

Welcome to Faith

October 23, 2022

Prayer Requests

RECENT DEATHS

Judy Leighty's brother, Jim

Christmas for Everyone

Christmas for Everyone is our annual ministry that provides gifts to children of low-income families. Distribution day this year will be Saturday, December 10. Please consider serving in one of the many areas of need in this ministry. Our most immediate needs include serving during registration – helping register families into the CFE program, or to help with data entry. Registration sessions begin on October 26. There is always a critical need for Spanish speaking volunteers during the registration process. Sign up to serve at faithlafayette.org/serve. Beginning Sunday, November 6, you can sign up to sponsor a child between services at all three faith locations. When you sign up to sponsor a child, you will receive the child's Christmas list. We ask that you commit to spend \$45 per child.

Living Nativity

We're excited about another year of the Lafayette Living Nativity! We have plenty of places where you and your family can serve. See available serving areas and sign up online at faithlafayette.org/Insignup or scan the QR code.



Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat is on Saturday, October 29, 4-6pm at all three campuses. Every year, we rely on our volunteers to make this event a success to serve those in our community. To sign up please visit faithlafayette.org/serve. This is a great opportunity to connect with the families who live around each of our campuses.

Last Week's Offering - \$63,325.58
Weekly Budget - \$74,195
Last Week Sunday Worship - 1,640

Children's Ministry 2yr - 5th grade

Our children's Sunday school classes are designed to ground kids in the foundational truths of God's Word. We encourage parents to review the content of each week's lesson with their children. You can use the QR code to find helpful suggestions for continuing the discipleship process at home.



Eagle Auction

The Faith Christian School Eagle Auction is coming up on Friday, November 4, with both an in-person and virtual event! We have hundreds of items and experiences to bid on. All proceeds support the students, teachers, and programs of Faith Christian School. Text "EagleAuction2022" to 243725 for more information or to reserve your tickets.

Introduction to Faith

Introduction to Faith begins this Wednesday, October 26, from 6:30-8pm at Faith North. Sign up online at faithlafayette.org/intro or scan the QR code.



Caleb's Kin Fellowship

Senior adults, join us for our monthly fellowship at 10am on Tuesday, November 1 in the Senior Living Clubhouse. Bring a friend, enjoy the fellowship and food (\$5 for the catered meal, but first time guests eat for free as do any seniors for whom the cost is a hardship), and be blessed as Pastor Ross Reeder shares how the Lord is working in his life and ministry. Questions? Contact Alisha Vegter (765) 350-0919 or Roseanna Beecher (765) 337-1699.

4:TWELVE

6TH - 12TH grade



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YouTube 4:TWELVE

Your Pastors

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Faith Church East 8:00AM

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Faith Church East 9:30AM

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Faith Church East 11:00AM

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Faith Church West 9:30AM

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Growing in Gospel Gratitude
The Heart of Thanksgiving
A Portrait of a Thankful Heart
Psalm 145

The Psalms is divided into 5 “books” or collections

Collections 1-4 end with a short doxological tag but collection 5 ends differently

- End of Book 1 – Psalm 41:13 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.
- End of Book 2 – Psalm 72:18-19 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who alone works wonders. And blessed be His glorious name forever; and may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen.
- End of Book 3 – Psalm 89:52 Blessed be the Lord forever! Amen and Amen.
- End of Book 4 – Psalm 106:48 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting even to everlasting. And let all the people say, “Amen.” Praise the Lord!
- End of Book 5 is Psalm 145 – an extended “Blessed be the name of the Lord” doxology.
- Psalm 146-150 is a crescendo of Praise

In the ongoing epic story of God’s people waiting for the perfect king and kingdom of God amidst oppression, personal failure, and national failure, God’s people needed to be reminded of a conclusion their past king David came to amidst all his failures. Psalm 145 is the epic conclusion of a failed Davidic king recognizing that God is his merciful King. God’s Kingship is not great because of His power to spin galaxies in His hands and execute vengeance, but the greatness of this King is in His mercy and compassion in relationship to His subjects (His kingdom). The King’s subject’s gracious experience at the hand of the King is the “glory” of the King and Kingdom throughout each enduring generation. Thus, the individual sharing of praise and thankfulness experienced at God’s merciful and saving hand leads others – “all flesh” – to bless the name of God (145:21) from generation to generation. Herein lies God’s people’s legacy – the sharing of the King’s Glory to the next generation! Appropriately so, then, after Psalm 145, Israel selected 5 psalms that enjoin all that has breath to offer praise to God.

3 characteristics of an exuberant thankful heart

I. Is _____ with God’s Greatness (vv. 3-7)

- great...and highly...
- unsearchable
- mighty acts
- glorious splendor of Your majesty
- wonderful works
- power of your awesome acts
- eagerly utter the memory of your abundant goodness
- shout joyfully

“I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation.” (Lewis, C.S., *Reflections on the Psalms*, p. 111 HarperCollins. Kindle Edition)

II. _____ the Primary Reason for God’s Greatness (8-20)

Psalm 145:8 - *The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.* (Hebrew word - “hesed”) Cf. Exodus 34:6

A. His _____ – grace in His people’s lives

B. His _____ – which operates differently than the kingdoms of men (vv. 10-12)

III. _____ with Proclamation of God’s Greatness for the Purpose of Edification and Evangelism (vv. 1-2, 21)