

Sunday Services
9:00 and 11:00

Sunday School P-5th: 9 and 11

6th – 8th Grade: 9 am
9th – 12th Grade: 11 am
Adult Class: 10 – 11

Last Crew and Munchies
June 10 (Youth Fellowship)
Tuesdays 7 - 8:30pm
Patrick and Quinn Vaughn

May 30-June 1 -- Men's Retreat at
Westminster Woods

May 29 -- JFK Senior Awards
Program 5:30pm

June 3 -- Election Day

June 8 -- Youth Sunday

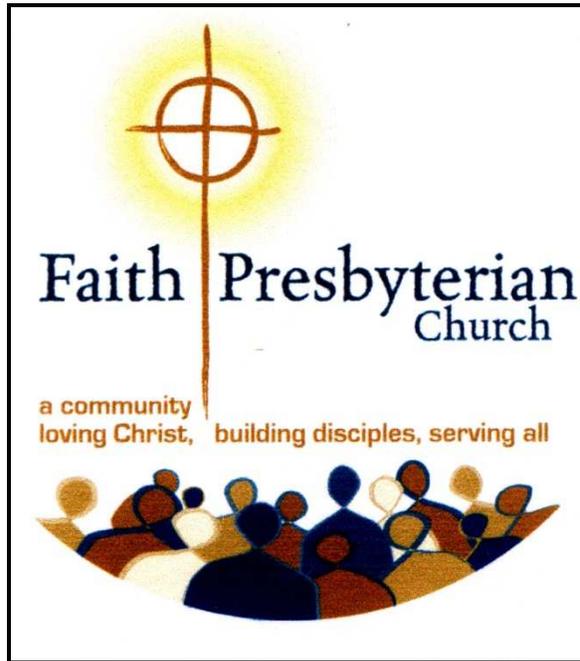
June 10-15 – Step into Africa

June 15 and 22 – World Vision
Child Sponsorship

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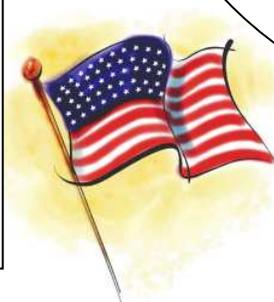
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Upcoming Sermons
On Faith This Summer

See page 3 for details of a series we will
be doing this summer.

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explore some of the hardest questions
and doubts we face as followers of
Christ. These are questions that most of
us ask at some point – sometimes over
and over again - in our lives.

Think about others that you would like
to invite and include in this series of
challenging topics and discussions.



Need help this summer?

Jennifer Kincaid will be available this summer for: singing for events, house sitting, babysitting, animal watching, clerical work, and any other odd jobs this summer. Please contact me either by phone (916)949-0298 or e-mail at J_Kincaid@pacific.edu

Food Closet Needs

Food closet is helping up to 70 families a day. It is increasingly difficult to keep the shelves stocked with food. In addition to your regular generous donation of food on the first Sunday of the month, you can bring food any Sunday. Canned fish, fruit and vegetables, and, breakfast cereals are very welcome as are cash donations. Betty Park is your local contact.

The Keasey Family Needs A Rental

I would like to reach out to anyone who owns, or has intimate knowledge of, a rental property in the area. My wife, daughter, and I are living in a two-bedroom apartment and the lease is expiring. In order to renew the lease, the property owners are requesting an additional \$130 per month. With our family expecting a newborn in mid-July, this is a bit too much to bear. Frankly we could use some additional room. Any assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. My home phone is 422-3740. or cjkeasey@gmail.com

“A Child Is Waiting” at Faith

World Vision Sponsorship Days are June 15th and June 22nd

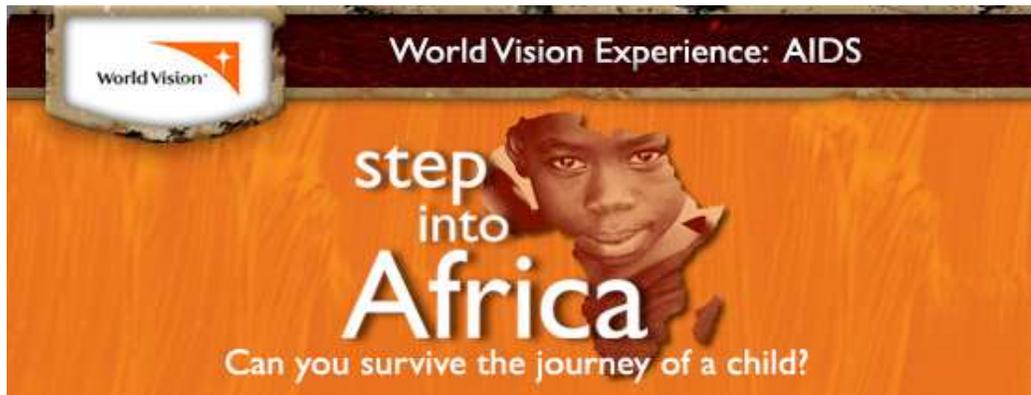
You can make a difference

Today and every day, nearly 25,000 children will die, most from causes such as hunger or treatable illnesses—things that child sponsorship can prevent.

Sponsorship changes a child’s life forever. It can change your life, too!

Will you answer a child who is waiting? You can change a child’s life! Visit our sponsorship table on Sunday June 15th and 22nd to see photos of individual children who are waiting and hoping to be sponsored.

For further information about World Vision events please call Donna Touros at 399-8650



Everything you thought you knew about the AIDS crisis is about to change.

The Experience is an interactive, walk-through exhibit that will transport you into the heart of Africa...and the life of a child.

When: June 10th – 13th (times vary each day)

Where: Lakeside Church, Folsom

745 Oak Avenue Pkwy
Folsom, CA 95630

Invite your friends and family to visit www.worldvisionexperience.org to reserve their **FREE tickets** for the Experience!



Pastor Jeff's Column

Upcoming Sermon Series on Faith & Doubt

Tough Questions about Life, Faith and What's Really Out There Anyway!

Faith Presbyterian Church is a community of faith. Obviously. And part of what that means is that we don't have it all figured out yet. We have some things figured out (or, rather, God has helped us figure some things out). We just don't have it *all* figured out. We still, in other words, have to live by faith.

Many of us face doubts in our faith, questions which nag at us from deep inside or arise out of our circumstances, and make us question what we proclaim to believe. Sometimes those doubts are strong and persuasive. Sometimes they even push us to the limit, making us wonder if the Christian faith is all true to begin with.

As one of your pastors, my faith is also mixed up with doubts. (Maybe you figured that out already.) Yes, I have firm convictions, things I've staked my life on. But even as I stand on those convictions I continue to profess things I don't *fully* understand, follow a voice I don't *always* hear, take the hand of a God I don't *often* see.

Somebody once said that the opposite of faith is not doubt, but certainty. I hope that's true. For if it is, then there's hope for me. Maybe hope for us all.

This summer we are going to take eight weeks to explore some of the hardest questions and doubts we face as followers of Christ. These are questions that most of us ask at some point – sometimes over and over again - in our lives. They are questions, I'll warn you, that can't be answered with total satisfaction and certainty. They just can't, at least in this lifetime. But they do have answers. And I believe that we can enter into them, openly and honestly, and come out the other side with our faith intact. Maybe we even come out with our faith stronger than it was before.

Though there are certainly many more tough questions we could ask, these are the eight we'll look at this summer:

- June 15 Can my faith survive my doubts? Can they live together?
- June 22 Is the Bible reliable? Or is just a book made up by men a long time ago?
- June 29 If God is good and loving, why is there so much evil and suffering allowed to go on in the world?
- July 6 Doesn't science contradict miracles and faith?
- July 13 Is Jesus really the only way to get to God?
- July 20 I pray, and pray, and pray, and pray...and nobody ever seems to answer. Maybe nobody's home.
- July 27 If God's real, why doesn't my life get better?

I hope you will make plans to be here for this series. I also hope that you will take some time to think about other people you know in your family, at work, in your neighborhood or school, who may be at a place where they would like to come and wrestle alongside us through some of these questions. In my estimation, this would be a great time to invite others to join us Sunday mornings. As much as we might be a blessing to those who come, I know they would also be a blessing to us.

As always, we as pastors covet your prayers as we work through these questions and open up the discussion in our sermons, discussions we know you will carry on in Life Groups and in your families.

I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday!

Grace & Peace,

Jeff

Session Report for Pastors Quinn and Patrick Vaughn May 2008

There have been many things for which to thank God...God is working in our midst!!!! For Patrick (and for me) the Confirmation Class, or more specifically the Confirmands and Mentors have lifted his Spirit to praise the Lord. Each Confirmand wrote their Faith statement and each one brought new insight, excitement over the Youth's personal translation of the gospel and tears of joy. Each Mentor also shared the growth (and subsequent joy) they experienced by walking alongside and seeking understanding with their Confirmand. This too brought us both intense joy but also **affirmed the need for intergenerational pursuit of the Lord**. We as a church need to work diligently to provide space and time for intergenerational engagement of the Lord in Scripture, prayer, worship and service! Patrick facilitated the Confirmation Celebration where the Confirmands shared their Faith statements with the Session and Confirmation Sunday.

Together we have attended a Session and Staff Retreat, Presbytery, our monthly New Pastors meeting and most recently the Princeton Youth Forum. This forum was a great breath of fresh air for us. We took time to rest (much needed), we were taught by some of our favorite mentors in faith and ministry, we worshiped, we read and we also took time to do some assessing, dreaming and visioning over this ministry.

I took time to do lunch devotion at JFK. There is a great diversity of students who show up to this devotion and they seem to me to be thirsting for encouragement in faith while at school!!!! I love these times. I also continue to do College Life Group on Thursdays. We are planning a summer trip. I also meet monthly with the Youth Committee (see Kim's report).

We are proud of Molly Bagby and Amy Bundock for their leadership in Compassion weekend. Patrick participated in the Sports Program for at risk youth...I was also planning that but was kept home with a sickness (bummer).

At youth group we have been teaching from 1 Peter 4:7-11 on Godly Living. It has gone well with the help of Brien Bell and Rudy Buehler (advisors).

Our New Elders

May 25th was Ordination Sunday, and we have new elders and deacons! Our new elders are, from left to right, Left to right, they are Sue Hooper (Lay Ministry), Maria Rodriguez (Finance), Laurie Richardson (Outreach), Greg Rapier (Youth), Christine Mendoza (Children's Ministry).





Time & Talents Offering May, 2008 ~ Ministry Opportunities



Ministry Opportunity	Date(s) Needed	Approx. Time Commitment	Committee/Coordinator/Contact
Blood Drive People needed to donate blood that will help those in need	TODAY 5/25 Bloodmobile at Faith Church	30 minutes	Tammi Whitted
Link Hall Welcome Center Assistants 10 people needed to answer the telephone, greet visitors, minimal computer work, and help in the office as needed	Beginning 06/01/08	Mon – Fri 9:00am - 1:00pm or 1:00pm – 4:00pm (select various days as your schedule permits)	Joyce Hathaway 916-391-0249 Kristi Kampel 916-428-3439
Painting Project 5 – 10 people needed to move the furniture out and paint Room 2. All materials will be provided.	Saturday June 14 th 9:00am-12:00pm	3hrs	Bill Frye 916-391-6514 frye-family@comcast.net
4th of July Pocket Parade 5-6 people needed to create Faith's entry for the parade	To be determined	4 -5 hrs	<u>Outreach</u> Laurie Richardson 916-393-8106
Family Promise People needed throughout the week at the church, for multiple tasks: set up, interacting w/families, laundry, dinner team, overnight team, etc.	Sunday 6/15 – Sunday 6/22	Most tasks: 2 hrs Overnight team (two people each night) 10 hrs	<u>Mission</u> Sue Hooper 916-939-7633 Cynthia Crow 916-392-9141

PW Thanks Everyone!

Presbyterian Women wish to thank the congregation for their very generous support for the Mother's Day Mosquito Nets for Africa.

C.J. Keasey Thanks His Life Group

I would like to thank my Life Group for their generous prayers and blessings!

Calling All Baseball Fans!

It's that season of the year again, and Faith baseball fans are getting ready for their annual treks to the Rivercats. We have tickets on reserve for two games: Friday, June 27 with Tucson and Saturday, August 2 with Nashville. This year Friday nights are Family Fun Nights with \$1 hot dogs and ice cream. Saturday nights are fireworks nights. In an effort to keep the cost to a minimum and still provide options, we have two kinds of tickets on reserve: \$13 Delta box tickets and \$7 grass tickets. Sign-up sheets will be available for both games on June 1 so look for them in the narthex. You can also sign up by calling Barbara Tracy at 428-0311 or e-mailing her at bjtracy@comcast.net.

New Covenant Established Between Faith and Vision Church

This brand new Korean Church is less than one year old!

After several months of prayerful and careful discernment, the Session of Faith voted unanimously this month to enter into a covenant with a brand new congregation of Korean Presbyterians called Vision Church of Sacramento.

Earlier this year, Vision's pastor, Rev. Stephen Moon, was directed to Faith by the Presbytery of Sacramento. His new congregation was seeking to find an established congregation in the south area which could serve, in his words, as a "mother church" to his community of 20-30 people and the Presbytery thought that perhaps Faith could help. Not only did they need a place to meet and worship, but also were eager to find fellow brothers and sisters in Christ with whom they could share fellowship, mission and worship.

So, beginning on June 8th, Vision Church will begin worshipping here at Faith. At this point, they will just be using the sanctuary on Sunday afternoons for worship. They will also meet here early Saturday mornings for a time of prayer. Since their services are in Korean, some of their English-speaking members may be joining us for our 11:00 worship.

Down the road, our two communities will be working to find opportunities to worship together a couple times a year, pray for and with each other, come together for meals and fellowship, and even do outreach and mission together. With our support, it is the hope of Vision Church that they would one day become a chartered congregation in our Presbytery and in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

By the way, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church continues to meet each Sunday morning in Link Hall and we will continue to look for opportunities for our two communities (or maybe three communities now!) to connect with one another. Stay tuned!

Sign Up Now for the Faith Fall Retreat!

Sign ups started for this year's annual Fall Retreat on May 25 and will continue through June 8. We must make some decisions on space by June 12 so signing up now will guarantee you a spot!

...and you don't want to be left out because this year's retreat promises to be better than ever! A few Faith members have already heard our keynote speaker, Mark Yaconelli, and they are looking forward to hearing him again as he talks about how "God is Trying to Break Your Heart: An Invitation to Christian Freedom." For more on the retreat topic and Mark Yaconelli, refer to the accompanying article in this newsletter. The retreat also features special programs for youth, children, and infants. There is something for the entire family!

The cost for the weekend which includes 5 meals is \$140 for adults, \$70 for youth 10-17 years of age, \$35 for children 3-9 years of age, and free for children younger than 3. Large families get a break because any child after the second is free. A deposit (half the cost) must be paid by June 8 so we can guarantee you a spot. Finances should not be a reason for anyone to stay home. We have a scholarship fund, and all you have to do is talk with one of the pastors. Last year several people enjoyed the retreat thanks to this fund.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Barbara Tracy at 428-0311 or bjtracy@comcast.net. Registrations are being handled after both services through June 8 so plan on attending this event today!

Can We Get the Sound in the Sanctuary Fixed? What Happened to the New Organ? (And other questions like these...)

Anyone who has worshipped here at Faith for any time at all certainly is aware that the sound in our sanctuary worship space needs fixing. This has been, in fact, a problem for years. There are “dead spots” in the room. The sound echoes and makes it difficult for some people to hear. Often the music is too soft, or too loud, and is difficult to properly monitor. And the list goes on.

In response to this challenge, the Session at Faith has been working now for several months on a plan to upgrade the acoustics and instruments in our sanctuary. A Session-appointed task force has done a tremendous amount of research and study which culminated in a report presented to Session at their May meeting. The report includes proposals for new and improved sound systems, new audio visual systems (i.e. screens and projectors), acoustic treatment which will greatly enhance the sound quality, and upgrades in musical instruments.

In the next month or two, Session will be making important decisions on how to move forward with all this. After months of study and anticipate, we are excited to be so close to sharing with the congregation the specifics of these plans. Obviously, any improvements will require finances and so part of what Session needs to decide is how we are going to pay for the things we do. Session’s communications with the congregations will include these financial plans.

Along these lines, you may have noticed that the organ we had on loan has now been returned. We know many of you enjoyed having this instrument as a part of our worship these past weeks. It was necessary for us to have it here so that we could better evaluate our needs in this area. Session was grateful for the generosity of the company which allowed use of this organ free of charge. As anticipated, however, we have now returned to using the organ which currently belongs to Faith. We will continue to do so until such time as the Session can make final determinations on what specific upgrades are needed with that instrument and how such upgrades can be financed.

In the meantime, if you have questions about any part of this process, please feel free to contact any Session member. And, as always, we covet your prayers as we seek God’s leading in these and other important decisions which affect the life and mission of this great congregation.

Music Notes



Summer Sunday Hymn Sing

On May 18, Pastor Jim asked “What is your favorite song” and he noted that for some of you, it may be found in the hymnal.

On June 15, 2008, we will have the first of our three “Summer Sunday Hymn Sing” times in the service, where you will have the opportunity to sing your favorite hymns.

The other two Sundays are July 13 and August 10.

At the beginning of the service, the congregation will be invited to select the hymns that we will sing, so begin thinking, “What is my favorite?” and be ready to share your choice with all of us at our “Summer Sunday Hymn Sing.”

Mark Yaconelli, Faith's Retreat Speaker

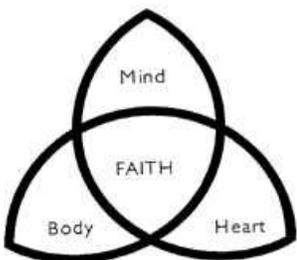
Mark Yaconelli holds an MA in Christian Spirituality from the Graduate Theological Union and received a Graduate Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction from San Francisco Theological Seminary. He has led and developed national retreats for pastors, youth pastors, and youth for over ten denominations as well as for organizations like the National Youth Worker's Convention and Zondervan's National Pastors Convention. Mark's research and ministry within the nationally recognized "Youth Ministry and Spirituality Project" has been ground-breaking in its exploration of spiritual direction, contemplation, and ancient spiritual practices as the basis of discipleship with young people.

Interviews and profiles of his work have appeared in the national media within the United States including the *Wall Street Journal*, *ABC World News Tonight*, *Knight Ridder News Service*, and *The Osgood Files for CBS Radio*. Feature articles on his work with teens have appeared in *The Christian Century*, *Group Magazine*, *Youth Work Magazine* and many other Christian publications.

Mark has contributed chapters to many books including *Way to Live* (2003 Upper Room) and is the author of *Contemplative Youth Ministry: Practicing the Presence of Jesus* (Youth Specialties 2006), *Growing Souls: Explorations in Contemplative Youth Ministry* (Youth Specialties 2007), *Downtime: Teaching Prayer* (January 2009) and is currently working on *God is Trying to Break Your Heart* (Fall, 2009).

About the Topic: "God is Trying to Break Your Heart: An Invitation to Christian Freedom"

The spiritual struggle in Western society is not found in the image of the battered soul clinging to God as a shipwrecked voyager. The spiritual life of Westerners isn't named within Psalm 23—the lonely exile seeking comfort within a valley of death and famine. The spiritual struggle for those of us in the West is to keep from becoming anesthetized. Our struggle is a struggle against the loss of wonder, empathy, and passion. In an age of Novocain and lost feeling, Jesus comes to us as a kind of disturbance: a wooing lover, a disorienting grief, an invitation to freedom. Jesus longs to draw us out from the walls of self-protection that keep us insulated from real joy, real relationship, and real passion. Through story, discussion, and spiritual exercises we'll seek to encounter the God who calls us to become fully alive.



WALK OUT ON YOUR FAVORITE EXERCISE!

There's a lot to be said for being faithful to one thing. But not when it comes to exercise. So don't just walk. Hop, skip, jump, and gallop, if you can. Doing more than four different activities a week protects your brain as well as your body.

YOUR BRAIN ON EXERCISE

And the rewards will be sweet, not just sweaty. In a study of more than 3,000 people 65 and older, those who engaged in four or more physical activities a week were less likely to develop dementia than those who did one or none (assuming they hadn't inherited a gene linked to Alzheimer's Disease). Being active defends your brain in half a dozen ways--from keeping your neurons sharp to releasing mind-enhancing hormones.

A WALK...and THEN SOME: Already walking 30 minutes a day? Good for you. Now dust off the stationary bike, and push the lawn mower around the yard. Any type of physical activity counts---from line dancing to training your dog.

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