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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Brotherhood

We will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at the church. All the men of the church are invited to attend!

### In Context Bible Study

Join on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for our "In Context" Bible Study. We will be starting back up on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Faith Circle

We will be holding our Annual Valentine's Party on Thursday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm. Please plan to attend

### C3

We will be meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for crafting, fellowship, and fun!

### Visitation Committee

We will be meeting in the Lobby on Tuesday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11:15 am. We would like to invite anyone who would like to visit our members who can't drive or get out.

### Women's Fellowship

We will be meeting on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be a video shown from last year's Women of Joy. All women of the church are invited to attend and enjoy fellowship and refreshments.

The Garage Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please collect items you wish to donate, mark them if possible (except clothing) and set them aside until the last Sunday in April when we will accept them at the church. Do not bring them before that time please.  
We need everyone who can to help that week please.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

### Student Life Camp

We will be holding a parents meeting on Sunday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the service. Also mark your calendars for two Student Life fundraiser meals on Sunday's Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend to help our students out.

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### Communion Services

We will have a separate tray with gluten free crackers for those who need them during our communion services. Please note they will look different from the bread squares.

### Help Needed-Could It Be You?

My Grandma always used to say that, "Many hands make light work!" We NEED you to do the work that the church is called to do. At the Annual Meeting, on Sunday, January 26, 2020, Pastor Jim spoke about how encouraging it is that when things need doing at Faith Church, people step up to fill the need. While we see one another at Church, we don't always know one another's strengths and talents.

We have NEED of people to serve in the following capacities:

**1-2 people to serve as the church Historian(s)**

**2 people to fill 2 unexpired 2 year terms on the Church and Ministry Commission**

**1 person to fill 1 unexpired 2 year term on the Christian Education Commission**

**5 people to serve on a committee to look into possibilities for remodeling the old bathrooms**

**5 people to serve on a committee to plan for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Faith Church in 2021**

If you feel that you are capable of filling one of these needs, PLEASE contact Karen McClellan or Dale Arn.

### Thank You's

Dear Friends:

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your generous gift of \$200 to the Salvation Army received on December 30, 2019 from the Women's Fellowship.

Thanks you and God bless,  
Major Ronald key

## From The Pastor's Desk

### “THE BREAD OF LIFE”

In John 6, we find two of the seven signs listed in the Gospel of John. At the beginning of the chapter, Jesus is speaking to 5000 men, plus women and children, when he turns to his disciples and asks them where they can get enough food to feed everyone. Philip responds like any normal person when he replies to Jesus in verse 7, ***“Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!”*** But Andrew responds like one who has been watching Jesus carefully, and brings a boy to him who has brought five loaves and two fish. We are told that Jesus has his twelve disciples sit everyone down, and then he takes the five loaves and two fish and gives thanks. He then has his disciples begin to serve all those who have stayed to eat, and they return with twelve baskets leftover after everyone has eaten their fill. The people are overwhelmed when they see this miraculous sign and begin to think that Jesus must be the prophet they have been expecting.

After Jesus and his disciples slip away from the crowd, he sends his disciples on ahead in a boat, across the lake, where he will meet up with them the next day. In the middle of the night, a huge storm arises tossing the disciples to their near death. In the middle of this storm they see Jesus walk out to them, and they call out to him. The Bible then tells us in verse 21, ***“They were eager to let him in the boat, and immediately they arrived at their destination!”***

The next day, people begin searching for Jesus and realize that somehow he has arrived on the opposite shore; even though they had seen his disciples leave without him. Jesus realizes that they want more from him...more bread. The people want to be fed, like their ancestors were in the desert with Moses. Jesus then explains to them that there is spiritual bread that will satisfy them for all eternity. In verse 33 he says, ***“The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”*** And then to make his point even more clear he states to them that he is that very bread. In fact in verse 35 Jesus says, ***“I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”***

The church is a table where people come to get fed. We had a wonderful potluck meal, last Sunday, following our Annual Meeting. But it's also where we have an opportunity to dine on the Bread of Life, Jesus. Weekly, at church, we learn about His plan for our lives, have a chance to study His Word, and discover what our role is at the table. But we shouldn't just sit at the table and continually eat. At some point, we must get up from the table.

The nourishment from the food (the Bread of Life) provides us with the fuel we need to serve others! That's what the life God has given you is all about – serving and helping others. Make sure you are practicing a good diet AND exercise routine. Dine on the Bread of Life. Then, push away from the table and serve others samples of what you are experiencing. We have many events that occur throughout the year where you can be given the opportunity to serve “feed” others! They say that the greatest way to exercise your faith is by serving others! Choose, to begin this decade, this year, this month, **THIS DAY**, to begin a whole new life of service for Jesus.

Be God's!

Pastor Jim

**Calendar of Events**

- Feb. 2 - Communion Sunday
- Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> - Student Life Camp Parent’s Meeting 11:30
- Feb 11<sup>th</sup> - Food Kitchen Team #4 5:00 pm
- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> - Faith Circle Valentine’s Party 6:00 pm
- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> - Valentine’s Day
- Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> - President’s Day
- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> - Leader’s Night 7:00 pm
- Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Student Life Camp Fundraiser Meal 11:30
- Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm
- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> - C3 Meeting 7:00 pm

**Communion Assistants**

- Feb. 2 - Rose Mary Seuell & Carole McClellan

**Van Drivers**

- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Corey
- Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> -
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> - Brent
- Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Jack

| Report                  | Current Fund       | Building Fund     |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup> - | \$1,578.00         | \$180.00          |
| Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup> -  | \$6,572.00         | \$2,380.00        |
| Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup> - | \$6,531.00         | \$60.00           |
| Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup> - | No Church          |                   |
| Jan. 26 <sup>th</sup> - | \$2,490.00         | \$130.00          |
| <b>Totals:</b>          | <b>\$17,171.00</b> | <b>\$2,750.00</b> |

**\$12,371.17** needed each month to meet current expenses.

| Attendance              | Service   | Sunday School |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup> - | 58        | 34            |
| Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup> -  | 77        | 38            |
| Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup> - | 78        | 32            |
| Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup> - | No Church |               |
| Jan. 26 <sup>th</sup> - | 82        | 35            |

**ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!**

*“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

**Jeremiah 29:11**

**In Our Thoughts & Prayers**

**Praises:** God’s amazing love; give God thanks for our friends & relationships

**Cancer Patients:** Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Lance (Julie Oswald’s cousin in Houston, TX) – brain cancer; Steve Hall (48) – (brother-in-law of Steve Haskey) – radiation not working, back on chemo; Delores Collins (sister of Linda Trapp)- starting chemo & radiation; Byron Myers- prostate- chemo; Lorey Schank (friend of Steve & Debi Haskey)- breast cancer returns after 28 years & metastasized to her bones; Chris, son of Susan Wheeler & grandson of Joan Schubert- leg amputated due to cancer; James Wilson- cancer & heart condition; Cass Dennee 49 (Cousin of Leonard) has cancer & is starting chemo; Sean Abersold- brain cancer

**Other:** Continued prayers for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends; Donita Sunderland- chronic health issues; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Donna Brooks- chronic health issues; Debi Haskey- chronic health issues; The Catron Family; Scotty Sharp’s Aunt Eunice- on hospice; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp’s great-nephew)- 15 yr. old- needs a heart transplant; Alex King; Paula Bryson- home recovering; Jessica Blanton- home recovering; Jill Frakes- eye disease getting worse; Joanna Wilson- heart condition; Debbie Demuth- eyes aren’t responding to shots anymore & had torn meniscus surgery; Teresa Kidwell’s cousin in Bethany- fire destroyed their home; Steve Pulley- fell & broke his ankle; George Fischer; John Shaw (Carole McClellan’s son-in-law)- is still having trouble with high blood pressure; Roberta Lockheart ( friend of McCall’s)- in ICU , congestive heart failure, high BP, & infection;

**Traveling Mercies:** The Vogt’s- Greg, Pilar, Jessica, Luke & Caitlin are on their winter tour for two months;

**Sympathy:** For the families who have experienced a tragic loss due to the helicopter accident in California

**Finally:** all our people & programs; living more **stewardship 2020- What God wants our church to do & what He wants us to do as individuals- “Give us This Day”**; **In Context Bible Study**; our Music Director, Steve Haskey; Our Pastor Jim Oswald and their families