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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Needs

At this current time our giving for running the church show a year-to-date negative of \$10,677.26. The amount needed to operate the church each month is \$12,726.00. Over the summer months, with vacation, etc. we understand that your giving may have fallen behind. Please consider helping us achieve our budget goals by bringing your giving up to date.

Thank you for your consideration

The Board of Stewards

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Chronological Bible Study

Our chronological Bible study has started back up; please consider joining us for this amazing study of the Bible at 6:45pm every Monday evening.

Faith Circle

Dorcas Circle and Lydia Circle have combined to form Faith Circle. Please consider joining us Oct. 13th on our trip to Jamesport.

Harvest Party

Saturday October 22, 2016. 5:00-7:00pm



Volunteers need to work the games in ½ hour increments. Donations of Little Debbie cakes, cookies, & candy for the Cake Walk would be greatly appreciated. Let a Lay Life Member know if you can help out!

Come join us for good food, good times & great fellowship!

From The Pastor's Desk

“GET CONNECTED”

The Apostle Paul writes to the church in Rome this particular passage found in the Message, *“In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we’re talking about is Christ’s body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn’t amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ’s body, let’s just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren’t.”* (12: 4-5)

Rick Warren once wrote, “The church not only helps you center on God, but it also helps you connect with other believers.” We were not created to live on this earth alone and isolated. God created man and woman so that the earth could multiply and we could connect with each other and God. There **is** a connection once you become a child of God; you become a brother and sister. Your spiritual life won’t amount to anything if you disconnect yourself from the body of Christ because of envy...and especially pride! Like Paul wrote, a *“chopped-off finger or cut off toe is of no use to us; it has to be connected with the body!”*

A study by the California Department of Mental Health discovered that if you isolate yourself from others and don’t develop close friendships, you are three times more likely to die an early death. You’re four times more likely to suffer emotional burnout. You’re five times more likely to be clinically depressed.

And you’re ten times more likely to be hospitalized for an emotional or mental disorder.

So what does all of this tell us?

1. No one is more important or more valuable than someone else.
2. We all are needed as part of the body of Christ and we all need to work together.
3. For us to continue to grow as a church, we are only as useful as our weakest link...meaning we all need each other and to continue to build each other up!
4. If you are not involved in some sort of ministry here at the church, then you need to plug yourself in somewhere. There are many ways you can get connected! We are always looking for help in the food kitchen, to help run audio/visual, to help with games at the Harvest Party, setting up for Hanging of the Greens, for volunteers for VBS and the Easter Egg Hunt, to help play hand bells, just sitting in and attending one of our Sunday school classes or Monday evening Bible Study, and to be a greeter on Sunday morning. These are only a few of the areas that are in need of your help and will help you get connected with others!
5. Getting connected not only will strengthen and help our church grow, but it will do wonders for your own state of mind!

Be God’s!

Pastor Jim

Pictures of the new construction



Changes to the way you receive your newsletter:

We are looking at ways to cut expenses where we can. One such way is with the newsletter. We will be offering several ways to receive your copy of the newsletter in the future. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church by dropping it off, mailing it back to us, or by emailing your choice to us at faithchurchstjoe@gmail.com.

My choice for receiving our Newsletter

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Continue to have it mailed to you _____

Receive in an email _____

Pick up your copy monthly in the Narthex _____

Calendar of Events

- Oct. 2nd - Board of Stewards Potato Bar 11:30am
- Oct. 5th-7th - Church staff at Catalyst Conference
- Oct. 10th - Columbus Day
- Oct. 11th - Food Kitchen Team #3 5:00pm
- Oct. 13th - Faith Circle to Jamesport 9:15am
- Oct. 16th - 55th Anniversary of Faith United church
- Oct. 18th - Brotherhood 7:00pm
- Oct. 20th - Leaders Night 7:00pm
- Oct. 21st - OWLS Luncheon (LaPeeps) 11:30am
- Oct. 22nd - Harvest Party 5:00pm
- Oct. 23rd - Fall Membership meeting & Luncheon 11:30am in Fellowship Hall

Communion Assistants

- Oct. 2nd - Ruth Sharp and Teresa Kidwell

Acolytes

- Oct. 2nd - Angela Cobb & Ali Ledford
- Oct. 9th - Jordon Hill & Rawlins Brant
- Oct. 16th - Joshua Oswald & Brodie DeSchepper
- Oct. 23rd - Sara Sands & Angela Cobb
- Oct. 30th - Ali Ledford & Jordan Hill

Van Drivers

- Oct. 2nd - Corey
- Oct. 9th - Roy
- Oct. 16th - Brent
- Oct. 23rd - Corey
- Oct. 30th - Roy

<u>Financial Report</u>	<u>Current Fund</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Aug. 28 th -	\$1,163.00	\$125.00
Sept. 4 th -	\$5,553.00	\$2,200.00
Sept. 11 th -	\$1,368.00	\$95.00
Sept. 18 th -	\$1900.00	\$25.00
Totals:	\$9,984.00	\$2,445.00

\$12,726.00 needed each month to meet current expenses.

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
Aug. 28 th -	70	33
Sept. 4 th -	69	36
Sept. 11 th -	77	34
Sept. 18 th -	74	38

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: God’s continued presence in the World & never absent; Abby Tolbert- running for student council at Savannah middle School; baby Tillie (Dorothy Smith’s great-granddaughter) was baptized last Sunday in Liberty.

Cancer Patients: Rob Gregory; Rita Hughes (friend of Trudy Lewis)-diagnosed Melanoma; co-worker of Janis Arn’s 3 yr. old granddaughter-brain cancer; 13 year old Riley Whittington-chronic cancer; Travis Owens (local firefighter) stage 4 liver; Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Glen Spitzer’s friends- Janelle, Ethal, Jack Faulkner, Keith & Frieda Shuell; Mary Lou (friend of mina’s)

Other: Continued prays for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends; Wilk Catron; Elizabeth Shoenlaub- on Hospice; Donna Brooks- health issues; Donita Sutherland-chronic health issues; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Dorothy Smith- knee replacement surgery went well will be going to Living Community for rehab; June Book broken hip, in rehab at Living community; Mark Torres. Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp’s great-nephew)- 12 yr. old- prayers for serious heart problems; Lenard McCall’s cousin- Barb Swank; Ramona Allen (Linda Trapp’s neighbor)- Lupus complications & needs hip replacement; Connie Newton (friend of Karen McClellan’s)- heart problems; Debbie Hart- heart attack; Dianne (Debbie Demuth’s sister) dementia; Jim wood’s friend- Larry Culver- serious illness; Carole McClellan’s brother- Gary Batelle & cousins (husband & wife)- suffering from dementia.

Finally: prayers for our city, our country and the world; Faith United church- all our people; Safety during construction on new addition to our building: our church staff & their families; attitudes- may we live as Jesus told us- “love one another as I have loved you”; be open to compromise.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the good wishes, visits, phone calls, cards, and thoughtfulness. We pray for you and wish you the best. May God gather us in Heaven when our time comes. Best wishes to you all, Duane & Faye Morgan

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it”

Malachi 3:10