theme: Soups/Salads 7:30pm Musicians of Faith/Messiah 8:15pm By Grace Alone (Adult Praise Band)	10 9:00 am - 2:00 pm FPDS 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Serve Lunch at the Center of Hope 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Fit Females of Faith Class	11	12 10:00am Messiah Dress Rehearsal 12:30pm Children soloist practice with Ruth 6:30pm Finance/Administration Christmas Party
13 9:00am Christian Upbeats warm up 9:15am Church School/Bible Study 10:30 am Worship—Youth (7th-12th) <i>White Christmas</i> play at TVS 5:30pm Messiah warm up 7:00 pm Children of Faith Recital & MESSIAH	14 7:00pm Women's Evening Bible Study	15 6:30am Coffee and the Bible 9:00am - 2pm FPDS 6:30 pm Session 7:00pm Fit Females of Faith Class	16 6:15pm Wed Together/Wed 4 Kids Theme: Potluck 7:30pm Musicians of Faith, Xmas Eve soloist 8:15 pm By Grace Alone (Adult Praise Band)	17 9:00am FPDS 7:00 pm Fit Females of Faith Class	18	19 6:00pm Young at Heart Christmas Party
20 9:15 am Church School/Bible Study 10:30 am Worship/Communion 12pm Youth(7-12th) Christmas Party 4pm Journey to Faith 6pm Christmas Caroling	21	22 6:30am Coffee and the Bible	23 No Wed Evening Activities or music rehearsals	24 5:15 pm Warm up for musicians 6pm Christmas Eve Service Communion, Carols, and Candles	25 Birthday of our Savior MERRY CHRISTMAS	26
27 9:15am Church School/Bible Study 10:30am Worship No Youth Group	28	29	30 No Wed Evening Activities or music rehearsals	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE		

Music at Faith Presbyterian...

Mark your calendar to hear the children of Faith and *Messiah*, Dec 13 6:30 pm.

What a joyous time to hear all kinds of musical instruments play our favorite Christmas songs !

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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CHRISTMAS SEASON SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- ⇒ **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. Our next scheduled dates are December 8, 9, and 10.
- ⇒ **SALVATION ARMY BELLRINGERS**—We will be helping the Salvation Army at the Hudson Oaks Wal-Mart on Saturday, December 19. Please call the church office or see Rick Sheets if you can ring a bell and smile for an hour or more as we support the Salvation Army’s important ministry.
- ⇒ **CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR THE MILITARY**—Don’t forget to bring new or gently used CD’s and DVD’s and Christmas Cards to the church for our men and women serving overseas and help brighten their Christmas while being far from home

OTHER 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 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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Patty Maddox	1	Erin Sheets	12	Marilyn Wilson	24
Ron Davis	5	Brad Seay	14	Spencer Smith	28
Anthony Edwards	5	Judith Alexander-Priest	18	Parker Ferrell	29
Chris Demers	9	Ariana Mohr	20	Tatiana Mohr	29
Heyden Poynter	9	Shelby Smith	20	Janette Hahn	30

JOYS AND CONCERNS

We first extend our prayers to the families and friends of 3 of our community high school students over their recent tragic deaths: from Weatherford High School—Sarah Brinkman and Jordan McGee, and from Aledo High School—Hunter Moke. We pray for Bob Farnham's recovery from a recent heart procedure. We continue to pray for Bambi Cartmill's mother Peggy recovering from surgery while also enduring her ongoing struggle with Parkinson's. We pray for Connie Suchocki's continued recovery and comfort during her therapy. We continue to pray for Tom Green's struggle with cancer and Rusty Linderman's recovery from a stroke, both are members of the Luig family. We keep Dan McKay and his family in our prayers, a driver for 1st Choice, who has been paralyzed after an accident. We pray for a friend of Faith recovering from cancer surgery and comfort during chemo and radiation treatments. We pray for a child in Lisa Edwards' class suffering with a difficult illness and Carla Luig's cousin Cherie Tucker. We pray for all those suffering through this very difficult flu season, especially the H1N1 pandemic. We pray for friends and family who have lost jobs recently. *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

"It" Some ministries have *it*. Some don't. Most churches want *it*. Few have *it*. When a church has *it*, everyone can tell and when one doesn't... everyone can tell. What is *it*? Come explore **It** by Craig Groeschel with us on Sunday mornings. Grab your coffee and we will discover *it* together.

Women's Morning Bible Study - 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.

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, December 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

There will not be an evening service on December 27. We will resume this Service on January 31. 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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

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.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA—8 am to Noon, Saturday, Dec. 5. Bring the children to church with their Christmas lists to tell Santa and have their pictures taken. Parents can use the morning for a shopping break or just some quiet time. There will be lots of adult supervision throughout the morning

Youth

We have a new meeting time! We'll be meeting from 12-2:00 p.m. following the church service.

DECEMBER Youth Events

Sunday Dec 6—12:00 - 2:00pm Lunch and Regular Youth Group Activities

Sunday Dec 13—*WHITE CHRISTMAS*—live play at Trinity Valley School
7pm—Recital at the church

Sunday Dec 20—12:00 pm CHRISTMAS PARTY
6:00 pm Christmas Caroling

Christmas Eve—Christmas Eve Services at 6 pm

Christmas Tyme in Aledo

Saturday, Dec. 5
5-9pm

FAITH AT CHRISTMAS TYME IN ALEDO

Faith will have a presence at the following venues

1. Musicians of Faith along with other area churches will be performing at the Community Center beginning at 5:30 p.m.

11a. Wagon Stop on Old Front Street
Faith Members will have hot refreshments and will be staffing this Horse Drawn Wagon Stop.

21. Faith member Mike Birdwell along with others provided the Christmas Tree of lights on the South end of the parking lot at Aledo Town Center.



- Key**
- Santa Claus
 - Music
 - Community Christmas Tree
 - Wagon Stop/Train Stop
 - Live Nativity
 - Parking
 - Food/Refreshments
1. Aledo Community Center
 - a. Plains Capital Train Stop
 - b. Santa Claus 6pm
 - c. Local Church Choirs 5-9
 - d. Vendor Booths-9-9
 - e. Klassy Kloggers 5:30
 2. Hot Chocolate a chic Boutique
 3. Texas Family Chiropractic
 4. The Summit
 5. 104 Maverick Street
 - a. Janice Hicks, MSSW, LCSW
 - b. James Bogdanoff, Moncor Mortgage, Inc.
 - c. Sharon L. Ward, MS, LPC, NCC
 - d. Law Office of Josh Norell
 - e. Beyondfaith Homecare & Rehab.
 - f. Center of Hope
 6. Milestone Portraits
 7. Jorge's Mexican Restaurant
 8. Aledo Taqueria
 - a. Pictures with Santa Claus
 9. Aledo Sports
 - a. Plains Capital Bank Train Stop
 - b. Outdoor Movie
 10. Mac & Harry's Café
 - a. Mason Wallis
 - b. Fort Worth Zoo
 11. Chattel
 - a. Faith Presbyterian Church Wagon Stop
 12. Holy Redeemer
 - Catholic Church Choir
 13. Aledo United Methodist Church
 - a. Live Nativity 6:30-8:30pm
 14. Aledo Florist & Boutique
 15. The Community News
 - a. First Financial Bank Wagon Stop
 16. Aledo Yoga & Nia Center
 17. Fal De Ral
 18. 2nd Nature Design Studio
 - a. First Financial Bank Wagon Stop
 19. East Parker County Library
 20. Aledo Fitness & Personal Training Center
 - a. First Financial Bank Wagon Stop
 21. Aledo Town Center-North Pole
 - a. Fidelity National Title-WP Wagon Stop
 - b. Aledo National Bank
 - c. Joe's Pizza & Pasta
 - d. Realty World Professionals
 - e. Aledo Subway
 - f. Vendor Booths 5-9pm
 - g. Klassy Kloggers 6pm
 - h. Aledo Christian School
 - i. Christmas Pageant 6:30-7:00
- Horse Drawn Carriage Sponsors**
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