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### **Reasons We Ought to Pray**

Here are important reasons for us to be “steadfast in prayer” right now as a church (see Colossians 4:2).

This is a time of change. Pastor Greg’s move toward church planting with SGM introduces another time of change for us. Yet God is our “refuge and fortress in whom we trust” and so we navigate change by trusting God completely (Psalm 91:2).

There is an intensity to the spiritual battle in our world right now that is evident to all. “Deliver us from the evil one” is in the Lord’s prayer for a reason. The coming of the 10-year anniversary of 9/11, and the recent tragedy in Norway, and many other headlines give us pause. “What’s going on, Lord?” He is in control, but the day of His appearing is not yet, so we expect the Deceiver to oppose the gospel and God’s people. We must pray. “He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world” (I John 4:4).

Pray for fearlessness in following Jesus. As I said in the message last Sunday, let us be unafraid of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, unafraid to be fully devoted to the biblical gospel, and unafraid of the future because God is fulfilling His plans.

God is worthy of our worship. Let our prayers be filled with adoration and praise because God is worthy, and we were created to worship him. A joy and lightness comes to our fight of faith when we begin with His greatness and glory and love and mercy and faithfulness and power. Our God reigns. Let our prayers be worship, and our worries and fretting will be greatly reduced.

We must pray because God is doing a great work of grace at Faith Baptist Fellowship! Right now we have folks wanting to be baptized, join the church, attend the next Faith Steps class in September, and serve in our ministries. New people are coming virtually every week! I am continually amazed! And I hope you are excited, as I am, about welcoming these new folks and making sure they feel accepted and cared for. The potential for new Faith Groups, the key staple in our body life at Faith, is tremendous right now. Our goal of 300 in Faith Groups this year is possible!

So please pray for our elders. Pray for our staff. Pray for our Faith Groups team. Pray for Dean Dennis Cromwell and the Faith University team. Pray for all the teams in our First Steps, Walking, and Running groups. Pray for our Faith youth and children. What a blessing for me last Sunday to walk into the nursery and see my wife and Lari and George Kooi and a whole bunch of beautiful, happy (most of them!), special kids! We are blessed! So much more could be said: VBS, camps this summer, the Grand Island team, and on and on and on...

Let us pray! These are tremendous days of opportunity at Faith Baptist! Yes, in this world there will be tribulation, but we take heart – He has overcome the world!

*Pastor Dana*

# Student Ministries

## HS Bonfire Night

All high school students are invited for a night of food, fellowship and fun at Peter Moe's home, (6516 W Oriole Circle) 6:30-10:30 PM on Wednesday, August 3rd. Bring a folding chair and a friend.



## DTSF Mission Opportunity

A team of middle and high school students and adults is coming together to serve the downtown area of Sioux Falls, August 10-13. The team will stay at the Union Gospel Mission to serve meals and help with various projects. Our training meeting will be Thursday, August 4th. Please be in prayer for this team.

## Attention Youth Leaders

Any current or potentially interested middle or high school youth leader should make plans to attend one of the leadership orientations (MS Aug 31st/HS Aug 17th) and ministry leaders' training night on Wednesday, August 24th. We will meet in 'The Loft' at 6:30 PM to better prepare you to serve as a small group leader, Faith Group leader or Sunday School teacher.

## HS Faith Group Retreat

To kickoff Faith Groups, all high school students and leaders are invited to participate in our kickoff retreat at Swan Lake, August 27th and 28th. Students will meet in their Faith Groups, participate in team building activities, fellowship and worship together. Release forms are due on Sunday, August 21st.

## Join Us:



### All-Church Carwash Outreach

Our church will be hosting a free carwash on Saturday, August 13th, from 12:30-5PM, at MetaBank (Minn Ave & 33rd St). Participants will wash cars, hand out tracts, engage in spiritual conversations and invite people to visit our church. You may sign up at the Promotion Center for a time to serve either individually, with your spouse or your family. Please bring baked goods to give away!



### August 3

- HS Bonfire @ Peter Moe's, 6:30-10:30 PM

### August 4

- DTSF Mission Team Training, 6:30 PM

### August 9

- S.M.D.T. Meeting, 6:30PM

### August 13

- All-Church Carwash Outreach @ MetaBank; 12:30-5 PM (Bring baked goods!)

### August 17

- HS Youth Leaders' Prep Night, 6:30 PM

### August 21

- MS/HS UGM Service, 7-9 PM

### August 24

- All-Church Ministry Leaders' Training Night, 6:30 PM

### August 27 & 28

- HS Faith Group Retreat @ Swan Lake Camp, 6 PM; cost \$20; return Sunday by 5 PM

### August 31

- MS Youth Leaders' Prep Night, 6:30 PM



## Preschool & Elementary

### Sunday School

(August 2011)

Date	2's & 3's	4's & 5/Ks	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Aug 7th	Patrick & Anna Reynolds	Angie Gacke	Raquel Jahnke	Lee Johnson	Bob Sneller
Aug 14th	Sharon & Kyle Morrell	Angie Gacke	Raquel Jahnke	Jolene Smith	Bob Sneller
Aug 21st	Bob & Lisa Rasmussen	Angie Gacke	Raquel Jahnke	Lee Johnson	Bud Schneider
Aug 28th	Bob & Lisa Rasmussen	Angie Gacke	Raquel Jahnke	Jolene Smith	Bud Schneider

**MS Sunday School—room #210**

**HS Sunday School—Loft**

## August Faith University Schedule

All adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

**August 7:** Salt & Light, Lesson #7 & 8, Pastor Dana

**August 14:** Summer Missions Celebration

(Updates from summer mission trips: Montana, Grand Island, etc.; as well as various youth summer camps)

Middle and high school students will also meet in the Fellowship Hall.

**August 21:** Walking Ministries Update highlighting Faith Groups and upcoming Faith University schedule

**August 28:** Ministry Opportunity Fair

All the ministries of Faith on display for you to investigate and get involved with.

**Sept 4:** Labor Day Weekend—LifeLight (No Faith U/Sunday School classes)

## LifeLight Festival 2011

September 2- 4

Although LifeLight Communications has worked to unite churches and ministries since 1998; it wasn't until 2001 that God made it clear to founders, Alan and Vicki Greene, that he was calling them to pursue this full time ministry. The LifeLight ministry includes Festivals, Tours & Concerts, Student Ministries, Missions, Radio and Outreach Events.

The vision and call of LifeLight is *"Taking the Church outside the walls, bringing Light into the darkness with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ."*

The Sioux Falls LifeLight Festival is the largest and most well known aspect of the ministry and is offered FREE of admission to the public.

### **Did you know it takes nearly 1,500 volunteers working countless hours to put on the LifeLight Festival?**

Volunteers are needed in many areas and for most jobs, no previous training or expertise is needed. Would you be interested and available to work in any of these areas?

Camping / Festival Relations / Finances / Hospitality / Media / Ministry /  
Operations / Productions / Risk Management / Volunteer Teams.

LifeLight is now taking applications to serve at the 2011 LifeLight Festival. To streamline the process a bit you set up a My LifeLight account on line. Once completed, this stays with LifeLight and makes volunteer processing quicker in the future. As an added bonus, My LifeLight account holders will be entered into a monthly drawing for a pair of backstage passes at the 2011 LifeLight Festival!

Can't go but want to give? At the 2010 festival, over 6,500 new Bibles were given out through the prayer tent to new followers of Christ. There is a need again this year for brand new Bibles, and you can help by donating them at any of the Life 96.5 Sticker Stops or at Crossroads Book and Music in Sioux Falls. Specific types of Bibles are requested. Cash donations are also accepted and are actually very helpful as Bibles can then be purchased in large lots.

Check out the Ministries Table at church during the month of August for specific types of Bibles requested and more information on the volunteer positions and festival schedules. Or go on line to: <http://www.lifelight.org/>

Will you ... **CHOOSE TO SERVE ?**

### **Other Kingdom Opportunities**

June 12-August 14—Supply Our Students  
August 10-13—DownTown Sioux Falls Missions Trip  
September 2-4—LifeLight Festival  
September 18—UGM Worship Service  
September 26—Breakfast at The Banquet  
October 8-15—Yuma AZ Missions Trip

Contact any KO members for information

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