



Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 29
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
for children
(3 years old to 3rd grade)

Community Children's Event

The children can put on their cutest, funniest, or coolest costume and collect goodies at Faith UMC! This annual event is a fun & safe place to allow your child to experience the fun of Halloween tradition. You'll find NO tricks, just TREATS given out by friendly people who love God and want to create a family friendly experience for you to enjoy. To donate candy and treats please bring your items to church and place them in the large box in the lobby marked "Trunk-or-Treat Donations". Please make sure All Candy Is Individually Wrapped for safety! To be a part of the Event Team (people who give out the treats) please sign-up on the sheet in the lobby on the welcome table. For more info contact Tina at faithchristianed@gmail.com or 419-525-6123. *Costumes are not required to participate and "scary" costumes are discouraged!*

W O R L D OF FAITH

TRICK OR TREAT SO OTHERS CAN EAT



TOGETHER
we can
fill our
Food
Pantries

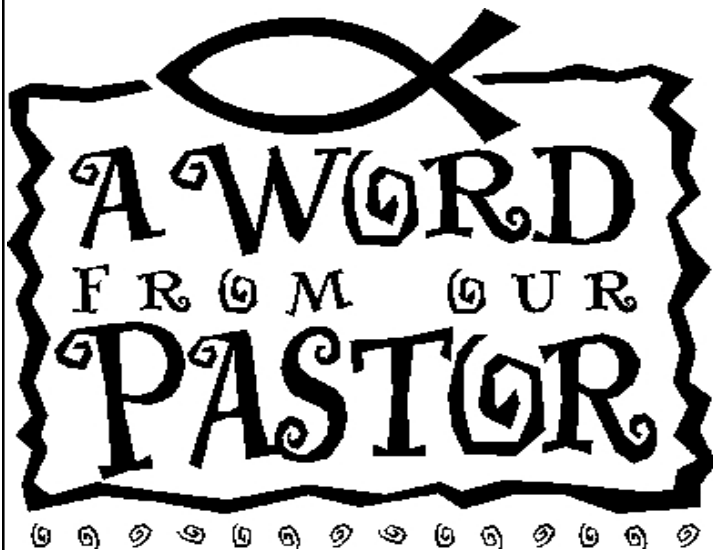
Sunday, October 30
following the 11 o'clock service
for Hi-Def kids (4th-6th grade)

This event allows our pre-teens to help other children in the community by collecting non-perishable food & personal hygiene items for those in need.

Pre-teens will *Trick-or-Treat* at your home to collect items you can donate or you can bring the items to church and place them in the large brown grocery box with food labels in the lobby.

If you would like to participate please fill out an orange bulletin insert. We are hoping every family at Faith UMC will donate at least one item.

Our focus is on providing food and items that children need or would enjoy. (NO REFRIGERATION ITEMS)
Examples: cereal, crackers, Kool Aid, mac & cheese, peanut butter, pasta, soup, bubble bath, tooth paste, etc.



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

It is easy to get fixated upon big things and miss the reality that it is an almost infinite number of small things that literally makes the world go round. On September 18th, our congregation participated in Faith-in-Action Sunday by joining the Spirit and Truth Christian Center in Mansfield for worship, lunch, and community service which included some home repair projects. I spoke in the worship service about Jesus' words about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus linked the Kingdom of heaven to small things (a mustard seed) that grew to something really big, or something as small as (yeast) that has a dramatic effect upon the things it touches (Luke 13:18-21). Even though Jesus acknowledged that something as great as the kingdom of heaven starts as something small and seemingly insignificant, we are prone to being fixated with big things while neglecting small seemingly insignificant things that can have a great effect.

While speaking on September 18th, I quizzed those that gathered on the largest and the smallest things in several categories: population of countries, height of mountains and trees, and wealth of individuals. People got three of the four categories correct on the largest and were 0 for 4 on the smallest. I then asked, "So, are we fixated upon the great or the small?" Everyone agreed that our focus is on the big things at the expense of small things.

We tend to look for the one great solution to big problems while neglecting to see that big things are resolved or accomplished through addressing many small pieces and variables. We often fail to see that big solutions often cause huge waves or wrinkles

in the whole system. Usually, one great solution is not the best way to effect change or resolve a problem. The best approach is many small and very intentional solutions that tweak the system a little at a time and steer circumstances and reality in a more positive direction.

Our congregation has faced many challenges and changes over the years. There have been many times we have faced seemingly irresolvable shortfalls, insurmountable obstacles, and unsolvable problems. Yet, here we are after all these years still serving God in the Crestview community, still slowly growing; still doing innovative ministry, and still looking and hoping for a bright future. We are still here because God has been faithful and we have done many small things that have added up to a pretty amazing journey.

With the downturn in the economy, our congregation is facing some financial shortfalls. We need to resolve these problems to assure the health of the church and its ministry. We have and continue to address the expense side of our finances. Our ministry leaders have done phenomenal things with very little funding. There are still a few things we can do on the expense side, and we will do them. However, we must address the income side of the equation.

Our financial concerns will only be effectively addressed as we begin person by person to really seek God and His will in regard to our level of giving and support of the church. If we all do a little - it will add up to a lot. The solution will come person by person, penny by penny, and day by day.

The Ebenezer in front of our building says, "Thus far has the LORD helped us." (I Samuel 7:12, NIV) I stand in awe of the amazing things God has done over the years by multiplying and magnifying small things to bring us to our present ministry as a congregation. The question is not whether or not God will do His part - God will! God will continue to be faithful. Please be seeking God about what it looks like for you to also be faithful, and I urge you to respond in obedience to God's call.

Blessings, Pastor Mike

Cash for Trash

Please remember to recycle your used printer cartridges and cell phones in the box in the office or give them to Renee Davis.

It's FREE and EASY and the proceeds go towards reducing the building loan. Recycling empty printer cartridges eliminates non-biodegradable plastics and metals from entering our landfills. Do your part for the environment and while you're at it put some FREE MONEY into our Building Fund.

Thank You!



Cougar Tracks...

As the temperature drops and the leaves change, I wonder where the summer went. I don't miss it of course. I just simply don't enjoy the warm sun, the kids playing, people running around together having "fun-in-the-sun". I mean life is serious, right? We need to have a serious attitude towards life, right? We were not sent to earth to have fun and to soak up rays of sunlight, right? No! Certainly not! We were sent here to work, toil and be productive. I mean what's the use if we are not productive. Everything needs to have a purpose and a sense of purpose. Even when we are resting we should be thinking of new and more productive avenues to further our productivity, right? Because in the end when we are tired, worn out, weary and laden with burden we can pass it on to someone else. All the worries of life can be passed to the stronger, less tired younger folk, right...

If this is true, then why do we have sayings like, "all work and no play make Jack a dull boy?" So then, what's the truth? I know there is a passage in the New Testament that describes a scene where Jesus is talking to two women that are getting ready for a large meal. One woman is running around making preparations by cleaning, cooking and just being serious about the whole event while the other woman is simply sitting with Jesus talking and listening to Him. Frustrated, the zealous woman running around cooking & cleaning stopped and asked Jesus to tell the other woman to help her but Jesus' response was that the woman who was visiting with Him was doing the more important thing. What is important is that we spend time with one another enjoying one another's company with the time we are allotted on this earth.

Balance, we need to find balance. If there is an opportunity to converse with someone then we need to treat that opportunity with just as much joy and luster as an endearing gift. Each person is unique and brings their own gift to the table of life. Unique in every way, each of us has perspective, attitude and understanding that can be given freely as a gift to one another. Don't let those opportunities pass you by. Reach out and find the gift in each other. If you can't find it, you are simply not digging deep enough or the person is not revealing the gift that they have so carefully hidden. Help them! Perhaps they don't even realize that they have a gift to give. Maybe, just maybe, that's what we need to be serious about. Not material things but the IMPORTANT things like helping one another find the gift that's inside each and every one of us.

Bless you all and please share your gift,

Dan Davis

GO VIRAL

As another month flies by I look back at all that God has done in our youth ministry. I am left with a feeling of pride, not pride in anything I have done or anything other youth leaders have accomplished but in our youth. I am reminded of a passage that many of us look past many times in Matthew 3: 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Obviously this is God the Father who just witnessed His only Son being baptized by John the Baptist. Before we get too far ahead of ourselves I am not saying that our feeble minds could ever understand the emotions that God feels during this moment but as humans we have a grain of understanding because we too feel those same emotions and feelings.

Many people recognize the baptism of Jesus as His coming out party, if you will. This moment is essentially the beginning of His ministry and in the same sense I feel this is our youth group's moment of ministry. As I am writing this I can understand that some may think... "what have the youth been doing all of this time prior to this point?" Of course there is nothing wrong with that question, however

many of us float by until we catch a vision. The same can be said of our youth but things are beginning to change and amongst much confusion and misunderstanding of our name change the one thing that has been made more evident by this change is our purpose.

Viral Student Ministries has a new vision and its more than just getting more people to church or youth events. Its more than growing our numbers or even just doing the things that good "church going Christians" should do. Viral has caught a vision to replicate themselves by making themselves visible to their peers as Christians who are flawed and in need of grace. Viral has been taking our vision outside of our church walls by getting active in things like FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), the Outlet Mobile Food Pantry, leading prayer after home football games and at our after school program, Y.O.D. These things may seem insignificant to some but this is an avenue where our students take their inward journey of growing closer to Christ and bring it to others through serving and with an attitude that strives to be Christ like.

Someone close to the heart of our youth ministry eloquently said, "If you ain't serving then you ain't leading" and as much as that sounds uneducated its absolutely

true. To be an effective leader you must serve those who you wish to lead. People need to know you care before they care what you have to say and each of the avenues I listed above are avenues where our students are telling their community and peers that they care.

So in a sense as a youth group we have repositioned ourselves from comfortable, closed off, or too cool to welcoming, opened up and reaching out to those we serve. The youth group is standing up and making themselves known as young people who are Christians. As I said before I am proud of our youth for standing up and answering the call to become Viral, but just as Christ's ministry was just beginning so is ours.

This is not a time to get complacent or comfortable...its time to expand...its time to go Viral! This call to become and remain Viral in reaching out to our community with the love of Christ through serving and leading not only falls to our youth but it falls to you as well. This is your call Faith, stand up support your youth and become our communities Outlet. Thank you to all those who remain faithful to the call.

God Bless and GO VIRAL
Jared Foos

Credo for youth (7th - 12th grade) beginning Sunday, October 16th, during the 11 o'clock worship service in the Conference Room with Jared Foos. Credo is a confirmation class. The curriculum brings worship, Sunday School, Bible study, service and church ministries into confirmation. Credo will help prepare your youth for the rite of confirmation by teaching them about the Christian story and essential Christian beliefs. There will be an opportunity for the youth to join the church if they are interested at the end of the class. Please let Jared Foos or Renee Davis know if your youth plan to participate so they can adequately prepare. Thank You!



Financial Report (August, 2011)

General Fund Revenue

Source	Month	YTD
Offerings	11,500.30	104,449.71
YMCA	1,634.28	11882.83
Interest	3.41	22.40
FCN	220.00	2,340.00
Misc	0	592.22
Total	13,357.99	119,287.16

General Fund Expenses

Category	Month	YTD
Personnel	8,893.44	76,516.81
Conference	1,256.16	10,049.33
District	0	850.00
Operating	1,292.36	10,565.52
Property	3,862.16	30,103.97
Worship	0	807.70
Christian Ed	391.53	6,447.19
Outreach	0	-525.13
Member Care	251.31	626.80
Purchased Serv	270.38	270.38
Total	16,217.34	135,712.57
Revenue	13,357.99	119,287.16
Expenses	16,217.34	135,712.57
Difference	-2,859.35	-16,425.41

Building Loan

Revenue	Month	YTD
Donations	5,500.00	85,563.18
Franklin Sale	0	27,787.50
Total	5,500.00	113,350.68

Payment	Month	YTD
Interest	6724.52	56405.34
Principle	3202.08	50109.98
Total	9,926.60	106,515.32
Remaining Loan Balance		1,238,485.05

Grants

Grant Source	Month	YTD
East Ohio Conference	22.75	34,022.75

Expenses Charged to Grants

Category	Month	YTD
Youth Leader	1,554.45	13,596.62
LifeTree Cafe	509.35	4,815.15
Outlet Café	2,342.59	2,342.59
Total		

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Income	Month	YTD
	2,845.00	23,631.09
Expenses		
	2,569.67	20,880.29

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 2 Dani Davis
- 8 Adam Esbenshade
- 8 Beth Gross
- 8 Pearlean Pelasky
- 9 Shyanna Blevins
- 9 Rita Kyser
- 15 Irma Powers
- 25 Dave Pond
- 27 Ron Hout
- 28 Alyson Hout
- 28 Renee Davis
- 28 Jim Stine

Dayspring Residents

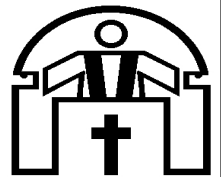
- 2 Alex Zaiken
- 8 Billy Partin
- 11 Tedi Lee
- 15 Jeff Merrill
- 16 James Helfer



- 3 Eric & Stephanie Boardman 14
- 11 Ron & Becky Oswalt (31)
- 14 Ken & Sharon Boyce (32)
- 22 Jim & Sheila Henry (33)
- 22 Robert & Paula Blevins (13)



October Lection



October 2

750 Psalm 19 (2nd response)
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
*Matthew 21:33-46

October 9

754 Psalm 23 (1st response)
Isaiah 25:1-9
*Matthew 22:1-14

October 16

819 Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
*Matthew 22:15-22

October 23

738 Psalm 1 (1st response)
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
*Matthew 22:34-46

October 30

778 Psalm 43
Micah 3:5-12
*Matthew 23:1-12

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October 2011

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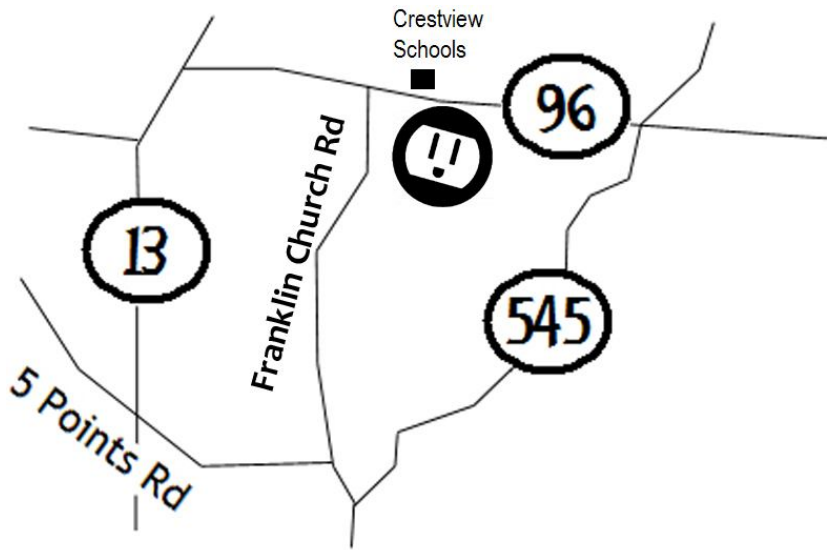
Wed

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Sat

<p>Legend A.O.A. = Active Older Adults F FB = Flag Football</p>	<p>Y.O.D. = Youth Offsite Domain O.M.F.P. = Outlet Mobile Food Pantry</p>	<p>TCN = The CABLE Network for Christianity 101</p>				<p>1 Flag Football 9a - noon Choir 10a - noon</p>
<p>2 Lifetree 9:45a Adult S.S. 9:45a CROP Walk 2p</p>	<p>3 A.O.A. 10a Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Flag Football 5:30 - 7:30p Zumba 5:30p</p>	<p>4 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Flag Football 5:30 - 7:30p Bootcamp 7p</p>	<p>5 A.O.A. 10a Y.O.D. 3-5:30p F FB 5:30-7:30p Zumba 5:30p Synthesis 6:30p Lifetree 7p</p>	<p>6 Y.O.D. 3p F FB 5:30-7:30p Christianity 101 6:30p Band 6:30p Finance 7p</p>	<p>7 A.O.A. 10a Christ Companion's 2p Y.O.D. 3-5:30p F FB 5:30-7:30p Bootcamp 6:30p</p>	<p>8 Flag Football 9a - noon Choir 10a - noon</p>
<p>9 Lifetree 9:45a Adult S.S. 9:45a Viral (district bonfire) 4-10p Outdoorsman Club mtg. 7p</p>	<p>10 A.O.A. 10a Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Flag Football 5:30 - 7:30p Zumba 5:30p</p>	<p>11 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Flag Football 5:30 - 7:30p Bootcamp 7p Staff Parish 7p</p>	<p>12 A.O.A. 10a Y.O.D. 3-5:30p F FB 5:30-7:30p Zumba 5:30p Synthesis 6:30p Lifetree 7p</p>	<p>13 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p F FB 5:30-7:30p Christianity 101 6:30p Band 6:30p</p>	<p>14 A.O.A. 10a UMW mtg. 1p Y.O.D. 3-5:30p F FB 5:30-7:30p Bootcamp 6:30p</p>	<p>15 Flag Football 9a - noon Choir 10a - noon Viral - Madden Tourney 5-10p</p>
<p>16 Lifetree 9:45a Adult S.S. 9:45a Creedo 11a</p>	<p>17 A.O.A. 10a Y.O.D. 3-5:30p F FB 5:30-7:30p Zumba 5:30p Ad Council 7p</p>	<p>18 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Flag Football 5:30 - 7:30p Bootcamp 7p</p>	<p>19 A.O.A. 10a O.M.F.P. 3-5p F FB 5:30-7:30p Zumba 5:30p Synthesis 6:30p Lifetree 7p</p>	<p>20 Y.O.D. 3p Staff Parish/DS Hosting 5-9p F FB 5:30-7:30p TCN 6:30p Band 6:30p</p>	<p>21 A.O.A. 10a Christ Companion's 2p Y.O.D. 3-5:30p F FB 5:30-7:30p Bootcamp 6:30p</p>	<p>22 Flag Football 9a - noon Choir 10a - noon Viral - Dance Contest 6-10p</p>
<p>23 Lifetree 9:45a Adult S.S. 9:45a Creedo 11a</p>	<p>24 A.O.A. 10a Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Flag Football 5:30 - 7:30p Zumba 5:30p Prayer M. mtg 7p</p>	<p>25 Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Flag Football 5:30 - 7:30p Bootcamp 7p</p>	<p>26 Y.O.D. 3p F FB 5:30-7:30p Zumba 5:30p Live Connection 6p Lifetree 7p</p>	<p>27 Good Neighbors 12p Y.O.D. 3-5:30p F FB 5:30-7:30p TCN 6:30p Band 6:30p</p>	<p>28 A.O.A. 10a Christ Companion's 2p Y.O.D. 3-5:30p F FB 5:30-7:30p Bootcamp 6:30p</p>	<p>29 F FB 9a-12p Choir 10a-noon Trunk-or-Treat 6:30 - 7:30p Viral - Night of Fright 8p - mid.</p>
<p>30 Lifetree 9:45a Adult S.S. 9:45a Creedo 11a Hi-Def: Trick-or-Treat 4 others</p>	<p>31 A.O.A. 10a Y.O.D. 3-5:30p Flag Football 5:30 - 7:30p Zumba 5:30p</p>					



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

9:45 a.m. For Adults

Mission Statement

The Mission of our church is to make disciples for Jesus,
in our church, community, and throughout the world.

Vision Statement

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we will:
boldly love each other into spiritual maturity;
serve our neighbors sacrificially;
and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ!



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