



FAITH CHURCH

The Family Of Faith Newsletter

MARCH 2010

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COME WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday School
9:00am
Sunday Fellowship
10:00am
Sunday AM Worship
10:30am
Wednesday Prayer
Meeting
6:30pm

FROM THE PASTOR – Culture

It is interesting to me how so often a topic pops up in different areas at the same time, and we find ourselves thinking “Déjà vu! Didn’t I just have a conversation about that?” A few weeks ago I had the privilege of sitting in Sunday School watching the Junior and Senior Highers of Faith Church give presentations regarding what they had been learning about the church. It was fascinating to reflect on the wide variety God uses to describe the church and its role in the world. Interestingly, and this is déjà vu part one, I had been planning after Easter to begin a teaching series on Sunday mornings during worship called *Ekklesia: Life Outside the Bunker* (*ekklesia* is the Greek word for church), in which we’ll study the book of Acts to learn about the church. Then, and this is where the déjà vu part two comes in, for my final seminary class (woo-hoo!) this week I had to read about that very topic. The church’s role in the world.

How should the church interact with the world? There have been many ways throughout the years. From the Ephrata Cloisters to the Amish/Mennonite communities, we have some local examples of Christian groups that sought to live apart from the world. More recently Evangelicals (at least a politicized version of evangelicalism) have sought to attack the world and change it through governmental politics. Other Christians have embraced the world with no critique at all. How about us at Faith Church? What have we done? What should we do?

In the book of Acts we see a group of Christians wrangling to come out from under a stifling blanket of a domineering religious system. They also had to engage the wider world beyond the borders of Israel that was ruled by the Roman Empire, which hated anything that upset the peace. It is fascinating to me to see the parallels between the first Christians in the 1st century AD and us Christians in the 21st century AD. We, too, have a prevailing religious culture. We also have a wider culture that seems to oppose religion. Simply put Christendom is dying. Christendom is a word that described an institutionalized pattern of Christianity, a religious culture, that thought wasn’t all bad, like it or not, it is dying. What is not dying, however, is a heightened desire for spiritual things. While the wider culture assaults Christendom, there is a longing for things of the spirit, as seen with Oprah. As Reggie McNeal says in *A Work of Heart*, “Jesus is hot, the church is not.” Note the difference. Our expression of “church” is rooted in centuries of practice that developed it into what it is today. It is an expression that does not, in every way, flow from the teaching of the Bible, particularly from the book of Acts. Much of religion and church developed later. And people in our culture are sensing that something in the church is amiss. They love what Jesus is

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all about, but they look at the church and think “Did Jesus really tell you guys to do that?” The simple answer is “No.”

Frankly, in response to a changing culture, we need to examine in what ways we have attempted to preserve our version of the church, to live life in a Christian bunker so to speak, rather than appropriately and biblically engaging the world the around us. When Jesus is hot, and the church is not, we need to give them Jesus, not the church. But are we? Are you? I’m excited to look into just what it was that the early did to give their culture Jesus. I believe God wants to use Faith Church to start a movement in East Lampeter and beyond, a movement of his wonders for his Kingdom, so let us all cry out in prayer for the Holy Spirit to help us give our culture Jesus.

- Joel Kime

MARCH PREACHING SCHEDULE

DATE	3/7/2010	3/14/2010	3/21/2010	3/28/2010
SEASON	3 rd Sunday of Lent	4 th Sunday of Lent	5 th Sunday of Lent	6 th Sunday of Lent Palm Sunday
TITLE/ TEXT	Cry of the Soul 4 - Fear	Cry of the Soul 5 - Despair	Cry of the Soul 6 - Contempt	Cry of the Soul 7 - Shame
DESCRIPTION	Phobias! There are all kinds of funny phobias out there. Years ago the movie Arachnophobia popularized the fear of spiders. Amid many similar (shall we call them “unique”?) fears are plenty of everyday fears. Fear can cripple us! Do any of these describe you: fear of failure, fear of the future (war, disease, loss of income), fear of public speaking, fear of your boss, fear of a bully? Join us today as John Tornfelt teaches us to learn how God views our fear, and what we can do to handle fear in a godly way.	Ours is a world of despair. We think about the war. We think about the reason for the war, global terrorism. We think about poverty. We think about evil and crime. We think about disease. What will life be like for our kids and grandkids? I could go on and on. I won’t...it’s enough already. Enough to cause us to despair. What do you despair? Loss of a loved one? A dead-end job? Maybe a dead-end life. Today we examine God’s perspective of despair.	We’ve already talked about anger, so why are we now talking about contempt? We’ll take a look at why it is so important to learn about contempt. And a pattern is developing. Have you noticed? There is a good side to all these dark emotions. But contempt? How could there be anything good about that? And what does this powerful emotion teach us about our relationship with God? Do you struggle with contempt? Is there a person in your life you feel contempt for? Maybe yourself? Come and see.	The last emotion in our series is shame, and is it every powerful. We have all felt the cold, dark life-sucking fingers of shame around our soul. So we normally do whatever we can to avoid it. But is it possible that through shame, God is trying to teach us something? How is it possible that shame could actually be a good thing, when we so often use it to harm people. “Shame on you!” we say, with no intention of helping them. But what does God mean when he allows shame to be an important emotion in our lives?

***Fact About
The Month Of
March***

Gemstone:
Bloodstone
Flower:
Jonquill

Where does the word March originate from?

The word 'March' comes from the Roman 'Martius'. This was originally the first month of the Roman calendar and was named after Mars, the god of war.

Traditional games played in March

All through Lent the traditional games played are marbles and skipping. The games were stopped on the stroke of twelve noon on Good Friday, which in some places was called Marble Day or Long Rope Day.

MINISTRY COUNCIL UPDATE

Our next meeting is April 5th, 7pm. You are always welcome to attend any meeting. Or if you prefer, you may request minutes of Council and Commission meetings. Just contact Jim Gustafson (393-5345, jim.gustafson@findfaithhere.org) to be added to the distribution list. Here are some updates from our February meeting.

Financial Update

We received a final tally of the proceeds from the Harvest Bazaar: \$3508.95. As per Harvest Bazaar Committee recommendations, 50% of that was transferred to the Building Fund, and 50% will be used for extra missions giving. The Council approved giving \$1000 of those mission funds to Josh Glacken & Beth Rickard to help push them closer to 100% of their support-raising goals to go full-time with Global Media Outreach! The remaining \$750+ will be held for future missions needs. A huge thank-you to the Bazaar Committee in particular for all their work, and to everyone else who made the day a great success!

Worship Leader Position Update

To date we have sent our job description to Lancaster Bible College, Evangelical Theological Seminary, and to the EC Church, but we have received no applications. Please keep this in prayer!

Projector Update

The Council discussed the possible purchase of a new projector at length. In the month of March we will launch an opportunity for you to pledge special gifts to the projector. The pledge period will last for three months, and in June we'll hold a special congregational meeting to let you know how it went. We realize that with a tough economy, and a 2010 church budget in which we asked everyone to give \$4-5 per week above their 2009 giving, we are very aware that a pledge drive for a projector is yet another thing. But perhaps you'll take this to the Lord in prayer. Look for more details on that to come. We will also create a report with as many answers to questions raised at the congregational meeting as possible.

Strategic Planning Update

By the time you read this, you should have received a letter with the three study group reports in your church mail slot. Strategic planning Phase One is underway! One of the first things we're doing is holding the first round of Congregational Conversations to hear your thoughts on the forward movement of God's Kingdom. We want you to be a part of the strategic planning process. So read up on the reports from the study groups, as they are excellent! And please be in prayer that God will do a great work in and through us, the people that are Faith Church.

Dear Faith Church,

We are so excited that Faith, our home church, supports our mission with Global Media Outreach by praying for us. We were thrilled to learn that the Ministry Council decided to also support us financially with a gift of \$1,000. We thank you all! This gift helps put us closer to our goal. We are so blessed to have our church behind us. We look forward to attending Faith Sunday services, when we are not speaking at other churches, and to other church events.

Thank you and love,

Josh and Beth

X Factor Coming Events	7	??? Mystery Night ???
Sunday Evenings and Other	14	X-Factor 6:00pm
X Factor Events -	21	X-Factor 6:00pm
March 7, 14, 21 & 28	28	X-Factor 6:00pm

God is the author of who we are and where we are to go.

- Ley Anne

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Joe & Wendy Toy

Joe & Wendy Toy serve under EC Global Ministries in an evangelism ministry, mostly focusing on the city of Philadelphia. Joe is heavily involved with sidewalk Sunday schools on the streets of some of the most impoverished neighborhoods in the city. There he and his ministry friends set out tarps, invite local children, and have a program that includes magic tricks and songs, culminating in a paint board presentation, all of which share the Gospel. Joe also distributes tracts and witnesses on college campuses in Philly. During the summer he also travels to senior week and resort locations on the eastern seashore to do boardwalk evangelism. If you travel to Rehoboth or Ocean City you might see him there! Please pray for Joe as he boldly proclaims the gospel. He often faces persecution for his commitment to Christ. Pray for his safety and that God would use his message to bring many to Christ. If you want to learn more, how about contacting Joe at oamphilly@aol.com.

A COUPLE OF THOUGHTS ABOUT THE WINTER OF 2010!!



OK, Show of hands...
Who's tired of snow?



"REPEAT AFTER ME: AT LEAST WE DON'T GET HURRICANES...
AT LEAST WE DON'T GET HURRICANES...AT LEAST..."

Family Night
March 3rd
Dinner: 5:00pm
Program: 6:30pm

*The great Christian is
one who is small enough
to let God be great in his
life. Our Daily Bread*

Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up **March 13th, 9:00am**

This is a reschedule date. The Feb. 7th clean-up was cancelled due to the snow storm. Sign up sheet in the church foyer. Come on out get a little exercise, make our area of Old Philadelphia Pike look good, and great fellowship.

In an extension of Super Missions Month, we are partnering with Lancaster Church of the Nazarene and other local churches to supply Crisis Care Kits for the needy. With the recent earthquake in Haiti, there is a huge need for these kits. On the opposite side you will see a list of what is included in the Crisis Care Kits. We would love to see everyone participate in some way. Would you make a kit or donate money for shipping? Here's how:

- Take the list with you to your local dollar store. You should be able to purchase everything on the list for about \$10. If you don't have a Beanie Baby stuffed toy, don't buy one, one will be provided for you. Place kits in the bin in the foyer.
- If you can't make a kit and want to donate money towards shipping costs, please place your checks (made payable to Lancaster Church of the Nazarene – with CCK in the memo) in Spring Seldomridge's mailbox. It costs \$12 to ship a box of six kits. It is not necessary to donate money for shipping if you make a kit, but every dollar helps!
- Bring your Crisis Care Kit(s) and/or donation to church by March 28th.

The kits and monetary donations will be delivered to Lancaster Church of the Nazarene who will then deliver them to the warehouse in Fawn Grove. From the warehouse the Crisis Care Kits are delivered all over the world. Thank you in advance for partnering with other churches to care for the needy!

The Missions Commission

CRISIS CARE KITS MISSIONS COMMISSION PROJECT

- 1 medium-size bottle of shampoo (12-18oz.)
- 2 bars of soap (bath-size or larger)
- 1 medium toothpaste (5.0-6.4oz.)
- 3 toothbrushes
- 1 box of Band-Aids (30 or more)
- 1 fingernail clipper
- 1 sturdy hair comb
- 2 hand towels
- 4 pocket-size packages of facial tissue
- 1 Beanie Baby-size stuffed toy

Each Crisis Care Kit (CCK) should contain **ONLY** the items / quantities listed
Place all items into a 2-gallon zip-lock bag.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

Navigators

Navigators is a ministry of discipleship. Those who become a part of Navigators experience discipleship training which ultimately prepares the participant to become comfortable in sharing their testimony with others. A Navigators session includes sharing insights from devotional readings, Bible Study, a review of Scripture Verses which have been memorized and the sharing of prayer concerns and praises.

If you would be interested in becoming a part of the next group, please contact Joel Kime at the church office (393-5345). You will find it to be a spiritually rewarding experience. If you have any questions about this ministry,

Ladies, please join us for our...

"Living Well"

Event

**Tuesday, March 9th, 2010
7:00 PM**

Church Fellowship Hall

Lori Martin, owner of Aqua Blue Detox LLC in Leola, will be sharing some healthy habits with us.

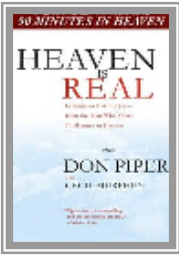
Also, do you have a **"healthy" recipe** that you would like to share with everyone? Please bring along **10 copies** of that recipe, so we can all take home some new, healthy recipes to enjoy.

We hope you can come!!!

If you have questions and/or need a ride to this event, please contact Michelle Kime (290-1521) or any other SOFA Committee member.

THE BOOKSHELF

What are you reading? Want to write a review? Just let me know, and we would love to include your thoughts (393-5345, joel.kime@findfaithhere.org)! I'm serious. I put this notice in here every month, and I really would love for you to include a review!!!



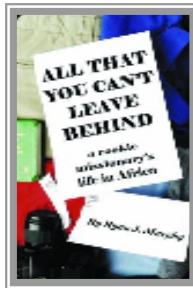
HEAVEN IS REAL by Don Piper and Cecil Murphey - This is a great follow-up to Piper's "90 Minutes In Heaven." It's focus is on his ongoing renewed ministry to those who suffer catastrophic injury, such as he suffered. This isn't a rehash writing of his experience, but a continuation of his life in it's aftermath. Speaking at churches and seminars throughout the U.S., Piper is a bold, suffering witness to God's healing power. This book also opens our eyes to the suffering around us and, though we may not have gone through the life, death and healing as Pastor Don has, it is instructive as to how we could reach out to those in catastrophic situations. A good example of this is the I.C.U. nurse who, after reading Piper's "90 Minutes" account, was so moved that she bought cases of the books to distribute to the patients, as well as their families. This and other accounts are inspiring, as well as instructional, as we continue to reach out to those suffering in silence, be it physical or otherwise.

-submitted by Gary Warfel



IN THE NAME OF JESUS: REFLECTIONS ON CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP by Henri Nouwen – I've reviewed Nouwen before in this space, as his Return of the Prodigal Son is perhaps my all-time favorite book on the spiritual life. In the Name of Jesus is on par with that. Nouwen is a catholic priest who had a prestigious teaching post at Harvard, which he gave up to be a community priest at a mentally-handicapped residential facility. Imagine that. Invited to give a lecture about leadership, he decided to speak on what he had learned since moving to Daybreak, and he brought one of the residents along. It is both an excellent story and a challenging word for all us, as we all lead in one way or another. It is one of the shortest books I've read, but perhaps spoke the most powerfully.

- Joel Kime



ALL THAT YOU CAN'T LEAVE BEHIND: A ROOKIE MISSIONARY'S LIFE IN AFRICA by Ryan J. Murphy – Have you ever found yourself wondering what life is like for Lamar & Janice, Alyssa & Donovan Stoltzfus at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya? Well, you should just go and visit them! We need to plan a Faith Church mission trip to do just that, but in the meantime, read this book. Murphy is a teacher at RVA, and he and his wife had their first year at RVA the same year that the Stoltzfuses were there for a year (2005-2006 school year). He is an engaging writer who honestly describes what life is like for new missionaries at RVA. This book made me feel closer to the Stoltzfuses, though we're half a world away. If you would like to borrow the book, please don't hesitate to ask!

- Joel Kime

Did You Know???

- When Coca Cola was first produced it was a green colour.
- In the United Kingdom Indian restaurants employ more people than steel making, mining and shipbuilding industries put together!
- Chop Suey was invented in New York City not in China.
- In the USA Americans eat about 18 acres of pizza a day!
- French Fries are originally from Belgium not France.
- Butte Montana has more days each year where the temperature drops below freezing (223 days) than any other city in the lower 48 states in the USA.
- 35 Billion e-mails are sent each day throughout the world.
- You can use pine cones to forecast the weather: The scales will close when rain is on the way.
- McDonalds restaurant buys two billion eggs a year solely for the huge demand for their egg McMuffins!
- The average human being will accidentally eat about a pound in weight of insects over the course of a lifetime.
- The energy in an average one day hurricane could power the United States for three years.
- Unsolicited email earned the name "spam" because it resembled a Monty Python skit where a chorus of Vikings drowned out other sounds by singing "spam, spam, spam."
- On average women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- On average a baby's heart will beat about 60 million times before it is born.

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

	MARCH 7	MARCH 14	MARCH 21	MARCH 28
S.S. NURSERY	Roger & Linda Good	Michelle Kime & Ellen St. Arnaud	Bob & Martha Buckwalter	Karen & Leighann Mennig
WORSHIP NURSERY	Eric, Karen & Leighann Mennig	Gladys Esh, Ken & Karen Crouse	Rick, Cheryl & Lauren Robinson	Tyler, Sheri & Cole Garver
TODDLER CHURCH	Deb Gruel & Melessa Rudy	Chris & Steph Latschar	Michelle Kime & Melissa Hellinger	Diane Smith & Lauren Robinson
JUNIOR CHURCH	Michelle Kime & Helper	Michelle & Tamara Shertzer	Spring & Victoria Seldomridge	Brandon & Kristen Hershey
SOUND	Kevin Bouman	Brandon Hershey	Chris Dunlap	Joel Leicy
PROJECTION	Kris Bouman	Chris Dunlap	Acacia Gressley	J.D. Stoltzfus
WORSHIP LEADER	David Mennig	David Mennig	Larry Royer	Ron Seiger
GREETERS	Don & Peggy Koller	Neil & Shawnda Koser	John & Chris Latschar	Nancy Lapp & Eileen Mellinger
SUNDAY EVE. NURSERY				

MARCH TRUSTEE

Dave Deatrck

MARCH USHERS

Ron Braas - Captain

Al Blank

Jim Gustafson

Kristen Hershey

MARCH STEWARDS

7 Joyce Gustafson & Brent Seldomridge

14 Kevin Bouman & Ellen St. Arnaud

21 John Latschar & Joyce Gustafson

28 Brent Seldomridge & Ellen St. Arnaud
COMMUNION



TWIN PINES

Up Coming Events:

WWW.twinpines.org

May 4 - 6, 2010

Spring Spruce-up Retreat: **No Cost!**

May 11 - 13, 2010

Ladies Only Retreat: Speaker - Beth Bingamen. Cost: \$167 (Aspen Lodge) or \$145 (standard lodging)

June 5, 2010

Summer Celebration 10AM to 4PM

June 13th through August 7th

Summer Camp 2010

July 31, 2010

Summer Staff Concert @ 7PM

September 13 - 15, 2010

Twin Pines Bible Conference

September 21 - 13, 2010

Fall Fix-up Retreat - **No Cost!**

Navigators Groups

If you are interested in small group bible study, contact Pastor Joel 393-5345.

Faith Quilters

Faith Quilters will meet on March 2nd at 9:00am here at Faith Church. For more information, contact Martha Buckwalter 354-5692.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Deborah Gruel	13 Steven Weber
1 Diane Smith	17 Tom Reed
3 Anna Gerz	20 Lowell Weaver
4 Kevin Bouman	20 Donovan Stoltzfus
5 Sarah Weaver	21 Stephanie Latschar
7 David Deatrck	25 Jim Gustafson
9 Gladys Mahar	26 Miles Gerz



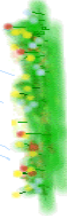

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

11 Roger & Linda Good
14 Lee & Joyce Stoltzfus
15 Kevin & Kris Bouman
15 Dick & Kay Wilt
16 Clair & Dorothy Graham

God is looking for ordinary people for extraordinary work.

Our Daily Bread

MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Commission Meetings 7:00pm	2 Faith Quilters 9:00am	3 FAMILY NIGHT Dinner Program 5:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm 8:30pm	4	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:00am Ming Worship 10:30am	8	9	10 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm Worship Team 8:30pm	11	12	13 Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up 9:00am 
14 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS Sunday School 9:00am Ming Worship 10:30am X Factor 6:00pm	15	16 S.O.F.A. 7:00pm	17 St. Patrick's Day Prayer Meeting 6:30pm Worship Team 8:30pm 	18	19	20 The First Day Of Spring 
21 Sunday School 9:00am Ming Worship 10:30am X Factor 6:00pm	22 Strategic Planning Team Mtg. 7:00pm	23	24 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm Worship Team 8:30pm	25	26	27
28 Sunday School 9:00am Ming Worship 10:30am PALM SUNDAY COMMUNION  X Factor 6:00pm						