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What is Faith?

The following are the notes from Steve's sermon when he filled in for Chris on July 17th. We've had many requests.

1. Faith is possessed and used by all. Faith (trust) is a capacity so common to human experience even children exercise it. Childlike faith is held up by Jesus as an example of the kind of faith he requires all people to show toward God. (Luke 18:16-17) (Even an atheist has faith. He believes there is no God and thus no judgment by God. He cannot prove it. He just believes it, risking all on it being true.) Whenever I say, "I will" it is a statement of faith that I will still be alive and well enough (and remember) to carry out my promise or plan.
2. Faith is not irrational, but is a-rational – it goes beyond reason based on the evidence. (Hebrews 11:1) When boarding an airplane, I assume all concerned have done their jobs to ensure a safe flight, but have not personally checked everything to be sure. I can't prove it.
3. Faith is only as good as its object. People can be sincerely wrong about what they

believe to be true. (If I sat on a broken chair and fell, there was nothing wrong with my faith. I trusted the chair completely. There was something wrong with the object of my faith. The chair wasn't trustworthy.)

4. Faith is placed or misplaced. We choose in what we will place our faith- what we will believe to be true. The amount of faith is not the issue. (A mustard seed amount is enough, Jesus said. Luke 17:6). It is the object of our faith that matters. Is it true?

5. Faith releases the power of its object. (The load-bearing capacity of a pew is only exercised/demonstrated when people put their weight on it.) Jesus' power to enable Peter to walk on water was only released when Peter trusted Jesus enough to get out of the boat and walk toward Him. (Matthew 14:22-33) Peter placed his faith in Jesus and what Jesus told him to do, "Come." But when he then looked around at the wind and waves he no longer believed it was possible and thus began to sink.

What is the object of your faith? What are you believing in and depending upon for your life and needs?



You are important to us and so are your phone calls! On the weekends, we forward the church phone to one of our staff members. If you have an emergency, you can call the church number and it will be answered. If you get someone's voicemail, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

CHILDREN'S MINISTER, CRYSTAL GARRETT

Never fear school bells are near!!! It's hard to believe but it's almost that time again! We will have **parent orientation on Monday August 15th from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** This gives all the students the opportunity to meet and greet their new teachers and see their new classrooms for the new school year. Older students are encouraged to bring their supplies for drop off at this time. This also gives us the opportunity to tell all students and families about our general operating procedures, which helps us all make a great start for the new year.

Before we get to those school bells the staff will have a full week of training in preparation of the big event. Topics will vary from workplace etiquette, CPR/first aide, lesson planning and review of our personnel policies to name a few. Speakers this year will include Pastor Chris, Steve Armstrong, Kish Davis and Anna Keiser from Promise House. Training week is always extremely informative and fun for our staff. It's also a great time of fellowship for the teachers. Strong bonds are formed among our staff and it makes working together so much easier and enjoyable! We are truly like a family and we encourage and help each other daily.

Fun dates on our August calendar are as follows, **First day of School** 16th, the 18th is the anniversary date of the premiere of the **Wizard of Oz** in 1939. The 19th is **National Aviation Day**, followed by **National Tooth Fairy Day** on the 22nd. The 23rd is **National Sponge Cake Day**, fol-

lowed on the 24th by **National Waffle Day**. A favorite in my household is **National Dog Day** on the 26th! Then we close out the month with **National Marshmallow Day** on the 30th. I promise I don't make this stuff up!! Students and staff alike enjoy all of the wacky and wonderful dates that fill our school calendar each month.

This year we will be adding the Fourth grade to our program. It's always exciting to see our program grow! This year again we are offering a church member discount and a discount for families that have multiple children in our program. The first child receives a 10% discount, second 15% and third 20%. So, if you are looking for a great school for your child...LOOK NO FURTHER! This discount also extends to grandchildren! We have found that word of mouth is our best advertisement so, spread the word that your church has a great Primary School program! We currently accept infants through the Fourth grade and need your help in making our program grow to its fullest potential!

Please help me make the 2011-2012 school year a successful one by being in prayer for the children and teachers in our program (and the children who aren't here yet). It is my desire to fill the school to capacity. With much prayer from myself, my staff and support from our wonderful church I believe this is possible. I want to thank you for your continued support of our program. It is truly an honor to serve such an amazing church that is full of love for our Lord as well as love for each other.

WINDSOR PARK KIDS

CHILDREN'S MINISTER, CRYSTAL GARRETT

**OPERATION:
BACK TO SCHOOL
AUG 13TH, 9AM-11AM
Breakfast Included**

We will be filling care packages for our college-bound students and we need your help. Thank you for your donations. There is still time to donate!

Suggested items: Ramen noodles; candy; Peanut butter; crackers; Pringles; hand sanitizer; pens; notebooks; highlighters; Post-It notes; breath mints; gum; gift cards. Our any small item that you think a college student would like.



"I'm A Christian Now"-Class starts **August 28th at 9:30 a.m.** for grades K-2. Grades 3rd-6th will be scheduled at a later time. If your child has made a decision to trust Jesus at any point in the last 3 years, please sign them up for this exciting new class! Sign-up sheet is located on Crystal's door.

WPK Parents, Crystal needs your info! Please send your phone number and email address to cgarr28@yahoo.com

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FAITH WORKS

As our Lord said it would be (Matthew 24-25; Mark 13; Luke 21), there are many things taking place in these end times that are challenges to our faith. The economies of the USA and the world are struggling. Terrorism, wars and rumors of wars/uprisings, natural disasters, and man-made disasters and violence all seem to increase in frequency and intensity each year. The anti-Christian sentiment is rising in our culture and many other societies. False teachers and false teachings abound. Moral standards are being redefined to include that which God says is immoral in the name of tolerance and rights. Those who hold to or proclaim Scriptural Truth are increasingly being labeled dangerous, hateful extremist radicals, and intolerant religious bigots.

Times like these test and reveal in what people have placed their faith. *“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.”* (Hebrews 11:6) Not all that claim to believe in God do. Not all that call themselves Christians are truly followers of Christ. Jesus said, *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”* (Matthew 7:21) How I live reveals what I am worshipping as the god of my life. What I actually do reveals what I really believe to be true. For instance, if I told

you I believe airplanes can fly, but I refuse to board any flight and risk my life, what would you conclude? It is clear evidence I do not actually believe it’s true. Head knowledge about airplanes and how well they fly is not enough. Having witnessed airplanes flying is not enough. Mental assent to facts is not faith, nor is an emotional response. James provides a great example, *“You believe that there is one God. Good! Even demons believe that – and shudder.”* (James 2:14-26) In other words, demons know it is true that God exists and are so sure of it they are afraid of Him. But they do not place their faith in Him. This is evidenced by their behavior – they choose to believe, follow and obey Satan (instead of God) and refuse to trust God, submit to God or obey Him. James’ conclusion is clear. *“As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.”* (2:26) It is not genuine faith at all. John is also clear on this matter, *“We know that we have come to know Him if we obey His commands. The man who says, ‘I know Him,’ but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys His Word, love for God is truly made complete in Him. This is how we know we are in Him. Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did.”* (1 John 2:3-6) *“And His commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our*

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The church van is on the road and it’s looking for passengers! Don’t let transportation issues keep you or those you love from joining us on Sunday mornings!

If you or someone you know needs a ride, contact Pastor Chris or the church office 972-230-3000!

It’s FREE!



We will meet from **8:00 a.m. till 12 noon on September 10th** to plan the church calendar for 2012. All Committee Chairs and anyone who would like to participate in planning our 2012 calendar please plan to attend. **We will be serving a continental breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m.**

Nicaragua

Medical Missions



Central America might not be your first choice for a summer vacation. You might be surprised, however to find out that while DFW was in the middle one of the longest heat waves in history, the average high down South was only in the mid-80's.

This year's Mission Trip took a dozen volunteers to the little town of Condega, Nicaragua. They provided medical care to 152 patients and Vacation Bible School for over 75 children. Eighteen children made salvation decisions, changing their lives forever.

Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the Western hemisphere, right behind Haiti. Unemployment hovers around 60%. As a result, many people do whatever they can to make a living. Many convert part of their homes into shops or restaurants. Some people sell items on the side of the road. Poverty is evident all around, but not in the hearts of the people who live there.

The medical team entered a world administered by socialized medicine. In a lot of instances, where doctors spend little time with patients and quickly prescribe pills to

solve problems, quota overshadows personalized care. Patients also have trouble getting their free medicine when the pharmacy simply doesn't have what they need in stock.

The first stop in the clinic was the admissions desk with Fay Short and her translator, Carolina. Fay would ask basic questions with Carolina's help and took temperatures and other vitals.

Dr. Dave Porterfield, Chris's good friend and doctor took time with each person that came through the dark clinic. (The school where the teams were ministering has been unable to pay the electric bill for almost three years. The volunteers worked with a generator and a power inverter connected to a truck battery for power.) In his time with each and with the help of his translator Cheree, Dr. Dave not only diagnosed the problem, but he also discussed the causes for the conditions. He then offered advice on ways to treat their problems and to prevent them from recurring. Some problems could be improved with exercises of changes to daily routines.

After diagnosis, Dr. Dave would then relayed the conditions to his son, Kenneth. Kenneth would then print up information about the various conditions so the patients had a reference to take home.

Their next stop was the clinic pharmacy where Fay and Hector would bag up the various medicines each person required. In each bag, instructions were included, written clearly and in Spanish.

On the other side of the campus, VBS provided fun and learning for all the children who attended. Lilia Wiegand was in charge of VBS operations. Her other jobs included worship leader, child wrangler and translator for Freddie, the frog puppet. Freddie unexpectedly became the rockstar of VBS. The children chanted his name at the mere mention of him. Luckily, Pastor Chris didn't let Freddie's fame get in the way of teaching a Bible class for the mothers that came to the VBS. He was surprised and encouraged by how engaged



the moms were in the lessons. He said they really knew what they were talking about.

The tricky job of Crafts went to Erika Wiegand and Leo Zuno. Crafts is normally a challenge, and it was discovered that the local humidity didn't help at all.

Glenn Coleman and Derrick Williams handled another challenge...recreation. With the help of Carlos and Hector translating, recreation went rather smoothly. It turns out that Duck, Duck...Goose!(Pato, Pato...Gonzo) and Red Light, Green Light (Luz Rojo, Luz Verde) were smash hits. Soccer also proved to be favorite.

The children also enjoyed Bible Activities which consisted of lessons that went with the day's theme. Laura Pulver and Christy Coleman were aided by translator, Jasmina, who not only helped with the language, but was able to step in to help corral the children back on track when they started to stray.

Behind the scenes, Brian Pulver filled the role of photographer, Technology stuff and general floater. That would all end up consisting of many other things.

Missionary host Mark Griffin and his wife Rusti took great care of all the volunteers by coordinating hotel rooms and translators. Mark summed up the experience by saying that the essence of Christianity lived in the service to others.

Don't miss out on our trip next year, wherever it may be. It turns out the secret isn't money or special skills...It only requires a willingness to not be afraid of the travel or the conditions...Just a willingness to go, to love and to serve.



Ongoing Events



Cancer is a life-changing experience. The good news is that you're not alone in your struggle. On **Tuesday, September 13th, at 3pm**, the Cancer Support Group will meet. Each month, on the first Tuesday, members share their experiences along with the healing and support that comes from talking with and relating to people in similar situations. Don't miss this chance to connect with others and find healing.

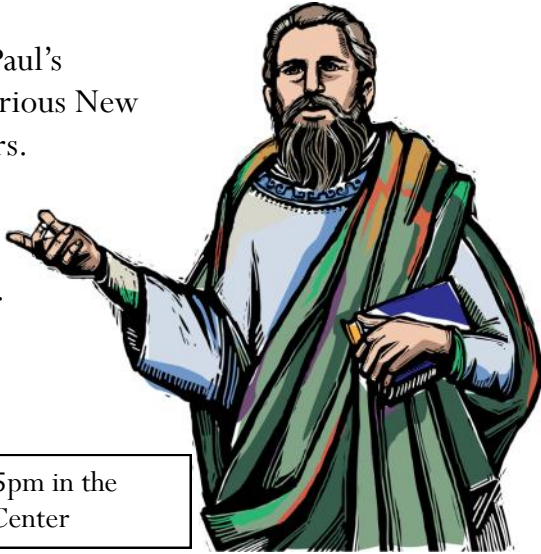


Losing a loved one is never an easy experience. It is hard to go through the grief on your own, but there is hope. On **August 9th (7pm); 16th (2pm) and 23rd (7pm)**, Pastor Chris will lead the Grief Support Groups. Members fellowship in love and support with each other as well as have a good time bonding and laughing. Their laughter can be heard down the hall.

The Apostle Paul's Associates

We are exploring Paul's relationship with various New Testament characters.

Alan Tarrant is leading this study on Sunday evenings.



Sunday nights at 5pm in the Conference Center

The next Men's Breakfast is **September 3rd at 7:30am** in Fellowship Hall. All men are invited for a time of breakfast, fellowship and Bible Study.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Say Cheese!



Are you on our Family Board? It's a great way for people to put names with faces and meet new folks. Don't get left off! See Wally Kamm or Mike Causey to get your picture added to our wall of happy family faces!

Do you have a ministry or ongoing event that needs to be covered in the Windsor Wire?

Send an email to: bripulver@yahoo.com. Include the basics: Who to contact; What goes on; Where does it take place; When does it take place; and How people join.

You've Got Prayer Mail!

Have a prayer request that can't wait? The prayer chain serves as a hub for prayer requests and urgent announcements. Signing up for it is easy. **Contact Kathy Seidlitz to have your name added to the list - 214.929.1523 or sidelites02@tx.rr.com.**



Be on the lookout for Box Tops for Education! They're EVERYWHERE on EVERYTHING! Cut them out and collect them and you can help the Primary School raise money. Of course, don't clip them off items in the store without buying them first. That could end up with lots of yelling and chasing. You can save up your bounty of box tops and drop them off to Debbie or the WPPS office.

FAITH WORKS

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faith." (5:3-4) Faith in Christ is only confirmed to be present by our deeds.

What is the object of your faith? What are you trusting in to protect you? What are you depending upon for survival? What gives you security? Where are you looking for adequate provisions for today and the future? Where do you turn for guidance? What determines if you are going to find success and fulfillment in life? Where are you looking for love and acceptance?

If we have our expectations aimed at anyone or anything other than God in Christ as the Source of all we need, our faith is misplaced and we will end up being disillusioned and ashamed. But how can anyone truly keep faith in Christ alone? Simply stated, we must hear what He is saying to us and act on it. How?

(1) Live under the control of the Holy Spirit in prayerful unbroken fellowship with our Lord. Allow Him to be Master of all areas of our lives - thoughts, words, deeds, and attitudes. Confess all sinfulness quickly to receive forgiveness and cleansing from the Lord so fellowship with Him can be restored. Keeping a clear conscience is a necessity. Then we can continually experience in our lives that *the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.* (Galatians 5:22f)

(2) Be continually searching the Scriptures for the Truth. There is nothing more beneficial believers can do to help themselves in this life! Faith is only as good as its object. When we believe things that are not completely true, our faith is misplaced. Our tendency is to be influenced by the world's thinking and ways. *"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."* (Romans 12:2) When we know the truth, the truth sets us free. *"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."* (John 8:31-32) We know where to place our faith. Genuine faith is based upon hearing what God says - the Word of God (John 10:17).

Don't you want to know what God has to say to you? Jesus said, *"Man does not live on bread alone, but on every Word that comes from the mouth of God."* (Matthew 4:4)

Read and obey the Bible like your life depends upon it – because it does! When our faith is placed in what God says, and we act upon it, we have true faith - a faith that works!

CHURCH PICNIC




October 2nd!

Food, Fun & Fellowship

October 2nd we will be having our annual church picnic at Ernie Roberts Park on Pleasant Run Rd. This year we will be having all morning church activities at the park at **9:30 a.m.** Bring side dishes and/or desserts for your family plus two and the Fellowship Committee will be providing the drinks and chicken. Also bring games to play.

Uplifting with Your Overload

Turn your old books, magazines, videos, CDs and cassettes into life giving water for Ethiopia! **Heart For Ethiopia** is rounding up used books, CDs etc. to sell through their eBay store. All of the money goes to dig wells and provide for needy children in Ethiopia. All the work and outreach is done through the Addis Kidan Baptist Churches and God is really moving!

The Lindholms are always collecting the items. If you cannot find them, you can leave your donations under the table in the foyer next to the portico. If you were financially blessed and want to find a good home for your older money, cash donations are also accepted. All donations to **Heart for Ethiopia** are tax-deductible, life-changing and much appreciated.

WINDSOR PARK STAFF

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- 8/2 Carol Waggoner
- 8/4 Andrew Windham
- 8/5 Billy Crabtree
- 8/5 Eli Hicks
- 8/7 Caitlyn Oldfield
- 8/8 Jennifer Stickland
- 8/10 Abby Hankins
- 8/10 John Hicks
- 8/10 Tristin Oldfield
- 8/12 Alvin Craig
- 8/12 Lance Hevron
- 8/14 Carrie Diaz
- 8/16 Kaley Campbell
- 8/16 Carolyn Duran
- 8/18 Sean Colvin
- 8/24 Monica Anoriugwe
- 8/24 Mae Birdsong
- 8/25 Sherri Hevron



- 8/25 Kathryn Young-McDaniel
- 8/27 Hazel Duke
- 8/27 Walter Kamm
- 8/28 Bill Rice
- 8/28 Chris Seidlitz
- 8/28 Isaac Singleton
- 8/29 Amanda Moreau
- 8/29 Dawn Taylor
- 9/1 Nancy Norris
- 9/2 Catherine Boatman
- 9/2 Shirley Collins
- 9/4 Deryl Cochran
- 9/5 Annette Bellmore
- 9/9 Noah Hevron
- 9/9 Noah Kirby
- 9/10 Lauralee Lindholm
- 9/11 Kristi Ballard
- 9/11 Andrew Oldfield
- 9/14 Caroline Webb
- 9/16 Justin Kilzer
- 9/21 Dakota Waggoner
- 9/22 Carolyn Alston
- 9/22 Sue Hardin
- 9/22 Kaitlyn Holliday
- 9/22 Alan Tarrant
- 9/23 Kamarey Cooper
- 9/23 Abigail Herring
- 9/25 Marie King
- 9/25 Tyler Stout
- 9/28 Makayla Holliday
- 9/29 Ashley Strickland
- 9/30 Justice Thomas

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The Sr. Adults will be meeting at the church at **11:00 a.m.** on **Thursday August 11th** to go to lunch at Babes in Cedar Hill.

Fourth Tuesday Senior Special:

Food, fellowship, sharing, and caring. **Tuesday August 23rd from 11:00 - 1:00** at Ray and Lauralee Lindholm's house, at 305 Jordan Dr. in Desoto. Bring sandwiches, salad, or dessert to share.

All seniors welcome!

**Your Photos
Here!
There!
Everywhere!**

Do you have pictures of your ministries activities? Were you among the shutterbugs floating around Jerusalem Marketplace or any of our other events? We would love copies!!

Send your pictures to:

**Brian Pulver (bripulver@yahoo.com) and to
Brenda Baumert (ulibrenda@gmail.com)**

for our upcoming church directory!

Help put smiling happy faces with the work God does through our church.

Directory photos will be taken September 13th - 17th