Welcome to faith faith May 21, 2023

Prayer Requests

UPCOMING SURGERIES Jessica Brown

Join us June 4, at 5pm, at Faith East for Church Family Night. New member/update photos will be in Jeremy Vegter's office from 4:15-4:45pm.

Free to Dream Groundbreaking Ceremony You are invited to a brief groundbreaking ceremony for the Free to Dream major projects on Sunday evening, June 4. The ceremony will begin at approximately 6pm (after a shortened Church Family Night) on the lawn of the Faith East Community Center. We will celebrate starting the new FCS High School Facility, FE Athletic Training Center, FE Church Lobby Renovation, and completion of the Restoration Sawmill & Classroom Facility.

Faith Church has the opportunity to host boys for a school year from a partnering orphanage in the Dominican Republic. We are in need of two host families to welcome two senior boys as a child in their home. They will likely arrive in the beginning of August and stay through the end of May for their senior year at Faith Christian School. Each host family will be provided with a stipend to cover the cost of room & board. Regular check-ins and support will be provided from Noelle Haynie. If interested in hosting, please contact Noelle at nhaynie@faithlafayette.org

> Last Week's Offering - \$73,743.23 Weekly Budget - \$74,195 Last Week Sunday Worship - 1,852

Children's Ministry 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.



VBS Servant Sign-Up This year's Vacation Bible School takes place June 19-23 from

6pm to 8pm at all three Faith campuses. Please help us introduce the children of our community to lesus this summer by volunteering to serve. To learn more or to sign up, please visit faithlafayette.org/serve or use the QR code.



Promotion Sunday, On Sunday, June 4, many of the kids and teens involved in our

children's & student ministries will promote to the next level. To learn where your child should go, please visit faithlafayette.org/promotions or use the QR code.



Race for Hope

Race for Hope 10K/5K run and 5K walk is Saturday, June 3, 2023. Registration starts at 7am and the race begins at 8am. Early packet pickup is June 2 from 4-7pm at VOH. Funds raised from this event will benefit VOH and FBS. Register for the Race or donate by going to faithlafayette.org/raceforhope. Please contact rmiller@faithlafayette.org if you have any questions.

Your Pastors

Steve Viars - Senior Pastor sviars@faithlafayette.org 765.237.7550

Faith Church East 8:00AM

Johnny Kjaer - Student Ministries jkjaer@faithlafayette.org 765.413.7927

Trey Garner - Children's Ministries tgarner@faithlafayette.org 765.237.2700

Faith Church East 9:30AM

Dustin Folden - Adult Ministries dfolden@faithlafayette.org 765.418.7271

Brent Aucoin - Soul Care baucoin@faithlafayette.org 765.714.6866

Josh Aucoin - Worship Ministries jaucoin@faithlafayette.org 765.237.1687

Faith Church East 11:00AM

Rob Green - Faith East rgreen@faithlafayette.org 765.413.0442

Greg Wetterlin - Restoration gwetterlin@faithlafayette.org 720.331.1035

Faith Church East Family 11:00AM (gym)

Johnny Kjaer - Student Ministries jkjaer@faithlafayette.org 765.413.7927

Trey Garner - Children's Ministries tgarner@faithlafayette.org 765.237.2700

Faith Church West 9:30AM

Josh Greiner - Faith West jgreiner@faithlafayette.org 219.616.7745

Stefan Nitzschke - College Ministries snitzschke@faithlafayette.org 765.409.2600

Faith Church West 11:00AM

Aaron Birk - International Ministries abirk@faithlafayette.org 765.586.6767

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Faith Church North

Rod Hutton - Northend rhutton@faithlafayette.org 402.972.5298

David Mora - Northend dmora@faithlafayette.org 443.489.6331

Alfonso Gomez - Northend agomez@faithlafayette.org 915.479.5410

Hope in Everyday Suffering Shepherding While Suffering 1 Peter 5:1-5

3 ways the pastor serves the church through suffering

I. God Has Called Pastors to Lead the _____ (v. 1)

Acts 20:17-18, 28 - From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them...Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

1 Timothy 3:1 - It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do.

Titus 1:5-6 - For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, namely, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife...

A. Bearing witness to the ______of Jesus

1 Peter 2:21-24

B. Keeping their focus on the _____ glory of Jesus

1 Peter 1:13 - Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

II. God Has Called Pastors to Lead like a _____ (v. 2-4)

Numbers 14:8-9 - If the Lord is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us – a land which flows with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the Lord; and do not fear the people of the land, for they will be our prey. Their protection has been removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them.

Psalm 78:53-54 - But He led forth His own people like sheep and guided them in the wilderness like a flock; He led them safely, so that they did not fear; but the sea engulfed their enemies.

Psalm 23:1-2 - The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.

Ezekiel 34:11-12 - For thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day."

Isaiah 40:11 - Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, in His arm He will gather the lambs and carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

Hebrews 13:17 - Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

A. Not begrudgingly, but with a _____ heart (v. 2b)

1 Peter 5:2 - ... not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God...

1 Corinthians 9:16 - ... for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel.

John 10:15-17

B. Not for dishonest profit, but with eager _____ (v. 2c)

1 Peter 5:2 - ... not for sordid gain, but with eagerness...

John 10:11-13 - I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep.

C. Not to control others, but to demonstrate proper _____ (v. 3)

1 Peter 5:3 - ... nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge but proving to be examples to the flock.

Mark 10:42-45

III. God Has Called Pastors to Lead with Eternity in _____ (v. 4-5)

A. Knowing the Chief Shepherd will _____

1 Peter 5:4 - And when the Chief Shepherd appears...

B. Living to obtain an eternal _____ (v. 4)

1 Peter 5:4 - ... you will receive the unfading crown of glory...

C. _____ others to live in humility (v. 5)

1 Peter 5:5 - You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.