

**September
2011**



DEFINING MOMENTS

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For baby boomers like me, one of the defining moments of our childhood is captured in the question, "Where were you when you heard that President Kennedy had been shot?" I was in first grade at Clover Hills elementary school in West Des Moines, Iowa, when our teacher made the dramatic announcement, "The President has been shot!" We were all immediately sent home for the rest of the day.

For all but the youngest of us, the newer 'defining moment' happened now ten years ago. "Where were you when you heard that planes had hit the World Trade Center in New York?" As for me, this time I was at home in Crystal Lake, IL, getting packed and ready to leave on a staff retreat related to my ministry with Prayer First, the prayer ministry of Converge (Baptist General Conference). Hearing it on the radio, I immediately ran down into the basement where we had our TV, and watched in horror, with most all of you, as a second plane hit the towers and both fell dramatically to the ground. Soon we learned about a plane crashing into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C, as well as one crashing into a field in Pennsylvania, immortalizing the now-famous line "Let's roll!" The emotions of that day and week, I am sure, we have never forgotten.

On Sunday, September 11th, the 10-year anniversary of 9-11, we will have a special morning service recognizing this defining moment. We will worship, pray, and offer ourselves in brokenness and faith to God. Yes, there will be memories shared, but also realities reckoned with and hope declared. After all,

"...There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry: 'Mine!'" -Abraham Kuyper

Our faithful God has brought us through these ten years, and he will bring all things to conclusion (for the here and now) for the sake of fulfilling all he has promised (the new heavens and new earth). We will not live in fear when our God has made us such glorious and precious promises, and fulfilled them all in his Son, Jesus Christ. We will live in expectancy, in faith, in hope, in love, in joy, and in confidence that "he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

Ready to remember with you, and to look ahead,

Pastor Dana

This Sunday, Labor Day/Lifelight weekend, I am designing a special "unplugged and in-the-round" communion service. I think it will be a unique time of powerful worship. Don't forget--one service only at 8 AM.

Special Note: I am sure we will all enjoy the beautiful new upper parking lot here at Faith. We have learned that the reason for all the "eruptions" in the old paving was due to a poor base under the surface. Getting the proper base in place so that the new paving would remain in excellent shape was a bit expensive, and so now the amount needed for the Challenge Fund to complete this project is more than formerly reported. Our Property Management Team rightly wanted to get this job done right, for reasons of safety and appearance. So please consider what God might allow you to do "over and above" your regular giving to help us complete the Challenge Fund and pay for this needed update. Thank you!

Student Ministries

Fall Kick-off

Middle and high school students and their families are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September 7th to kick-off this year's Wednesday ministries. There will be pizza and pop, starting at 6:00 PM, contests, mixers, an introduction of this year's youth leaders and a great time of praise and worship. The evening will conclude by 7:30 PM.

"Big Soo Books For Sale"



Save! Save! Save! Stop by the church office or get the new Big Soo Book from a participating middle or high school student. Books are only \$35 each so why not buy one to have in all of your vehicles! Money raised will be put toward students' accounts for upcoming youth activities.

"See You At The Pole"

This year students will have a pre-rally to prepare for "See You At The Pole." On Sunday, September 25th, middle and high school students will meet at First Evangelical Free Church, 2601 W 69th Street, from 7-8:30 PM. (Doors open at 6:30 PM). There will be praise and worship, a challenging talk by Pastor David Moe and a great kick-off to the days leading up to "See You At The Pole."

Students are encouraged to meet at their school flagpoles on Wednesday, September 28th before school. They will be praying for their peers, teachers, administration, city and country. We'll see YOU at the pole!

"Meet the Staff"

MS Staff:

Dwyane & Angie Vinson, Raquel Jahnke, Beth Brynjulson, Bud Schneider

HS Staff:

Greg & Lori Friesner, Garret Berger, Dee Peterson, Linda Betzler, Angela Myers, Caleb Dirnberger, Jeff Peltier



September 4-6

- LifeLight Music Festival (A tent will be set up in Souled Out Village for students and youth leaders to hang out during the festival. High school students may stay overnight with parental permission, but there will be no adult supervision.)

September 7

- MS/HS Fall Kick-off in the Fellowship Hall, 6-7:30PM

September 13

- SMDT, 6:30PM

September 14, 21, 28

- MS "Close Encounters" (Loft), 6:45-8PM
- HS Faith Groups 6:30-8 PM

September 25

- "See You at the Pole" Pre-Rally, 7-8:30PM

September 28

- "See You at the Pole" (Meet at your school's flagpole.)

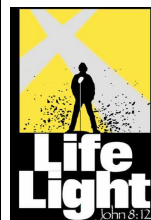
Coming Events

CALLING ALL SINGERS:

Choir rehearsals will resume Wednesday, September 14th at 7PM, in the sanctuary, under the direction of Emily Danger. All voices and ages (HS and up) are welcome! Come make a joyful noise to the Lord with us.



LifeLight Music Festival September 2-4



Sunday, September 4
One worship service only at
Faith Baptist Fellowship
at 8:00 AM
(No Faith U; No Sunday School
No Children's Story Time)

CONVERGE HEARTLAND ANNUAL MEETING "TO ALL GENERATIONS..." September 16-17th at Faith Baptist Fellowship

Plans are well underway for this conference. It is shaping up as the best conference ever!! With speakers of national caliber like Dr. John Jenkins and Dr. Amy Hanson, our learning opportunities will be amazing!!! There is still room for you!! Details are available at convergeheartland.org

Our church has several responsibilities as host church, one of them being SNACKS! If you would like to provide baked goods, etc. for snack time, (cookies, bars, fresh fruit, nuts, etc.) please contact Deb, (331-3800 or debbartels@faithbaptistfellowship.org).

SINGSPIRATION,

Sunday, September 18th

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 received.



**Preschool, Elementary
& Youth Sunday School
(September 2011-May 2012)**

Class	Primary Teacher	Helper
2 Year Olds: Room #203	Joyce Uthe	Janelle Sneller
3 Year Olds: Room #204	Ryan Decker	Kristi Decker
4/5 Year Olds: Room #219		Jan Oberg
Kindergarten: Room #220	Andrea McCarron	
1 st Graders: Room #221	Kaya Hall	Evonne Vilhauer Jeff Hall
2 nd Graders: Room #222	Beverly Lush	X
3 rd Graders: Room #206	Judi Feucht	Sherry Abels Sharon Plucker
4 th Graders: Room #207	Kathy Randol	X
5 th Graders: Room #208	Sharon Carey	X
6 th Graders: Room #226	Bud Schneider	X
7 th & 8 th Graders: Room #210	Linda Schilling	X
High School Loft	David Moe Sub: Dee Peterson	X

**Children's Discipleship Schedule
Fall 2011-Spring 2012**

Sept 4, 2011	Labor Day – LifeLight No Children's Church or Sunday School
Sept 11, 2011	Fall Sunday School Kickoff
Sept 14, 2011	Wednesday Clubs begin
Oct 26, 2010	No Wednesday Clubs – HARVEST FAIR
Nov 23, 2011	No Wednesday Clubs – THANKSGIVING BREAK
Dec 11, 2011	Children's Christmas Program (4PM) Tentative
Dec 21, 2011	No Wednesday Clubs – Christmas Break
Dec 25, 2011	No Sunday School – Christmas Break
Dec 25, 2011	No Wednesday Clubs – Christmas Break
Jan 1, 2012	No Sunday School – Christmas Break
Jan 4, 2012	No Wednesday Clubs – Christmas Break
Jan 8, 2012	Sunday School Resumes
Jan 11, 2012	Wednesday Clubs resume
Feb 15, 2012	No Wednesday Clubs (Public Schools President's Day Break)
Mar 21, 2012	Special Wednesday Clubs (info to follow)
Apr 8, 2012	Sunday School—EASTER Sunday
Apr 18, 2012	Closing Celebration – Wednesday Clubs
May 27, 2012	No Sunday School – Memorial Day Weekend
June 3, 2012	Summer Sunday School begins
June 25-29, 2012	Vacation Bible School!!!! (9AM-Noon)



**Wednesday Night
Pioneer Clubs**

(Beginning September 14, 2011)

Joyful Jam	Ryan Decker
2's & 3's music	Norm & Mary Berger
4's, 5's, K Music	Carol Handwerk Shirley Herrstrom
Games	Rick Siem
2's & 3's	Mark & Carol Rezac Norm & Mary Berger
4's & 5's	Bob & Lisa Rasmussen
Kindergarten	Deb Bartels Amanda Schroeder
1st & 2nd Girls	Janet Jelken
1st Boys	Kevin Logan
2nd & 3rd Boys	OPEN
3rd Girls	Tammy VanBockern
4th & 5th Girls	Sue Thompson
4th & 5th Boys	Eric Jelken



Opportunities for Women's Ministry:

Fall Bible Studies

Cindy Gustafson, Coordinator

**"Trusting God, Even When Life Hurts"
by Jerry Bridges**

Tuesday, September 20, 7:00-8:30 pm

This Bible study will help us to understand what the Bible has to say about trusting God, and how we can apply these Bible truths to our lives. We will discuss why God is more than worthy of our trust. We will study how His complete sovereignty, infinite wisdom, and perfect love are always at work on our behalf, even when we don't understand the things we see. After completing this study, you will be better equipped to face suffering, and you will find yourself trusting God even when life hurts.

**"Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent"
by Beth Moore**

Thursday, September 22, 9:00-11:00 am

This study is an in-depth look at Psalms 120-134. Just as a song or poem can express feelings of fear, doubt, hope, and joy, these 15 Psalms model how we can voice our own petitions and praises to our God, who is always available and ready to hear us. This study by Beth Moore will assist you towards greater intimacy with God and a heart of adoration for Him.

(Childcare will be available for Thursday morning Bible studies.)

Sign-ups for Fall Bible Studies available at the promotion center or by calling the church office at 331-3800.

Deadline for sign up is September 6.

To ensure your book, please sign up by this date.

Fall 2011 Faith University Class Offerings
Classes begin Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Faith Steps Class

Room #225

Teacher: TBA

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.

The Attributes of God

Room #209

Led by Pastor Dave Vilhauer

Arthur W. Pink stated, "A spiritual and saving knowledge of God is the greatest need of every human creature." Jeremiah 9:23-24, Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom,... but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me..." Join us as we explore such attributes of God as His Supremacy, Power, Faithfulness, Goodness, and others as they are revealed by the Holy Spirit through His living Word.

Study of Genesis Chapters 1-11

Fellowship Hall

Led by Doug Benedict

This study will examine the creation story and the events up to the time of Abraham. Our intent is to deepen our understanding of God's nature and become even more familiar with the Biblical narrative. Join us for this interesting 8-week study and discussion of God's Word.

Getting to the Heart of Parenting

Room #224

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 for this 8 week learning session.

The NEXT (Young Adults)

Room #223

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.

Other upcoming Faith University Events:

Faith Groups

If you have not already signed up to participate in a Faith Group, you still have time to do so. Signup sheets are available at the Promotion Center or on line at faithbaptistfellowship.com. If you are not able to participate at this time, please know you are welcome to join in the future as groups will be formed with the ability to accept more people.

WALKING

Kingdom Opportunities

The KO team would like to highlight two events this month, the Alpha Center's Walk for Life and Dress a Girl across the World.

The Alpha Center has helped an entire generation choose and cherish life for their children. Families who have felt they have no other place to turn have found the welcoming, encouraging and Christian atmosphere of the Alpha Center. Alpha Center helps enhance the lives of unborn babies, mothers and families in need. Alpha Center reaches 5,500 women and families per year.

Join us, and others who want to demonstrate their care and concern for the unborn and the sanctity of all human life, on Saturday, October 1st. You may pick up a sponsor sheet at the promotion center and find sponsors on your own or you can sign up at the promotion center to sponsor someone or be a walker. It is an easy 2-mile walk that we would encourage individuals of high school age and above, and families of all ages, to participate in. Walk with us to help show the love that God has for all his people and to show that all life is precious in His sight!

We are also looking for seamstresses of any age who would like to sew dresses for the missions trip team to take to Yuma with them. There are very simple directions and the dresses can actually be made from a pillowcase so you can also donate any unused pillowcases you have. The program is called "Dress a Girl Across the World."

The Banquet has also said that they can use more of the art bags that they give out with the SOS program.

Other Kingdom Opportunities this month:

LifeLight September 2-4 – Give Bibles or volunteer

Union Gospel Mission September 18 – lead worship service

The Banquet September 26 – serve breakfast

October 1 – Alpha Center Walk for Life

If you have questions or want to sign up you can ask at the promotion center or contact one of the KO team:

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