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# Faith Family newsletter



**Easter at the Theatre  
Community Service**

**10:00 am**

**March 31, 2024**

**Presented by**

**Faith E Free Church**

# RESOURCE!!!! RIGHT NOW MEDIA

Scan the QR code to get your own sign in credentials for **RightNow Media** which our church holds a subscription for. It is a wealth of devotionals and kids videos and just such a great encouragement to me as a Christian, wife, mom, grandmother and working woman. But there are a lot of really neat things on here. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do!

**Here is the Link:** <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/faithevan>

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**Women's Ministry Connection** meets March 10 at 9 am in the lower-level fellowship hall. April 13th will be another meeting. This is for all women to visit together and enjoy getting to know each other better.

## Sisters in Christ

We are meeting on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:00 at the church. On January 12th we started a study called "Living a Life of Balance." Any women are welcome to join us.

If anyone has questions please call/text Shannon at 715-773-2444.

# Family Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Birthdays:

Mar 03 John Milliren  
 Mar 04 Jim Gulczynski  
 Mar 05 Urijah Heath  
 Mar 08 Adalyn Baker-Johnson  
 Mar 13 Natalie McCredden  
 Mar 19 Linda Wielgus  
 Mar 21 Lydia Awe  
 Mar 22 Beau Wnek  
 Mar 23 Robert Penick  
 Mar 24 Roger Wundrow  
 Mar 26 Herb Carlson  
 Mar 27 Steven Williams  
 Mar 29 Marilyn Johnson  
 Mar 30 Heidi Swope  
 Apr 02 Mason Peters  
 Apr 02 Kandy Heath  
 Apr 02 Gretchen Heath  
 Apr 03 Zachary Tobola

Apr 09 Galen Denzine  
 Apr 10 Lilly Nowbielski  
 Apr 12 Avaya Walters  
 Apr 23 Loren Davidson  
 Apr 25 Gregory Lane  
 Apr 27 Dale Isaacs  
 Apr 29 Cynthia Swope  
 Apr 29 Nancy Licht

## Anniversaries:

Mar 02 Galen and Kaye Denzine  
 Mar 08 Roger and Sharon Wundrow  
 Apr 08 Travis and Sarah Alger  
 Apr 13 Loren and Sandra Davidson  
 Apr 13 Michael and Bethany Cizsak  
 Apr 15 Dave and Debbie Drehmel

If we are missing any dates, please let the office know.

## Prayer Workshop and Fellowship

6:00-9:00 April 16

We are designing Prayer Boards, journals, and/or Baskets/Bags to improve our time with Jesus. Come and enjoy fellowship with other women as we dig deeper and get creative. Please let the office know if you need childcare that night. A light snack will be provided. Some materials will be provided. Feel free to bring any craft supplies/ corkboards, journals, baskets or bags you would like to use or share with others.



Men's Prayer Breakfast will be April 6 at 7:30 at Aroma Cafe.

# Connection Groups

## March 10 and

## April 14

Come make new connections and grow together with others. There are groups for all ages. Adult and children meet in the lower level and Youth (Grades 6-12) meet in the youth room. These groups take place on the second Sunday of every month September through April. **New group for 18-25 year old young adults.**



# Connecting with Pastor MP

Recently, our youth group has been buzzing with excitement as six of its own took an exciting step on their spiritual path by being baptized - it was truly a momentous occasion not just for individuals being baptized but for all in attendance as our entire community came together around these remarkable journeys.

Energy and enthusiasm were tangible at these baptisms, from initial decisions to heartfelt testimonials shared during ceremonies; every step felt full of purpose and belonging. Our youth group members took this momentous step together as each made public declarations of faith through baptism; strengthening bonds among members.

Baptism for those baptized was more than symbolic - it marked their dedication to their faith, reinforcing their place within our community, while serving as an affirmation that faith brings people together on similar spiritual paths and inspires each of us in supporting each other on life's journeys. For us who weren't participating, baptism provided an empowering symbolism: an expression of their commitment and reaffirmation of one another's spiritual journeys.

As we reflect upon this momentous milestone, let us honor and appreciate the courage and conviction exhibited by our youth. Let's also recommit ourselves to being an inclusive community where each member can find comfort as we navigate life's trials together.

Over the coming weeks and months, we look forward to further expanding together, deepening our bonds of friendship and faith while marking more milestones along our path together.

In Christ,

Pastor MP

## Connecting with Pastor Matt

# Holding to what is true

If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound[a] words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, 4 he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. (1 Timothy 6:3-4a)

The state of the union address the president gave this past week was most grievous. I watched only a snippet but read much later. To be blunt what became very clear was there were certain times he spoke words that stood in direct contradiction to God and His Word. He spoke lies from satan especially in regard to murdering babies in the womb and devaluing life of the disabled. Some from the leadership of the nation have spread the lie that gender can be changed and even affirmed the mutilation of children when they seek to change genders. The president and many around him have also sought to bypass parental authority when they object.

When God's Word is contradicted and teachings of satan are promoted this is not a political issue but a spiritual one. Because of this the Church must address these lies. We are at a very dark time in our nation. But there is hope because the answer isn't found in the white house. Our hope is in God and His Word. His word speaks to us truth and is always true for all people in all places and at all times. The Church must hold firm to true doctrine- (which the Bible also calls sound doctrine), especially in the midst of all the error and false teachings.

Paul wrote to Timothy

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ( 2 Timothy 4:3)

Paul charges Titus, "You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1).

Such a mandate makes it obvious that sound doctrine is important. But what is doctrine? Doctrine is simply a set of accepted beliefs held by a particular group. Biblical doctrine defines the parameters of Christian teaching on a given topic, such as God, sin, salvation, etc. But why is it important? Does it really make a difference what we believe?

Sound doctrine is important because our faith is based on a specific message. Sound doctrine re-tells the single story that sweeps through all of Scripture.

From creation, through our fall into sin, to Jesus's saving work on the cross and the eventual restoration of God's rule over all creation, the Bible tells a single epic narrative that spans Genesis to Revelation. Sound doctrine traces the contours of this story and repeats it in simple, memorable forms.

The overall teaching of the Bible contains many elements, but the primary message is explicitly defined: "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures [and] . . . he was raised on the third day

according to the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). This is the unambiguous good news, and it is “of first importance.” Change that message, and the basis of faith shifts from Christ to something else.

Sound doctrine is also important because what we believe affects what we do. Behavior is an extension of theology, and there is a direct correlation between what we think and how we act.

Sound doctrine is important because we must ascertain truth in a world of falsehood. “Many false prophets have gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1). The best way to distinguish truth from falsehood is to know what the truth is.

Sound doctrine is important because the end of sound doctrine is life. “Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers” (1 Timothy 4:16). Conversely, the end of unsound doctrine is destruction. “Certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord” (Jude 1:4). Changing God’s message of grace is a “godless” thing to do, and the condemnation for such a deed is severe. Preaching another gospel (“which is really no gospel at all”) carries an anathema: “let him be eternally condemned!” (see Galatians 1:6-9).

Sound doctrine is a guide and guard for reading and teaching the Bible.

Sound doctrine is an important guard for interpreting Scripture. It helps ensure that we confess and delight in all that Scripture teaches, rather than setting one passage against another or drawing conclusions from one passage that contradict another.

Finally, sound doctrine is important because it encourages believers. A pastor “must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it” (Titus 1:9).

Be assured at Faith EFC we stand unapologetically on the eternal truths of God! Lets stand firm together on Sound Doctrine of truth.

## Children's Ministry

What is Children's Ministry and why is it so important?

Children's Ministry is where we are able to teach children the truths of the Bible and not of the world. We can create open and honest relationships based on God's Word. The world tries to teach our children so many different things, but we are responsible for teaching our children God's truths according to His word. Proverbs 22:6 tells us "Train up a child in the way they should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." As parents we may not know all the right answers, but we know someone that does. God has all the answers, and he calls us to follow Him.

Throughout the Bible we are reminded of God's love for the little children in our lives. He actually calls us to be like little children. Each child's life is precious and fragile, a blessing from God, and we need to protect it and defend it every way we can.

The Children's Ministry is here to help. We at Faith Free offer nursery and kids church on Sunday mornings, kids club on Wednesday nights and vacation bible school in the summer. Take the first step and bring your children to church.

Thank you for allowing me to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the little ones in the church.

Jaime Barth

Children's Ministry Coordinator





March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Hello Faith Free Parents and Family Members,

The children's ministry here at Faith Free Stanley, would like to invite your children, 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents to participate in a pinewood derby held on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> in the Middle School gym at the Stanley-Boyd school. If enough interest, we will also have an adult heat race. So, parents or older siblings get ready to start your engines. A complimentary tailgate party will begin at 11:30. Registration begins at noon. Racing starts at 1:00. Awards to follow.

Car kits will be available at the workshops for a small fee of \$5. If you, your kids and/or friends would like to participate, please let us know and have them register by APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>.

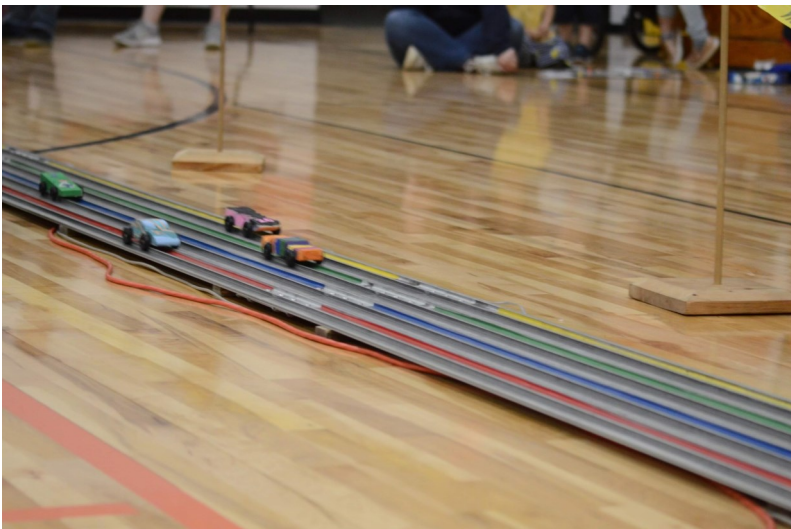
Rhonda and Jim Saunders have offered their garage as a place to host Workshops to help cut out, carve, sand, and paint cars if you would like help. Parents are encouraged to be there to help their child(ren). The workshops will be held at 957 Emery Street in Stanley. You may attend any or all workshops. This event is for everyone not just for the men and boys, so ladies feel free to come too! There will be hot chocolate, coffee, and popcorn as well as great fellowship along with making kids drivers licenses and pit passes for the day of the race.

Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00-8:00pm,  
 Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-noon and 2:00-5:00pm  
 Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:00pm

Feel free to invite  
 friends and family  
 to participate as

Feel free to call or text 715-559-9169 if you have any questions.

Jaime Barth  
 Children's Ministry Coordinator



# March 2024

See below for time of events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28 TU	29 Youth Group Kid's Club	30	1 Sisters	2 7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast-Aroma
3 Prayer Service Communion	4 1:00 Book Club	5 TU	6 Youth Group Kid's Club	7	8 Sisters	9 9:00 Women's Ministry Brunch
10 Prayer Service Connection Groups	11 1:00 Book Club	12 TU	13 Youth Group Kid's Club	14 Elder Meeting	15 Sisters	16
17 Prayer Service	18 1:00 Book Club	19 TU	20 11:15 Women With Purpose Youth Group Kid's Club	21	22 Sisters	23
24 Prayer Service	25 1:00 Book Club	26 TU	27 Youth Group Kid's Club	28 Elder Meeting	29 NO SISTERS 6:00 Good Friday Service	30
31 10:00 Easter at the Theatre	1 1:00 Book Club	2 TU	3 Youth Group Kid's Club	4	5	6 7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast-Church

9:30 Sisters In Christ

6:00 Tuesday University

9:00 Prayer Meeting on Sundays

6:00 Youth Group

6:00 Elder meetings

6:00 Kid's Club

10:00 Worship Service on Sundays

# April 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
			6-8 Derby Workshop youth group		Sisters	7:30 Men's Breakfast-Aroma 9-12 or 2-5 Derby Workshop
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Prayer Worship Communion 1-4 Derby Workshop	1:00 Book Club	6:00 Romans TU	Kid's Club youth group	Elder Meeting	Sisters	9:00 Women's Ministry Brunch
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Prayer Worship Connection Groups	1:00 Book Club	6-9 Prayer workshop and fellowship TU	11:15 Women With Purpose youth group Kids Club		Sisters	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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