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# FAITH CHURCH

The Family Of Faith Newsletter

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## FROM THE PASTOR – Home

I love our new home. We are so blessed in how God provided for us this past summer and fall to move to Witmer/Smoketown (depending how technical you want to be!). But there is a sense in which it still doesn't feel like home. Now three months living there, that feeling is growing. For eight years, however, 306 East New Street was home. And many other places before that. Actually, nearly every week when I return to 217 Oxford Drive, Lititz, for family dinners at my parent's house, I feel a slight twinge of my childhood home. That house was home for about ten years before Michelle and I got married. Think about your home. Some of you have lived in a house for decades. You have deep feelings about the place you call home.

It's hard to imagine not having a home, isn't it? And yet, even in our wealthy area, we have many people who do not have a home. We have been hearing reports of people living in the Super 8 motel on Lincoln Highway. So many families with children live at the motel that the school district actually has a bus stop there. Right around the corner from us. We have heard that over 65 children in our suburban school district fall within the category of "homeless." I received an email from a former Faith Church MOPS mom who saw a couple sitting outside the McDonalds at East Town Mall, in the cold winter, homeless. Does this surprise you?

Because of this, the Evangelism Commission has made it a goal to focus on the issue of homelessness in the Smoketown area during 2012. The first action that we are taking is to once again partner with our sister church in Chicago, Kimball Avenue, for a Lenten Compact that will address homelessness. Our brothers and sisters there have much to teach us, and we have been collaborating during the month of January to co-produce the Compact. Lots of creative and exciting ideas have emerged, all about how to fast during Lent in such a way to raise awareness and finances for homeless people around our churches. Look for the Compact to begin on Ash Wednesday, 2/22. I'm excited about the possibilities, and I hope you'll join us.

As you prayerfully consider this, I encourage you to read Acts 4:32-37 where the earliest believers practicing loving fasting (self-denial) for those in need. Their excellent example guides us in following Jesus' mission to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor (Luke 4:18-19). May this Lenten Season be a season of Jubilee.

- Joel Kime

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**Our Mission is Loving God, Loving People** We pursue this mission four ways:

<b>Worship</b> - We express our love for God by celebrating him in worship both as a community and in our personal lives.	<b>Fellowship</b> - We delight in being with one another, building authentic, accountable, health relationships.	<b>Discipleship</b> - We pursue Jesus by continually learning and being transformed into his image.	<b>Outreach</b> - We reach out to our neighbors, proclaiming the love of Jesus through word and deed beyond our four walls to our community and around the world.
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**Core Values:** These are the values God has given us that help us accomplish the actions of the mission.

<b>Biblical</b> - We look to the Bible, which is alive and relevant in our daily lives, to guide us.	<b>Intentionally Simple</b> - We are committed to doing a few important things well.	<b>Missional</b> - As individuals and as a community of faith, together with all Christ-followers, we participate in the work of God's Kingdom in this world.	<b>Culturally Sensitive</b> - As a part of Culture, we express the Kingdom of God in ways that reach people where they are.	<b>Passionately Spiritual</b> - We strive to pursue a deep, rich, vibrant prayerful walk with God.
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**February Preaching Schedule**

**February 5th**

5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EPIPHANY

**Super Mission Sunday**

Our director of Global Ministries, Randy Sizemore, will be with us to tell us what God is doing all over the world in the EC Church. Randy regularly travels to places like Mexico, Liberia, India, Nepal, Japan and Costa Rica to visit our churches. We're excited to hear from him!

**February 12th**

6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EPIPHANY

**Mission Statement Series #4 - Outreach**

What does the word "outreach" say to you? In years gone by we have used the word "evangelism" or the word "witnessing". What do these things relate to? Jesus gave us a mission that all people might come to know him, and there is no shortage of Christian lingo to describe that. But what exactly should we do in 2012?

**February 19th**

7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EPIPHANY

**Generosity Series #1 – Stewardship**

A. W. Tozer called it "The Blessedness of Possessing Nothing." You might ask, how is that possible? Everyone has something they own, if at least the shirt on their back, right? What Tozer was talking about is called stewardship. And stewardship is the biblical foundation of generosity. We are stewards of our time, talent and treasure. So we'll learn what implications that has for how we should use them.

**February 26th**

1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY of LENT

**40+ days for Shelter**

As mentioned in the front page article, there is an issue of homelessness in our community. And during this season of Lent we are fasting asking God to use us to make a difference in the lives of those in need of housing. Will you join us?

**February Birthdays**

3 Naomi Glick	11 Marcus Rudy	17 Brenda Littler	22 John Tornfelt
5 Joyce Gustafson	12 Sheri Garver	18 Melessa Rudy	23 Gary Landis
11 Amber Goehrig	16 Helen Rothfus	20 Anaya Garvin	26 David Mennig
11 Beverly Mennig	17 Kris Bouman	20 Dorothy Thomas	29 Bob Feltman

**February Anniversaries**

No February Anniversaries

You are one of a kind—designed to glorify God as only you can.  
- **Our Daily Bread**

### MINISTRY COUNCIL UPDATE

Our next meeting is February 6, 7:00pm. 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 since last month's newsletter.

### OUTREACH UPDATE

Our **Good News Club** at Smoketown Elementary begins again this month! Do you have neighbors or friends whose children go to Smoketown? How about picking up a flyer at the church office and inviting them? Child Evangelism Fellowship has a goal that every Good News Club will have 10% of their elementary school's population in attendance at Club. Will you pray that we'll reach that number this session? We had 50 kids attend in the fall, and we need about 10 more! Also, praise the Lord for 60+ at **The Rock**, our martial arts ministry!

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

At our congregational meeting on January 15, Budget 2012 was approved with 55 members voting Yes, 2 abstaining and 3 voting No. Please keep our finances in prayer as we reduced staff salaries and missionary support this year. We would love to increase those items as soon as possible! Thank you for your generous giving to God and his Kingdom.

### NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Can you believe that a month has gone by with the new schedule? We are excited to report that attendance has risen in children's ministry and in Adult classes! As with anything new, we are working out kinks here and there along the way. Guess what? There were some aspects of the schedule that we didn't think about beforehand! Astounding, right? If you have any questions about anything related to the new schedule, please don't hesitate to contact Joel Kime (393-5345, joel.kime@findfaithhere.org).



### FAITH QUILTERS

Faith Quilters will meet on Tuesday, February 7th, 9:00am, here at Faith Church. For more information, contact Martha Buckwalter 354-5692.



Sensei Chotoku Makabe and Kirk Wolfe

We have started a new ministry at the church. We are hosting a martial arts academy. We would like to invite you to be a part. The teacher of our academy has competed and demonstrated Karate and Taekwondo in several countries as well as being a State and National Silver medalist. If you are the least bit interested we just ask that you let us know. You can register by calling the church office or contact Master Kirk Wolfe at the address and phone number shown below.

You can also tell your family or friends and invite them to come along. The classes are all free if you decide to enroll in the martial arts program.

**Children's Class:** 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month, 6:30 to 7:00 PM. (Ages 4 - 10)

**Family Class:** Every Monday, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

**Advanced class:** Every Wednesday following prayer meeting, 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM. (*Blue Belts, Brown Belts, Red Belts and Black Belts*).

For more information or to sign up for this exciting new ministry contact:

Mr. Kirk Wolfe

Phone 717-333-1302 or Church Office 717-393-5345

Email: kbwolfe@ptd.net

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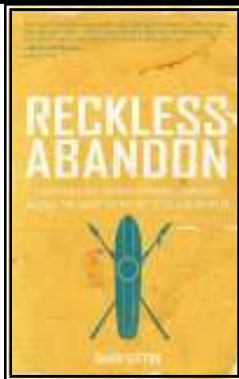
**Nursery  
Committee**



Our nursery at Faith Church functions because of a great number of dedicated volunteers who lovingly watch our little ones. We are indebted to so many who give their time to play with, comfort, rock, give snacks to, change dirty diapers, and entertain those who are a few weeks to two years old during our Sunday Morning services. We appreciate the "maintenance committee" composed of Bill Hellinger, Billie McDonald, Eileen Mellinger and Alice Royer for keeping the nursery sparkling clean.

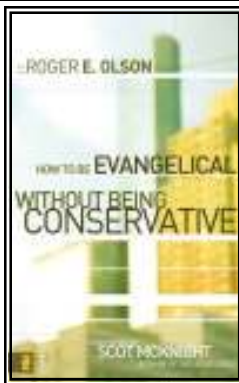
**BOOKSHELF**

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)!



***Reckless Abandon: A Modern Day Gospel Pioneer's Exploits Among The Most Difficult To Reach Peoples* by David Sitton**

- I received this book for Christmas and five days later finished it. Admittedly, it is a short book, but it is gripping. David Sitton's life story is amazing. Here is a guy who said to the Lord, "I will give my life for you" and then did it. Not in the sense that he died sharing the Gospel to remote tribes in Papua New Guinea, but there were a couple times when his life was on the line. Many of us say that we would give our lives for Christ, but we never put ourselves in a position to test that. Sitton calls his attitude Reckless Abandon, and he demonstrates with great story-telling. I recommend this highly. We all need to be people who not only willing to think we'd like to live that way, but actually do it. **- Joel Kime**



***How To Be Evangelical Without Being Conservative* by Roger E. Olson**

- Does this title make you squirm a bit? Aren't we supposed to be conservative? That is how I have described myself quite often in the past. Conservative fiscally, politically, theologically, etc., etc. And yet, here is one of the theologians I respect the most taking conservatism to task in a way that makes you think. His perspective is grounded in God's word, which is vital. He covers a variety of topics from theology to nationalism to the Bible to worship to culture, socialism and more. Olson has a way of getting to the heart of the issue, and I think you will appreciate what he has to say. This is a summer book club candidate for sure. I wish you all would read it. **- Joel Kime**

**MISSIONARY OF THE  
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**RON & BRENDA ANDERSON** The Andersons work with European Christian Mission International. Ron's position as field director takes him all over Europe.

Ron is involved in leadership training and development with many missionary and national church planters. Brenda is developing a ministry of member care, especially for missionary wives. Though a western continent, like the United States, ministry in Europe is vastly different than here. Please keep the Andersons in your prayers!

***Ron and Brenda Anderson***

*Relying on God has to start all over everyday, as if nothing has yet been done.* - C.S. Lewis



**TWIN PINES**  
CAMP, CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER

**UP COMING EVENTS**

Twin Pines Camp Events

<b>March 3, 2012</b>	"Teach How They Learn" Seminar—For anyone who teaches Sunday School, leads Bible studies or works with youth in any way.
<b>March 30 - April 1, 2012</b>	Ladies Scrapbooking Retreat—Led by Creative Memories consultant, Julie Kindig.
<b>June 2, 2012</b>	Summer Celebration - 10:00am to 4:00pm

**SUMMER STAFF NEEDED:**

Opportunities in the areas of male counselors and lifeguards. Apply today!

E-Mail: [shawn@twinpines.org](mailto:shawn@twinpines.org)

**SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Kitchen and maintenance volunteers at least 21 years old are needed.

E-Mail: [shawn@twinpines.org](mailto:shawn@twinpines.org)

For more information call Twin Pines at 570-629-2411 or visit their website at [www.twinpines.org](http://www.twinpines.org).

Twin Pines mailing address is changing to: 3000 Twin Pines Camp Rd., Stroudsburg, PA 18360

*Family Night*  
**Wednesday, February 1, 2012**

Dinner: 5:00—6:00pm Program: 6:15pm

**YOU'RE INVITED TO VIEW**

**58: THE FILM!**

Join local nonprofit HOPE International for a screening of 58: THE FILM, the inspiring true story of the fight against global poverty. From the slums of Kenya to the streets of New York City, witness the bravery and determined faith of those living out Isaiah 58's call to "loose the chains of injustice." 58:THE FILM calls us to action as it tells the story of our relentlessly loving God at work through His Church to bring hope to the darkest challenges of our day. Film Rated PG-13 - child care is available for nursery-elementary aged children. Contact Terry Stumpf at (717) 299-2441 or Michelle Kime at [jmtckime@hotmail.com](mailto:jmtckime@hotmail.com) with any questions.



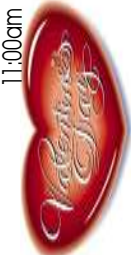
Please feel free to invite friends and family to join you in this powerful experience. 58: is an unprecedented alliance of global Christians, churches, and faith-based poverty-fighting organizations working together to end extreme, global poverty by 2035. HOPE International, a Lancaster, Pa.-based nonprofit has been named a sector leader in the initiative, spearheading 58:'s e-orts in microenterprise development. Visit <http://www.live58.org> to learn more.





# FEBRUARY 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			 Dinner 5:00pm Program 6:15pm The Rock: Advanced Class 8:00pm	<b>2</b> AM Bible Study 9:30am 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Ladies Reading Group 8:00am
<b>5</b> Ming Worship 9:30am Jr. Church/MMK 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am X Factor 6:00pm	<b>6</b> Ministry Council 7:00pm The Rock: Family Class 7:00pm	<b>7</b> Faith Quilters 9:00am Ladies Prayer & Share 11:00am	<b>8</b> Prayer Meeting 6:30pm Worship Team 7:30pm The Rock: Advanced Class 8:00pm	<b>9</b> AM Bible Study 9:30am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Ladies Reading Group 8:00am
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