

Celebration of Worship

February 23, 2020

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: "Amid the Thronging Worshipers"
- *Words of Welcome
- *Call to Worship
- *God's Greeting
- *Song of Praise: "Great Are You, Lord"

We Celebrate God's Grace

- Call to Confession and Prayer: From Joel 2
- Words of Assurance: from I John 4
- Song of Assurance: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

We Respond in Gratitude and Faith

- Prayer of Dedication
- We Offer Our Gifts - "Holy Water"
- We Pray for One Another

We Receive the Word of God

Bible Reading: Ephesians 4:11-16

Sermon: "Spiritual Growth: Separating Fact from Fiction"

I. Spiritual Growth - God's _____ for our Lives

II. Exposing the Myths Surrounding Spiritual Growth

A. Myth: Spiritual Growth is _____

Truth: Spiritual Growth is _____

B. Myth: Spiritual Growth is _____

Truth: Spiritual Growth is a _____

C. Myth: We Grow Spiritually by _____

Truth: We Grow Spiritually by Developing _____

D. Myth: Growth Can Be Attained _____

Truth: You Can't Grow Effectively _____

E. Myth: Spiritual Growth is Based on _____

Truth: Spiritual Growth Is Not So Much a Matter of Imitation
as it is _____

III. How Do We Know If We Are Making Progress?

Answer: By Checking _____

Prayer of Response

*Song of Response: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

We Leave to Serve God and His World

*God's Blessing

*Parting Song: "To God Be the Glory"

THIS WEEK AT FAITH CHURCH

February 23, 2020

Nashville, TN

WELCOME to Faith Church today!

This morning Pastor Dan Jongsma brings us the message: "Spiritual Growth: Separating Fact from Fiction" based on Ephesians 4:11-16

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 for Cindy Davis' successful back procedure - pray for her recovery, strength and freedom from pain.

Please pray for these needs:

--Pray for Maudelle's health, for healing from colds and sinus problems.

--Pray for Joe Cole as his Crohn's disease is acting up and he is having leg pain again as well.

--Pray for Jaden and for his doctors as they try to adjust dosages so that the effectiveness of the treatments last the entire time between treatments.

--Pray for Sheri's family member, Randy, who was found to have had a major heart attack and had emergency surgery last evening. Please pray for his recovery and healing.

--Pray for our children and their families, that God speaks to their hearts and they follow Him.

--Pray for Faith Church, our past and how it has blessed each of us personally. Pray for the future of Faith Church. Pray how each of us can be used in that future.

--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, or Laura at lpurswell@comcast.net.

The Donelson Small Group is reorganizing their meeting time. Contact Bart and Brynna for the details.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT FAITH:

Prayer Planning Team: If you have a passion for prayer and would like to get together with some like-minded people in developing plans for making prayer a more intentional part of the ministry of Faith Church; please contact Pastor Dan at danjongsm1@gmail.com.

Retreat 2020: Joy Sayers needs to know how many people plan to attend the Faith Church retreat at Lake Barkley State Resort Park in Kentucky set for May 1-3, 2020. LODGING PAYMENTS ARE DUE!

Special Offerings:

First Sunday of the month – Offering for benevolent fund

Second Sunday of the month - Change for Tusculum School.

Happy Birthday to

Ruth Jasperse

February 23

Happy Anniversary to

George & Nancy Garden

February 24

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Adult Sunday School Classes:

George Garden is leading a devotional discussion on the Sermon on the Mount.

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

General \$3070.00

Benevolent \$75.00

Tusculum \$95.52

“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 & Ann

Nursery next week: Byrna & Jenny

Set Up/Clean Up Crew for Next Week:

Card, Rivers, Spain, Walker