

**November
2011**



Preach the word! Defend the faith! Live the faith!

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My dad is a voracious reader. He will still, at age almost 87, read two or three books a week. He was so impressed with this passage from Charles Colson that he wrote it out by hand and gave it to me (from "Faith on the Line"):

"Preach the word! Defend the faith! Live the faith! If we can't call people to be disciples and teach them to pray, to study, to live holy lives as witnesses for Jesus Christ, we have no business being a church. We might as well shut the doors and close down."

I am thankful for our elders and our church body being committed to disciple-building. About 15 months ago we recommitted ourselves to "making more disciples for Jesus Christ and equipping them" (from our Mission Statement) and "proclaiming a cross-centered gospel and living cross-centered lives" (from our Vision Statement). This recommitment was marked by the change to a body life of Faith Groups, directed spiritual growth through our Faith University classes, the commitment to read and pray the Scriptures together as a church, and the renewed kingdom impact enhanced by our Running Group of teams (Evangelism, Share Team, Mission Support, and Kingdom Impact).

We strongly desire that if you spend 5 years here at Faith, you will grow in the Five Loves (Love God, Love God's Word and Prayer, Love One Another, Love Our Neighbors, and Love the Gospel) and corresponding Five Commitments (Gathered Worship, Personal Worship, Join a Faith Group, Serve and Give, and Share the Gospel). Toward that end, we have also committed ourselves to a gospel-based, Christ-centered, God-glorifying worship service; we are not trying to entertain you, but rather to truly bring you into the holy presence of God and leave you there to receive the proclaimed truth of God's word. All of this worship, disciple-building, and kingdom impact is bathed in prayer--prayer in our Faith Groups, prayer in our Elder meetings, prayer on Wednesday night in Praying God's Word, prayer in our daily devotions and family worship times, and in our gathered worship. We truly believe the statement of Jesus, "Apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). We want to grow stronger as a praying church.

All across America churches are dying and closing because they long ago lost sight of their God-glorifying, disciple-building purpose. Worship focused more on people than on God. The gospel itself got lost in the shuffle of programs and busy-ness. People became less Christ-centered and more Me-centered. The Bible became a relic of the past.

Not here. Not now. Not us.

For Christ and the kingdom of God,

Pastor Dana Olson

Student Ministries

The Connect Service

Middle and high school students will meet in the Community Room at the Sioux Falls Ministry Center again for the "Connect" service on November 2nd. These first Wednesday evenings include food, praise and worship, teachings on Romans, games, mixers, sharing and prayer. The service is designed to connect students and their friends to Jesus Christ and to one another! A bus will transport students and adult leaders from the church (load at 6:30 PM) and return by 9 PM. There is no cost for this monthly gathering, we just encourage students to come with their friends!

"Operation 28"

Middle and high school students will again have the opportunity to sharpen their witnessing skills during the "Operation 28" Outreach Training on November 4 & 5. Students will meet in the Loft to learn such things as what the Gospel is, how a person lives out the Gospel and how to share it with others. Training will involve discussion, lectures, videos, role-playing and various outings to put what is learned into practice. Training will take place at Faith Baptist beginning at 5:30 PM on Friday with supper and concludes by 3:30 PM on Saturday.

Kids Against Hunger

Middle school students will be partnering with a unique ministry, here in Sioux Falls, called Kids Against Hunger, on Saturday, November 12th. Students will assemble meal packets that will go to feed needy children and families in our area and beyond. Each student is asked to raise \$25 to cover the cost of ingredients. Meet at the church at 9:30AM to carpool, assemble meals, debrief over lunch and return by 1 PM.



**Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, November 6
at 2:00 AM**

**TURN YOUR
CLOCKS
BACK!**



November 2

- MS/HS The Connect Service, 6:30-9 PM (Load bus at Faith)

November 3

- Soup & Pie Supper (Belize Fundraiser) 4:30-7:30 PM

November 4 & 5

- MS/HS "Operation 28" Evangelism Boot Camp 5:30 PM Friday; conclude by 3:30 PM Saturday; cost \$10

November 8

- Student Ministries Discipleship Team Meeting, 6:30-8:30 PM

November 9, 16 & 30

- MS "Close Encounters", 6:45-8 PM (in the Loft)
- HS Life Groups, 7-8:30 PM (various homes)

November 12

- MS Kids Against Hunger, 9:30AM-1PM (\$5 lunch)

November 18

- Love.Sex.Tour

November 20

- Pastor Dave Moe's birthday
- HS Trail Ridge Service, 2-3:30PM

November 23

- No regular evening ministries

November 24

- Thanksgiving Day

Coming Events

SOUP & PIE SUPPER

November 3

Make plans to join us on Thursday, November 3rd for a community Soup & Pie Supper at Faith Baptist Fellowship. Proceeds raised will go to help the high school 2012 Belize mission team! Make plans to bring the whole family and why not invite a friend!



PARENT SUMMIT 2011

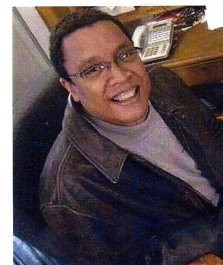
LEVERAGING RESOURCES FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

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SIOUX FALLS, SD 57108

Register at www.oakhills.net/summit
Childcare will be provided

FEATURING DR. J.C. CHAMBERS,
Licensed Psychologist and Director of
Stronghold Counseling Services, Inc.



NOV 7 - 7-9 P.M.

FREE!

the LOVE. sex. tour

- November 9 - Brookings, SD
Days Inn - Ballroom
- November 10 - Sioux City, IA
Masonic Temple
- November 11 - Pipestone, MN
Faith Community Church
- November 16 - Yankton, SD
National Field Archery Building
- November 17 - Mitchell, SD
Highland Conference Center
- November 18 - Sioux Falls, SD
Embrace Church

ALL SHOWS ARE FREE & BEGIN AT 7:00 PM

presented by Josh Brewer

with music by VOTA and Rachelle Hope

find us at www.lifelight.org

**Caroling Kids—
Bringin' It TRUE-Christmas Style!**

**Children's Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 11, 4:00 PM**

- Practice for children ages K-5th grade, is Sunday morning, 10:45 AM, room #210.
- Practice for children ages 2-5 years is Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM.
- Many speaking parts and all songs are traditional Christmas carols.
- Costuming will be the children's own hats, mittens and scarves
- Preferred attire would be dresses for the girls and slacks and a nice shirt for the boys
- If you would like your child to participate, please email Leah Roozeboom at lroozeboom@yahoo.com or call at 563-559-0108. Please include child(ren) name, age and grade in school and if the child is interested in a speaking part.



PrimeTime

PrimeTime (ages 55 and up) will meet on Tuesday, November 15th at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Mary Caldwell will be our guest speaker. R.S.V.P. to Julie, 334-5303 for the catered turkey meal; cost is \$8.50.

**SINGSPARATION,
Sunday, November 20th**

Join us at 6:30 PM for a time of worship through congregational singing of traditional hymns, gospel songs and Sunday school songs. Invite your friends, neighbors and family to attend this fun night of worship. A free will offering will be taken. Please bring a pie to share at the fellowship time.



**"A Savior is Born"
2011 Prelude to Christmas
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th**



- What:** Prelude to Christmas
Who: Women of all ages
Where: Faith Baptist Fellowship
When: Sunday, December 5th @ 6:30
Why: To share the love of Christ at this holiday season with unsaved friends, family and co-workers

****Guest Speaker: Beth Nagel****

Hostess Tickets go on sale November 6th
 General Tickets Sales begin November 13th

Men: Sign up at the Promotion Center for Valet Parking & Serving

Faith University Class Offerings

November 6—December 18, 2011

Faith Steps Class

Led by Mark Hecht/Leigh Tange

Faith Steps is designed for those who are new attendees at Faith Baptist Fellowship and/or for those who have been worshipping with us for some time but have yet to be joined to our congregation in church membership. The aim of the Faith Steps class is to get well-acquainted with one another so that 1) those who are exploring whether or not to get attached to this congregation can make an informed decision, and 2) the leaders of Faith Baptist Fellowship can know how best to serve those who wish to get attached to this church. **(NOTE: This class will extend in to January)**

Respectable Sins

Led by David Peterson

Author Jerry Bridges asks the question, "Have Christians become so preoccupied with the major sins of our society that we have lost sight of our need to deal with our own more subtle sins? However, we are never to wallow hopelessly in our sins. Rather, we are to believe the gospel through which God has dealt with both the guilt of our sin and its dominion over us."

Join us in this discussion of confronting the sins we tolerate.

Study of Exodus

Led by Pastor David Vilhauer

While Genesis speaks of humanity's failure in every condition, Exodus is the thrilling epic of God hastening to the rescue. It tells of the redeeming work of a sovereign God. It begins in darkness and gloom, yet ends in glory; it commences by telling how God came down in grace to deliver an enslaved people, and ends by declaring how God came down in glory to dwell in the midst of a redeemed people.

Getting to the Heart of Parenting

Led by Dennis & Susie Cromwell

God created the parent-child relationship to be a fulfilling, rewarding reflection of His own nature. Parenting is more than using your power to get children to behave in certain ways. Parenting is all about the exposure and change of your child's heart. When the heart of a child changes, their behavior will undergo a lasting change. Learn how to be an instrument of heart changing grace in the little moments of life that God will give you with your children. Bring your Bible and a notebook. (Note: This class is being continued from last quarter.)

The NEXT (Young Adults)

Led by Caleb Dirnberger

This group is open to college/young adults who want to join together for some fellowship, interactive Bible study and prayer time. Join us as we study a book by Joshua Harris, "Dug Down Deep". What will you build your life on? Rediscover the relevance and power of Christian truth.

KINGDOM OPPORTUNITIES

PRISON LIGHTHOUSE FELLOWSHIP is a church within the maximum security unit (Jamison Annex) of the SD State Penitentiary and was established in 2002 by Reagan and Becky Beauchamp. Reagan and Becky have ministered behind the walls of the SD State Penitentiary since 1991 when Reagan, prison chaplain, was a state employee. In 1995 state funding was cut so they became responsible to raise their own support to continue this vital ministry. Becky assists Reagan in worship services and serves as his administrative assistant. Two inmates work in their offices taking care of set up for services and clean up afterward. Worship services are held every Thursday at 6:30. Small groups are welcome to visit or assist with services. Contact Reagan @ prisonchurch@siouxvalley.net to schedule. Faith Baptist will be taking a love offering through the month of Nov. to assist the Beauchamps /Prison Lighthouse Fellowship. They are featured on the Ministry Table through Nov.

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A young man who had spent his life being passed from one orphanage to another in a former Soviet country, thought his future was bleak. Drugs, stealing, fighting, and a religion built upon death and violence was all he knew, until he was given a shoebox gift from **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**. This was the first gift he had ever received, along with the knowledge that Jesus loved him and wanted a relationship with him. Today this young man is attending seminary in Kentucky, eagerly waiting to take the gospel back to his people, to spread the Good News. This is just one example of how God can use this program to answer needs and share His love, opening doors to parts of the world never reached before. The real meaning of Christmas is shared with children and then with their friends and families through Gospel booklets and follow-up discipleship programs called the Greatest Journey.

This years goal for Faith is 300 boxes by November 20th. Please consider getting involved in this opportunity to reach many with the Gospel Message. Pray for the child who will receive your box(es). Please include \$7 or donate online to help pay for transporting the box. By making this effort, over 8 million children, their parents, communities and entire countries will be impacted by the power of a 'simple gift' once more in 2011.

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LOVE LIFT FOR UKRAINE July 12-24, 2012

This mission trip will split into two teams, one working at the Odessa Theological Seminary and the other going to work at the Ukraine Prison Aftercare Center. Many different skills are needed: carpentry, painting, electrical wiring, library skills, organization, landscaping, farming, accounting, discipleship & mentoring. Maybe YOU can fill one of these needs! The planned outcome of Love Lift for Ukraine is to enhance the ministry of local churches emerging from communist oppression. The strategy is to create direct, productive links with American churches (sisters) and their methods and resources. Love Lift for Ukraine is a ministry that began with the Minnesota Baptist Conference and now involves other districts of Baptist General Conference

For an application form or more info contact the Heartland Baptist District office at 605-331-6011 or e-mail Kay Odle at: kay@convergeheartland.org This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Kingdom Opportunities to remember & mark on your calendar

October 16 thru Nov 20 – Operation Christmas Child

October 30 thru December – Angel Tree

collect toys until week of Nov 21

deliver to families week of Dec 11

November 22nd – Jail Service

November 23rd – Prison Service

December 4 – Prelude To Christmas

If you have questions about any of these events, stop by the Promotion Center or contact one of the KO team.

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