

# *Celebration of Worship*

## *September 22, 2019*

Welcome to Faith Church! We come to worship our great God for his grace shown to us in Jesus Christ and for the gift of the Holy Spirit. A special welcome to those who are our guests today. We hope that you may see the love of Christ active among us today. If you are visiting today and are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider Faith Church.

### *We Gather to Worship*

- \*Gathering Song: "Arise, My Soul, Arise"
- \*Words of Welcome
- \*Call to Worship: Ephesians 2:4-7
- \*God's Greeting
- \*Song of Praise: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

### *We Celebrate God's Grace*

- Call to Confession: Ephesians 4:22-32
- Prayer of Confession
- Words of Assurance: Ephesians 5:8-10
- Song of Assurance: "Grace Flows Down"

***We Respond in Gratitude and Faith***

Prayer of Dedication

We Offer Our Gifts

We Pray for One Another

***We Receive the Word of God***

\*Song of Preparation: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Bible Reading: Ephesians 1:3-23

Sermon: "Understanding the Christian's Hope"

Prayer of Response

\*Song of Response: "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

***We Leave to Serve God and the World***

\*God's Blessing

\*Parting Song: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

# ***THIS WEEK AT FAITH CHURCH***

September 22, 2019

Nashville, TN

**WELCOME** to Faith Church today!

**This morning** Pastor Slings' message is "Understanding the Christian's Hope" based on Ephesians 1:3-23

**Please take the opportunity on Sunday evenings** to enjoy the fellowship with other believers. Consider inviting others to your home so that we may get to know one another more and grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**NURSERY:** Nurseries, located off the fellowship hall, are available for children under four. A cry room is adjacent to the sanctuary.

## **THE FAITH CHURCH FAMILY**

**Prayer Requests:** If you have a request for prayer, either intercession or thanksgiving, please complete the yellow insert in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate during the worship service. Please note on the prayer request form if you would prefer that the request not be placed in the bulletin the following Sunday.

## **Thank God for Answered Prayers:**

–Praise God that Lana Sims is employed through the end of the year, teaching multiple classes at both Nashville State and Volunteer State.

--Praise God - the Lipscomb Missions project in Ghana was recognized by a national professional engineering society this last week - and it is helping Ghanians!

--Praise God for Tusculum Elementary School and the staff there who make sure that the students in that school have everything that they need. Tusculum's students hail from at least 19 different countries and speak a multitude of languages. Praise God that we can help that school.

**Please pray for these needs:**

--Pray for Jeriah's health, that the doctors can diagnose and treat his pain.

--Pray for Gayle and Richard's family, for Carl Silcox and the children, as they mourn Kim's passing and face new and shifting realities in their life. Fill their hearts with God's love and connection to Kim's peace with Jesus.

--Pray for David as he begins a new job, pray that he will perform the new job well and be an asset to that company.

--Pray for Ruth Jasperse, she is scheduled for surgery to remove the spots in her mouth on October 1. Please pray that the surgery and recovery go well, and that they would be able to determine the cause of the spots. Ruth thanks the Faith Church community for those prayers!

--Pray for Kat & John as they settle into their new life in North Carolina. Pray for them to find jobs, friends, good child care and a loving church family.

--Pray for our Christian brethren who are suffering throughout the world even as they worship because they stand for God!

--Pray for the homeless, there are so many out there who have no place to sleep and nothing to eat. Help guide them to a shelter or clothing and food pantry so that they might have something to fill their stomach. Give us discernment to know what do to for someone that's homeless.

--Pray for Pastor Porte and our Reformed brothers and sisters in Valencia, Venezuela as they deal with significant poverty and financial challenges there.

--Pray for the students in Rev. Joseph Murupus' Christian schools in Kenya.

--Pray for our judges as they hear cases and make decisions. Pray that their decisions and rulings may reflect true justice.

### **FAITH CHURCH'S VISION**

Faith Church, Nashville is a dynamic and diverse community of God's family, striving to faithfully proclaim and teach the whole word of God and to apply it to all of life. We celebrate God's grace in Jesus Christ through our worship and ministry, seeking out families and individuals whom God is calling to grow with us.

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

#### **Today:**

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Worship

### **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES**

**The Brentwood Small Group** meets every second and fourth Wednesday night at 6:45 pm for an excellent dinner and study at the home of Mike and Laura Purswell. Everyone is welcome to join them for this study. For more information call Mike or Laura Purswell at 370-8397. Email Mike at [hmstyle@comcast.net](mailto:hmstyle@comcast.net), or Laura at [Impurswell@comcast.net](mailto:Impurswell@comcast.net).

**The Donelson Small Group** meets the first and third Wednesday night at 6:30 at the home of Bart and Brynna Spain. Contact Bart and Brynna for the details.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS AT FAITH:**

**Retreat 2020:** Faith Church 2020 retreat plans are underway. This upcoming event will be May 1, 2 and 3 at Lake Barkley State Resort Park in Kentucky. (Same location as 2018.) If there is anyone interested in participating on the retreat committee, please talk to Joy Sayers.

## Happy Birthday to

Jasmine Card	September 21
Mitchell Rigsby	September 23
Tom Sullivan	September 28
Jerry Hoek	September 29

## Happy Anniversary to

John & Sandra Mason	September 22
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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### Adult Sunday School Classes:

George Garden is leading a devotional discussion on the Sermon on the Mount, starting with Matthew 5.

Last week's offering: The deacons gratefully acknowledge the offering received last Sunday.

General	\$2308.00
Benevolent	\$50.00
Tusculum	\$70.00

"Money is a spiritual matter and its use is a statement of faith... Jesus said, 'Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34).

Where your checkbook is, there you will find your heart." David Ray

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Nursery today: Sheri & Jenny

Nursery next week: Byrnna & Ann

### Responsibilities for September

Set Up/Clean Up Crew: Purswell, Kamper, Sayers