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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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## LENT

### *TIME TO TURN YOUR LIFE AROUND*

It is rare for someone to make a genuine commitment to a different way of life. Most of us prefer looking for ways to make the life we have easier. Even if we are able to admit to our mistakes and some weak moments, we see these as minor corrections to be made or

obstacles to be overcome on a trek to the true happiness that we're sure lies just around the next corner. The reality about most of our plans for the happy life is that we don't have a clue what lies around the next corner. When we bump into disappointment, pain, or failure the first question is "Who's fault?". There's got to be someone to blame when we don't get what we want—ourselves, our family, our bosses, the government, even God. We're either charging ahead with reckless boldness or we're so beat down by life's disappointments that we live in a state of reckless withdrawal—looking for escape in alcohol or drugs or self-imposed loneliness. Either way, we don't want to be where we are. We don't want to feel the way we feel. We're always looking for something to fix us or something to medicate away the pain. The world loves to sell us life enhancers. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. The first Ash Wednesday was meant to be a re-start button, a re-boot of life long before anybody knew what these things meant. How would it feel to make a new start on life? Would you make the same choices? Can you even envision a different life? What is happiness? The ashes of Lent can be compared to the darkness of your computer screen when you hit re-start. Then slowly, but surely as the computer comes back to life you usually find that whatever was not working is suddenly working again. Whatever was frozen or locked up is now running freely. This is what is meant to happen between Ash Wednesday and Easter. So, push the re-start button with us this Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 7:30 pm. A new life is waiting for you.



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## ASHES, ASHES, WE ALL FALL DOWN!

The nursery rhyme, *Ring Around the Rosies*, has no real meaning that anyone can credibly attest to—though many have tried. The only religious connection is that it is attached to one of the many circle games that became coincidentally popular in the 19th Century when many Protestant churches in America declared dancing, along with a lot of other fun things, to be sin. We Christians do get hung up on some really lame issues from time to time. But, the last line of our version of this nursery rhyme always comes to mind when Ash Wednesday rolls around. Personally, I thought this little rhyme had to be connected in some way to Ash Wednesday, but my research says emphatically, “no”. I’m not letting that stop me, though. In a few weeks we start the 40 days of Lent with Ash

Wednesday. We will have an evening service at 7:30 when everyone will be invited to receive the sign of the cross of ashes on their foreheads. This mark reminds us of Christ’s claim on our lives through our baptism and the ashes remind us of the frailty and fallibility of human life. *We all fall down*. Yes, we do! The 40 Days of Lent are meant to be a time for us to confront all the ways that we fall down—especially, as that relates to a life that is meant to be led by Jesus Christ. Lent is a chance to pick ourselves up out of the ashes of life and put on the life that Jesus Christ gives us through his death—the wonderful mystery of our faith. I will be offering resources throughout the 40 Days of Lent to help you bring new health and vitality to your life of faith. I hope you will take up the challenge and join us on Ash Wednesday when we all fall down and then be there when we will all rise up with Christ on Easter Morning.

*The Amazing Grace of Christ Be With You!*

Pastor Jim

## FUN and FELLOWSHIP AT FAITH

During the Month of February 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 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.

**CHILI AND CHOCOLATE COOK OFF**—Enter your favorite chili or chocolate dish—or both—in our second annual Cook Off. This is an All Church event. All are invited to enter the contest or just come and enjoy good food and a lot of fun, Sunday, January 14 from 5 to 8 p.m.

### **FIT FEMALES OF FAITH**

Join us every Tuesday and Thursday night at 7 p.m. for a low impact workout in the Youth Room. Each night we are led by an experienced member of our church. Sorry—ladies only—no matter how fit you are, you’ll enjoy being with us.

## Growing Our Family of Faith

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!

## February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><b>1</b> Women's Morning Bible Study 9:30 am</p> <p>Children's Ministry Team 5:30-7pm Fit Females of Faith 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>2</b> Coffee and the Bible 6:30 am - 7:30 am</p>	<p><b>3</b> Christian Upbeats Bell Choir 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Wed Together/ Wed 4 Kids Theme:Potluck 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm Music Advisory Team 7:00 pm Musicians of Faith 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm By Grace Alone</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Fit Females of Faith 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> Men's Breakfast at R&amp;K 8:00 am - 9:00 am</p>
<p><b>7</b> Church School/ Bible Study 9:15 am - 10:15 am 10:30 am Worship/ Communion First Sunday Fellowship Lunch 11:30 am 12:30 pm Youth (7th-12th) 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm</p>	<p><b>8</b> Women's Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Worship Advisory Team 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>9</b> Coffee and the Bible 6:30 - 7:30 am</p> <p>Finance/Admin Ministry Team 6:30 pm Fit Females of Faith 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>10</b> Christian Upbeats Bell Choir 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Wed Together/ Wed 4 Kids Theme:Italian 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm Musicians of Faith 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm By Grace Alone 8:15 pm - 9:00 pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Deacon meeting 6:30 pm Fit Females of Faith 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> All Musician Party 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</p>
<p><b>14</b> Valentine's Day Church School/ Bible Study 9:15 am - 10:15 am Worship 10:30 am</p> <p>Church Wide Chili/Chocolate Cook Off 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>15</b> Women's Morning Bible Study 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>16</b> Coffee and the Bible 6:30 am - 7:30 am</p> <p>Session meeting 6:30 pm Fit Females of Faith 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Musicians of Faith 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>17</b> 6:15 p.m. Parent/Youth CONFIRMATION 7:30 p.m. <b>ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Fit Females of Faith 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>21</b> Church School/ Bible Study 9:15 am - 10:15 am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am Youth(7th-12th) 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm</p>	<p><b>22</b> Women's Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>23</b> Coffee and the Bible 6:30 am - 7:30 am</p> <p>Fit Females of Faith 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b> Christian Upbeats Bell Choir 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Wed Together/ Wed 4 Kids Theme:Mexican 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm Musicians of Faith 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm By Grace Alone 8:15 pm - 9:00 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Fit Females of Faith 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b> Faith Crafters 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>28</b> Church School/ Bible Study 9:15 am 10:15 am Worship 10:30 am Youth (7th-12th) Service Day 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm</p> <p>Eve Communion Service 5:30 - 6:00</p>						

*Music at Faith Presbyterian...*

ALL MUSICIANS PARTY, Feb 13, 6-9 pm Janette and Charlie's home  
 Bring your favorite appetizer and something for chocolate fountain  
 Childcare provided at church 5:30 -9:30 pm

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*



**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.
- ⇒ CENTER OF HOPE MEALS—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.
- ⇒ 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](mailto:daycare@faithaledo.com)

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Heather McLaughlin	3	Megan Peak	13	Gregg Tillman	21
Angela Henard	7	Reed Rogers	13	Tracy Rogers	23
Bill Smith	7	Craig Shook	14	Justin Bolf	24
Jason Holman	8	Joy Ferguson	17	Jennifer Vasquez	25
Tracy Dobbins	10	Preston Luig	19	Cameron Allen	25
Ellen Denney	10	Erin Kroiss	21		

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

We continue to pray for all those hurt by the Haiti tragedy—lost lives and suffering—and God’s guidance on how we can help those in need. We celebrate the safe return of Judith Alexander Priest’s father and his group from Haiti. We pray for Roberta Shelton’s continued recovery from her injury. We pray for Pastor Jim’s father recovering from a recent hospital stay. We pray for continued recovery for Duane Lamb, father of Michelle Seay. We continue to pray for Jeff Mohr’s brother, Dave, recovery from cancer. We continue to pray for Bambi Cartmill’s mother Peggy still recovering from surgery while also enduring her ongoing struggle with Parkinson’s. We celebrate Connie Suchocki’s completion of 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. 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](mailto:pastor@faithaledo.com)*

### ADULT ACTIVITIES

**“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.

#### Sunday Mornings

**Women’s Morning Bible Study** - 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** - 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, February 7** 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.

## 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 January 31.

## 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. We'll be using the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

### Youth (grades 7-12)

We'll be meeting from 12-2:00 p.m. following the church service every Sunday unless we have something else planned.

### **FEBRUARY Youth Events**

**Sunday, February 28—Youth Service Day 12—2 pm**

***2010 CONFIRMATION CLASS to begin in February—6th graders and above are invited to take this important step in their personal faith journey - becoming of age in the membership of the church of Jesus Christ. Confirmation Students will learn about the essentials of faith, deepen their understanding of the Bible, and about living as a disciple of Jesus Christ. We will meet weekly on Sundays either in the morning or afternoon and complete our study with a retreat at Pastor Jim's ranch in Mineral Wells, March 26 & 27. The Confirmation Students will then make their personal profession of faith and be baptized (if not previously baptized) on Palm Sunday, March 28. Please confirm your desire to be part of this year's Confirmation Class by contacting the church office or Pastor Jim at 817 441 6262 or [pastor@faithaledo.com](mailto:pastor@faithaledo.com).***

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR LENT

*Lent is a perfect time to begin a discipline of daily Bible Reading. The following are the traditional readings for the Season of Lent. There is a Psalm reading for the morning and the evening for each day (choose one for each time of day). There is also an Old Testament reading, a reading from one of New Testament letters (epistles) and a reading from one of the four Gospels for each day. Don't try to read too much. Look for something that speaks to your heart and take time to meditate on that passage wherever you find it among these readings.*

### A PRAYER FOR LENT

*God of Love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. Amen.*

Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
<b>Wed Feb 17</b>	am: 95, 32, 143 pm: 102, 130	Amos 5:6-15	Heb 12:1-14	Luke 18:9-14
<b>Thur Feb 18</b>	am: 37:1-18 pm: 37:19-42	Hab 3:1-18	Phil 3:12-21	John 17:1-8
<b>Fri Feb 19</b>	am: 95, 31 pm: 35	Eze 18:1-4, 25-32	Phil 4:1-9	John 17:9-19
<b>Sat Feb 20</b>	am: 30, 32 pm: 42, 43	Eze 39:21-29	Phil 4:10-20	John 17:20-26
<b>Sun 1 Feb 21</b>	am: 63, 98 pm: 103	Dan 9:3-10	Heb 2:10-18	John 12:44-50
<b>Mon Feb 22</b>	am: 41, 52 pm: 44	Gen 37:1-11	I Cor 1:1-19	Mark 1:1-13
<b>Tues Feb 23</b>	am: 45 pm: 47, 48	Gen 37:12-24	I Cor 1:20-31	Mark 1:14-28
<b>Wed Feb 24</b>	am: 119:49-72 pm: 49, 53	Gen 37:25-36	I Cor 2:1-13	Mark 1:29-45
<b>Thur Feb 25</b>	am: 50, 59, 60 pm: 19, 46	Gen 39:1-23	I Cor 2:14-3:15	Mark 2:1-12
<b>Fri Feb 26</b>	am: 40, 54 pm: 51	Gen 40:1-23	I Cor 3:16-23	Mark 2:13-22
<b>Sat Feb 27</b>	am: 55 pm: 138, 139	Gen 41:1-13	I Cor 4:1-7	Mark 2:23-3:6
<b>Sun 2 Feb 28</b>	am: 24, 29 pm: 8, 84	Gen 41:14-45	Rom 6:3-14	John 5:19-24

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