

Faith Church Bulletin Board



Moving On With Our Sunday Morning Experience

As many of you know we're planning on moving ahead with our new schedule and format for Sunday mornings next fall. The time frame will be the same as this summer (1st service at 9:00 am and 2nd service at 10:30 am). The difference of course, will be the addition of classes for all ages during both service times starting in the fall. This will allow for more time in classroom and for "mixing it up" with one another. We trust this will be a good thing for our Sunday morning experience as a church family.

I would encourage you to begin thinking and praying about your own involvement for next fall. We'll have some great opportunities for plugging into a strategic and special time for our church family (Sunday mornings). As we've been discussing, this should help us greatly in connecting on Sunday morning, meeting new folks, and helping one another feel more a part of our body.

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June

14 Golf Link
21 Rebelution Conference

July 25 Faith Church Family Picnic

August 30 Heart of the City Celebration

Golf Link Saturday, June 14

 We'll golf at Meadow Greens June 14 starting at 9:00 am. This annual fundraiser for Urban Impact helps send New Orleans youth to a Christian camp. If you like to golf, join us by getting donors. There will be prizes. Contact Pastor Pat Wester or Kevin Arnold for more information. If you are not a golfer, consider sponsoring or donating money to Urban Impact.

New Orleans Trip

We are considering one or two trips next year, one in the fall and one in the winter. Sign up at the table in the lobby if you are interested. Contact Pastor Pat or Terry Taylor for more information.

How are you? Really, how are you?



The answer to these questions may vary from "I'm alright" to "just fine". But how are you, really? Do you have a conflict with someone in your life that is a burden for you? Does the thought of going to family gatherings bring up unresolved issues and resulting angry feelings and/or your not wanting to participate? Are you and your spouse experiencing conflict on certain issues? Do you have conflict here at church or with a neighbor, friend, co-worker, a family member? Do you have a pending lawsuit? Are you thinking of divorce? Are you hurting?

We are a team of people, trained in conflict coaching and mediation according to Biblical principles who stand ready to assist in any way that we can. We are not going to "fix", but assist, in restoring relationships and resolving issues, Biblically. We are not counselors, but brothers and sisters in Christ, trained to help, in a confidential setting. The training we have received was sponsored and presented by Peacemakers Ministries. Many of you are familiar with Peacemakers Ministries if your care group participated in the Peacemakers material, or if you were present for Pastor Mike's Peacemakers sermon series from last fall. This material is based on Ken Sande's book entitled *The Peacemaker*. Give us a call and set up an appointment, the only thing it is going to cost is your time and willingness to come to the table.

Let's visit over a cup of coffee...How can we assist you? How are you, really? For more information and appointments, call any one of the following who are members of FEFC's peacemaking team.



Larry Cox	396-0147
Kristin Hackel	433-1307
Vern Lewis	437- 3740
Sharon Yunker	437-3532
Dave Needham	437-8120

Along with different learning and growing opportunities, there will be some great ways to serve in teaching, helping, greeting, setting up/straightening up during transition time, helping with parking and traffic flow, coffee prep, etc. I'm also very encouraged by the potential for people praying together during / for each worship service time. (And, if you haven't heard about what it means to be a "lobby lounge" you might ask someone who was in the last Sunday school class discussion this year).

Pray with me as we continue to address the challenges this change will bring to us as well. We will be working diligently to provide important avenues for spiritual growth, as well as promoting an atmosphere for us to experience love and support as a church family.

As leaders we have appreciated your input as we have considered and planned for what this transition will be like for us. Please feel free to continue the dialogue with us this summer as we look forward to what God will do next fall during our Sunday morning experience.

Pastor Mike Sager

Finance Update

As many of you heard during the Sunday School time May 18, we will be experiencing some road construction on 17th Avenue SW during the months of September thru November. This construction means a \$13,000 assessment for the church which was not budgeted.

As we move through the summer months and head into fall, please keep in mind our stewardship responsibilities so we can finish the year strong.

Giving YTD	- 267,836.41
Expense YTD	- 271,619.20
Budget YTD	- 319,382.06
Difference	- (3,782.88)

■ Parking Room for Guests

To ease the congestion in our main parking area, please drop off your family and park in the Youth Ministry Building lot. It will allow for our guests to have room to park.

❶ Information Center Opportunity

Got questions? We've got answers. Stop by the Information Center in the lobby if you would like information, need to sign up for an event, are looking for brochures, or just want to talk with someone.

If you would be interested in volunteering at the Information Center, please contact Judi at fejcjudi@smig.net.

■ Be Free Recovery Ministry

Every Tuesday, 7:00 pm at the youth ministry building.

One group is for those struggling or affected by chemical dependency (alcohol or drugs). Another group is for men wanting to prevent or recover from sexual purity issues.

■ Nursery Opportunity

Looking for ways to help out this summer? The nursery could use additional people. Contact Pastor Pat or Debra.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

IMPACT

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Call the Youth Info Line for updates: 437-1000, extension 411
or check the website- www.faithchurchaustin.org



Why should you go to Rebelution?

Consider these questions:

- Is it possible that what our culture says about the purpose and potential of the teen years is a lie, and that we are its victims?
- Is it possible that our teen years give us a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for huge accomplishments – as individuals and as a generation?
- What would our lives look like if we set out on a different path entirely – a path that required more effort but promised a lot more reward?

We describe that alternative path with three simple words: Do Hard Things. The conference: Saturday, June 21 in Minneapolis. Carpool will meet at 6 am and return by 9 pm. Sign up at the info table for the Group Rate: \$25 for teens (ages 10-19) and \$15 for adults! Deadline is Sunday, June 8. For more info: see the flyer, visit www.therebelution.com, or talk with Pam Larson.

Senior High Bible Study

STUDY → SEE →SAVOR: a Senior High Bible Experience

Have you struggled with questions about God? Do you wonder how God's sovereignty fits together with our responsibility? What is free will? What does predestination mean? Who does what in salvation? This summer, we'll STUDY to find understanding. As we SEE more of who God is, we'll SAVOR him.

STUDY → SEE →SAVOR: at Pam Larson's: 609 4th St NW.
Sunday nights: 6-7 pm: potluck supper
7-9 pm: study
9-11 pm: hangout

CHALLENGE '08, JUNE 27-JULY 5

On Friday, June 27, 15 students and four adults will sojourn to the EFCA National student conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. This conference will challenge 7,000 Sr. High students and youth leaders from EFCA churches across America to live life selflessly. Ask God to meet each of us in a life-empowering way. On Sunday, July 6, meet us to ask how God has answered your prayers.

*please pray
for our group!*

Henry Darling, Erin Landherr, Ellie Quam, Will Darling, Jacob Larson, Eli Riley, Gabe Franta, Martin Manocchio, Phillip Riley, Alex Klock, Josh Needham, Kristi Sager, Mary Knudsen, Alycia Newago, Megan Wuertz, Tom and Shellie Wuertz, Jamie Rosheim and David Brogan.

Community Baccalaureate Service

Tuesday, June 3, 7 pm @ The Paramount Theater
This worship service is planned by graduating seniors from Austin churches to share their faith through music, drama, scripture and testimonies. The purpose is to honor and commission these young people as they enter this new chapter of their lives.

Middle School Summer Zone

If you're entering grades 6-8 in the fall, then MS Summer Zone is for you! We gather on Wednesdays from 6-8 pm to eat supper, play games, and learn a thing or two about following Jesus. Meet at Pastor Dave's, 605 5th Ave SW in Austin, on Wednesday, June 25. Check the Middle School summer calendar for dates and locations!

TURTLES 2008

Friday, August 15 – Saturday, August 16
For students entering grades 6-8. This "Totally Unique Recreation Teen Last Event of the Summer" (TURTLES) is an overnight at Calvary Evangelical Free Church in Rochester. We spend Saturday at Valley Fair Amusement Park. Students sleep in segregated classrooms at the church and are accompanied by an adult at Valley Fair.

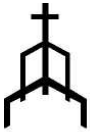


Cost: \$70 by Sunday, July 27 or \$80 thereafter! See flyer for details on how to register!

Root River Canoe Cruise

Friday, August 1 – Saturday, August 2.
For students entering grades 9-12. Get ready to rough it on this camping canoe cruise! Get wet exploring 28 miles of the Root River north of Lanesboro! Go with a friend and without electricity or plumbing! You may ride in a canoe with two others if they agree to carry you. Sign up for a canoe on the Youth Bulletin Board by Sunday, July 27. See flyer for details.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Pirates of the I Don't Care-ibbean



June 9-13, from 9 am-noon. It's not too late to sign up for music & drama camp (for kids who have completed Kindergarten –8th grade.) Registrations are in the information area.

Cost: \$15 per participant or \$25 for a family.

Performances:

Friday, June 13, 11:30 am for daycares and nursing home residents, 7 pm for everyone (free!)



Summer Worship

The summer Sunday Worship
 schedule: 9:00 am and 10:30 am

■ Heart of the City Celebration



Multi-cultural worship service at the band shell on August 30, 7 pm. For families, singles, youth and children, the goal of this event is to build bridges between races and denominations and to unite and refresh the body of Christ. Come and enjoy ice cream before the celebration.

Led by Dan and Sandy Adler, the Heart of the City Worship Band consists of 22 singers and instrumentalists who represent many ethnic groups and are from a cross-section of churches and denominations. Bring your own chairs and blankets.



Rooted in Christ
 Growing in Faith
 Branching Out