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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brotherhood

We are meeting on Tuesday, September 18th, at 7:00pm

OWLS

We will be meeting at 11:30 am on Friday September 21st, at LaPeep's. Please join us for lunch.

C3

Come join us for some food, fun, and crafting at 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 27th.

In Context Bible Study

We start back up at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 5th, in the fellowship Hall. Please come join us for this great Bible study.

Recharge

Join us for Recharge at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 26th.

Women's Fellowship

Please join us at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 4th as Karen McClellan presents "A Look at the Life of Mary Todd Lincoln" in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served and a short business meeting will follow. All members of the church are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship. There will be surprises!

Sunday School Teachers Meeting

There will be a Sunday School Teachers Meeting following the service on Sunday, September 9th. Lunch will be served as well!

Board of Stewards Potato Bar Luncheon

Please join us for our annual potato bar luncheon following the service on Sunday, September 16th. Everyone please bring a dessert!

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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.

Thank You's

The family of Gwen Montgomery would like to thank everyone for your expressions of sympathy, cards, and memorial donations after her passing.

Paula & Larry Bryson, Steven, Amy, and Kaylyne Martin & Juanita Montgomery, Tim, Mike Justin & Larry Janet & Lynn Reed, Brett, Laura Weston, Chase, & Riley

The Ice Cream Social was a great success. We had 65 people attend. Thank you to everyone who came, contributed ice cream or desserts and to those who served.

Lay Life

Thank you so much for having my children at your church for VBS. They had a blast & enjoyed learning about Jesus. They both said their favorite thing was the underground cave!

The Hernandez Family, Bella & Nik

From The Pastor's Desk

“The Long Journey”

On November 1st of this year, I will have completed my ninth year here at Faith. From the start we have been on a long journey. Faith was rebounding from losing their pastor, and I was rebounding from having my position eliminated at another church. We came together as hurting individuals looking for ways to see God's plan in all of this. There is a quote that I heard as a child and am still reminded of it as an adult that says, *“Nothing worthwhile ever comes easy in life.”* Whether you are starting and running your own business, rearing a family, going to school, working at a job you really don't like, training for some event or team competition, or for some, even waking up each day and facing what the day has to offer, it all takes effort and work. It all takes struggling to find some kind of foot hold. It is also understanding that there is going to be resistance out there that is trying to get you to quit.

Over the first couple of years of our journey together we struggled to build trust, vision, and a willingness to risk putting ourselves out there again. We had the same people doing the same things because it was comfortable, and I had a certain way that I liked to do things because it was comfortable for me. At the same time, we were trying to seek out what God's plan was for His church, Faith United, and reach our community in a relevant way. It has been a “long journey” and there were many times I know that I felt discouraged, and you were as well, at what we saw when we looked at ourselves and our results. The worldly thing to do would have been to throw our hands up and quit, and look for something that would be more comfortable for each of us. I had a number of people even mention to me that they were surprised that I had stayed as long as I have...but I knew that this was all part of the trip.

There are many things that work to keep us from completing our life missions. Over the years, I've debated whether the worst enemy is procrastination or discouragement. If Satan can't get us to put off our life missions, then he'll try to get us to quit altogether. The apostle Paul teaches that we need to resist

discouragement: *“Let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up”* (Galatians 6: 9).

When we're discouraged, we become ineffective. When we're discouraged, we work against our own [faith](#). When we're discouraged, we're saying, “It can't be done.” That's the exact opposite of saying, “I know God can do it because of what he said.” If you're discouraged, don't give up without a fight. Nothing worthwhile ever happens without endurance and energy. Rick Warren says, *“When an artist creates a sculpture, he has to keep chipping away. He doesn't hit the chisel with the hammer once and suddenly all the excess stone falls away, revealing a beautiful masterpiece. He keeps hitting it and hitting it, chipping away at the stone.”* And that's true of life, too. You have to keep hitting it and going after it, and little by little your life will become a masterpiece of God's grace.

Our church is becoming a masterpiece of God's grace. We have all come from different places in life, with different hurting backgrounds, to serve together and do outreach at this place and time. To worship together at this place and time. We are seeing more and more people walk through our doors each Sunday, in 2018, than ever before during my time as your pastor. This can only be due to God's wonderful grace, and the warmth and love we are showing to everyone who joins us each week.

So let's keep chipping away at the stone that God has set before us. We know that His plan is good and perfect and all we need to do is to continue pressing forward down this long road, together.

Be God's!

Pastor Jim

Calendar of Events

- Sept. 2nd - Communion Sunday
- Sept. 3rd - Labor Day – Offices Closed
- Sept. 4th - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- Sept. 4th - Women’s Fellowship 7:00 pm
- Sept. 5th - In Context Bible Study Starts 6:30 pm
- Sept. 9th - Sunday School Teachers Meeting 11:30 a
- Sept. 11th - Food Kitchen Team #3 5:00 pm
- Sept. 16th - Board of Stewards Potato Bar Luncheon
- Sept. 18th - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- Sept. 20th - Leader’s Night 7:00 pm
- Sept. 21st - OWLS Luncheon @LaPeep’s 11:30 am
- Sept. 26th - Recharge 6:30 pm
- Sept. 27th - C3 Meeting 7:00 pm

Communion Assistants

- Sept. 2nd - Debbie Demuth & Carolyn Sagaser

Acolytes

- Sept. 2nd - Montana Frakes & Josh Oswald
- Sept. 9th - Rawlins Brant & Montana Frakes
- Sept. 16th - Josh Oswald & Rawlins Brant
- Sept. 23rd - Montana Frakes & Brodie DeSchepper
- Sept. 30th - Brodie DeSchepper & Josh Oswald

Van Drivers

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

Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
July 29 th -	\$2,268.00	\$114.00
Aug. 5 th -	\$3,782.25	\$285.00
Aug. 12 th -	\$1,744.00	\$25.00
Aug. 19 th -	\$2,183.00	\$45.00
Totals:	\$9,977.25	\$469.00

\$11,291.00 needed each month to meet current expenses.

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
July 29 th -	94	31
Aug. 5 th -	102	45
Aug. 12 th -	97	37
Aug. 19 th -	91	27

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity”

Proverbs 17:17

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: We are truly Children of God – His own Chosen Ones; Jenna Oswald returned home & to UMKC; Matthew Sharp doesn’t have to wear his chest brace anymore.

Cancer Patients: Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Andrew (5yr. old son of Central High teacher Mr. Hart) – is in remission with an inoperable brain tumor; Ryan Frakes (brother of Jack) – cancer; Tricia (friend of Donna Wood) – Hodgkin’s Lymphoma; Lance (Julie Oswald’s cousin in Houston, TX) – brain cancer; Leonard McCall’s cousin, Joyce’s youngest son, Craig Wright – advanced cancer; Steve Hall (48) – (brother-in-law of Steve Haskey) – diagnosed with colon cancer; Sean Abersold- cancer & starts radiation; Miranda Nill starting chemo (friend of Angela cobb)

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; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp’s great-nephew)- 12 yr. old- prayers for serious heart problems; The Catron Family; Elizabeth Schoenlaub & family; Brothers of Joanie Shaw – Ronny with diabetes; Andrew Powers (a K-State grad) – spending 3 years teaching in India (2020); Gracie Abersold- at Diversicare for rehab; The Bryson family- family issues; Scotty Sharp family- family issues; Jill Frakes- eye diseases; Trudy Lewis – recovery from shoulder surgery; Pastor Jim’s sister-in-law – recovery from back surgery to repair broken rods in her back; Trey Washington – age 17 – shot in the neck; Kim Dille’s daughter-in-law, Tiffany – gall bladder surgery; David Bryson (Larry’s brother) – keeps getting blood clots; Teresa Kidwell’s sister, Cathy – double hip surgery; John Shaw, Carole McClellan’s son-in-law – has health issues; St Joe School District – teachers, students, & administrators; College students returning/starting school; The Assembly of God church in Overland Park – youth involved in tragic accident in Southern Missouri; Luther, OK – Janice Arn’s sister teaches in a school there – a student stabbed another student multiple times

Traveling Mercies: Ashley West teaching in Russia; Jim & Donna wood – to Pa to visit their granddaughter for her 1st Birthday

Sympathy: the families of the three youth killed in the van accident (Assembly of God) – Overland Park; the family of Clifford Peck who died Aug. 18th

Finally: all our people & programs; Recharge Worship Service & Portions Worship series; In Context bible Study; our website; our music director, Steve Haskey; our youth Director, Alex King; Our Pastor Jim Oswald and their families; be **Of Good Courage!** – No opportunity is too small!

