



Connecting Everyone, Everywhere,
Everyday with the love and message of
Jesus Christ.



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MAVES PAVILLION

CHURCH IN THE PARK

August 7, 2022 | Chapman Park
10:00 AM

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- Family Movie Night
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Connecting with Pastor Matt

Who Are we?

It is a very important question. One we must all ask. Who are we? Personally, and corporately. If someone approached, you on the street or at work and asked you to tell them about who you are. How would you answer? What would you say if someone asked for you to tell them about the Church you attend – How would you describe Faith EFC? What would you say?

Too many criticize the church and fail to see their role in living out the values of the Church. It is easier to separate yourself from the church then to take responsibility for an individual role.

So, who are we as Church? We have sat down as a large group from Faith EFC and identified values that we believe define us. These values are both real and aspirational values that undergird our ministry efforts. Below is how this group answered the question “Who are we?”

At Faith we are:

Bible believing

Grace expressing

Family oriented

Discipleship focused

Ministry equipping

Please note these are not static values. But are active and ongoing values. This is what we see as our DNA and desire to see us embracing in the years ahead. I look at these values and get excited about what I see and how they will guide us to stay aligned with who we are and called to be. I would say first before you evaluate as to whether we “measure up” ask yourself personally how you “measure up”? Personal evaluation must precede corporate evaluation. It is near impossible for us at Faith EFC to be corporately what we are not pursuing each individually. Our ministry efforts will flow from these values and serve as guide rails so we don’t get off track and pursue ineffective or unfruitful activity. As a church we cannot be all things to all people but we can embrace these values and serve all who God brings into the Faith community. Might we do so for His Glory and Kingdom.

Together For Christ,
Pastor Matt

Connecting with Pastor MP

It feels like just the other day I was writing about all the exciting things that we had coming up for the summer. Now I'm already writing about our fall programming. Times goes by so fast! As much as I love summer, I'm very excited for what we are going to be doing this fall. But let's not get ahead of ourselves. We still have the whole month of August ahead of us. On August 19th the youth group will be having a bonfire night. We'll make s'mores, share stories, and sing some campfire songs. On August 24th, we'll be hosting an open house for both students and their parents where they will be able to see and hear firsthand what our programming year at Faith Youth looks like. Exciting things are ahead!

Please click the link below, or go to our Facebook page (Faith Free Stanley) to fill out the medical consent form for your student for the new year as it started in June 2022, so filling it out now goes through May of 2023: <https://forms.gle/QVTzEgWLDCxGSbom9> or scan the QR code to go to consent form.



IT'S TIME TO POP THE CORN!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

August 18, 7 pm
 Faith E. Free Church
 705 N. Madison Street

VIEWING: TO BE DETERMINED



**YOUTH OPEN HOUSE
 FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2022**




Women's Ministry



Sisters in Christ will be starting with a kick off brunch at Aroma on Friday Sep 16th 9 am. We are starting with the book called Life Lessons from PsalmS by Max Lucado. It's 12 lessons that will take us to Christmas. So after Christmas we will start a different book. All women are welcome! Child-care is available please contact us if you need childcare so we have enough workers.

Contact info:

Shannon Denzine shandenzine@gmail.com

Tricia Tobola 715-773-2360 tobolapd@gmail.com

Nursery

Help needed

Work once every 4-6 weeks
15 years + can help

Contact: Dana Carlson or the office. We can put you in touch.



Women's Ministry will not be meeting in August but will be back in September!

Missionary Highlight

Mike and Ginger Zenk, in North Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia. It is hard for me, as an American, to really understand persecution. I have had people insult or laugh at me over the years, but that's about the extent of it. Ginger and I work with people who live with real persecution.

However, 23 of the 28 nations we work in are listed in the top 50 nations in the world where followers of Jesus are most heavily persecuted, according to Open Doors USA. Take the following example for instance.

"Victor", a local Christian in one of our countries, was convicted of "blasphemy" in May 2017, and was sentenced to death by a District Court on January 3 of this year. Victor, who has been fighting to clear his name since his arrest in 2012, appeared in court as part of an ongoing appeal against the life sentence he received when first convicted. The court however, upheld the 2017 conviction and further ruled that the proper sentence for "blasphemy" against the prophet of the majority religion, was death rather than life imprisonment.

Victor, who has been imprisoned for nearly ten years, was appealing against a life sentence for "blasphemy. A District Court judge instead sentenced him to death. The ruling is based on a 1991 constitutional court decision that the death penalty is the only appropriate punishment for "blasphemy" against the Prophet. Victor's legal representatives plan to appeal against both the death penalty and the original conviction.

Victor was convicted of "blasphemy" for allegedly sending texts "insulting" the Prophet on a phone that was not registered to his name. He has always denied the allegations. In September 2020 it was reported that he had suffered a heart attack in prison, and that there were serious concerns for his deteriorating physical and mental health. Laws outlawing insulting religion have existed in the region since 1860 and were incorporated into the national Penal Code at the country's founding in the 1940's. The laws have gotten more strict over the years, now stating that any person who "defiles the sacred name of the Holy Prophet" is to be punished with death or imprisonment for life. This, however, was followed by the 1991 court ruling that the only suitable punishment for "blasphemy" against the Prophet was death. Higher courts are, nevertheless, reluctant to uphold a death sentence, and no executions have ever been carried out.

As you can imagine, this affects what our work looks like in so many countries. Our staff constantly have to take steps of faith, without foolishly inviting the persecution. What an honor it is to work with such modern heroes! Thank you for partnering with us as we equip and train them for their work!

[Pray with us:](#)

for Victor (and others like him) who are persecuted for their faith.

And for boldness and wisdom for our staff in these countries as they seek to reach people with the gospel message of Jesus in often difficult circumstances.

September 15, 6:30 pm



Carrie Krucyk

Invite everyone to attend this great information-filled meeting here at Faith Evangelical Free Church. It will be an encouragement to us all as we seek direction in how to help families and mothers.

— Summer 2022 —
JOYFUL MISSIONS

JOY VANDELOO'S MISSIONS WITH CRU

As I continue to wait on the Lord for full funding, He continues to show me the harvest that is right in front of me at the boutique I am still working at part time. A dear friend insisted on paying for me to go to this ladies event this past Spring and I knew God was up to something when my coworkers all said yes to my invitation!!



It was a traveling women's ministry called Aspire. They partner with local churches to hold these events where they bring a female comedian, female worship leader, & female Bible teacher. I was thrilled that these 3 young ladies I work with got to hear good teaching and see women come together for the sake of Jesus. Would you pray for Carley, Liz, & Leila? Pray they would truly come to faith and be rooted in Christ.

PRAISE & PRAYER

I praise God for His provision in my life and your faithful giving to the ministry. I recently went to the Twin Cities to housesit/dogsit for some friends on staff with Cru and I was able to catch a vision for what life in the cities will look like. I also had the privilege of meeting with many potential partners of the ministry

and many of them friends. I thank God for this! I am close to 40% funded and I'm asking God to get me to campus by Fall semester. He is our provider & I ask you to pray for me that my heart would be steadfast and faithful to Him as I trust in Him (Isaiah 26:3). Pray also for this annual staff conference I will be attending in Milwaukee July 16th-23rd.

You all are dear to my heart and I pray God meets your needs and desires. He is good. Feel free to pass along my info to folks.
Give.cru.org/1091768
 Bless you all!
 Philemon w/ 4-7



Dear Faith E Free,
 Thank you for partnering financially with ^{the} ministry of Cm that I am doing. It is always a great joy to be with your Body. I look forward to keeping in touch & keeping you updated. I am close to 40% of my goal & asking →

God to getting me fully funded by Fall semester. Thank you for being such an encouragement & investing in what God is doing. Bless you!
 In Christ,
 Joy VanDolow

God's Desire Is for Christians to Learn to...

Give Cheerfully	2 Corinthians 9:7
Give Generously	2 Chronicles 31:5; 1 Chronicles 29:14-17; 1 Timothy 6:17-19
Give Systematically	Deuteronomy 14:22; Genesis 28:16-22; Proverbs 3:9-10
Give Reverently	Matthew 2:11; Deuteronomy 14:23; Leviticus 22:20; Malachi 1:6-9
Give Proportionally	1 Corinthians 16:2; Deuteronomy 16:17; Exodus 35:5; Ezra 2:69
Give Joyfully	2 Chronicles 24:10; 29:17 & 29:36; 2 Corinthians 8:2
Give Willingly	2 Corinthians 8:12; Exodus 35:21-22; 1 Chronicles 29:6
Give Regularly	Deuteronomy 14:27; 2 Chronicles 31:4-8; Nehemiah 10:35-39
Give Faithfully	Deuteronomy 14:27; 2 Chronicles 31:4-8
Give Expectantly	Malachi 3:8-10; Genesis 28:20-22; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Give Eternally	Matthew 6:19-20; 1 Timothy 6:19; Mark 10:21; Hebrews 11:13-16
Give Extravagantly	John 12:1-8; Mark 12:41-44; 1 Chronicles 29:2-9; Exodus 35

What's Coming Up

Baptism

Want to follow Jesus in baptism? Pastor Matt or Pastor MP would love to meet with you. FEFC believes that the Water Baptism (preferably by Immersion, Matthew 3:16) is an ordinance to be observed by the church during this present age. It is however, not to be regarded as means of salvation (1 Corinthians 11:23-32, Acts 2:41). Please talk to Pastor Matt or Pastor MP if you are interested in following Jesus in baptism.

Family Movie Night

August 18 * 7 pm

Women's Ministry

No meeting in August. September 10th will be our next meeting.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, **August 6** at 7:30, at church in fellowship hall.

Fellowship Time

Before the service at 9:15
Aug 14 For all ages.
Connection groups will start in September.

Anyone wanting to:

- Meet with Pastor Matt about what it means to be born again,
- How to grow in your Faith
- Need a Bible, want to know where to start reading
- Interested in being baptized
- Want to dedicate your child(ren) to the Lord
- Thinking about becoming a member
- Need prayer

Please fill out the connection card located under a seat near you. You are important to us.

August 2022

September 2022

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6 7:30 Mens Prayer Breakfast-Church
7 10 Worship in the Park	8	9	10	11	12	13 No Women's Ministry
14 9 Prayer 9:15 Fellowship 10 Worship Communion	15	16	17	18	19	20 8:30 Vision Team meeting
21 9 Prayer 10 Worship	22	23	24	7 Movie Night 25	26	27
28 9 Prayer 10 Worship	29	30	6 Youth Open House 31	6 Elder Meeting 1	2	3