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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



**Congratulations! You are the proud holder of the first Faith Church News letter. My thanks to the editor, reporters, & all who have contributed to make this new Ministry possible. Our hope is that it will be a point of information and a source of encouragement for all**

**that receive it.**

**In a time of political change, economic depression, and social unrest; The truth of GODS WORD is needed more than ever.**

**God says: 1. He will never leave us or forsake us: Heb. 13:5**

**2. And my God shall supply all my needs according to His riches....Philippians 4:19.**

**3. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13**

**God loves you, don't forget it!!!**

**Till He Comes,  
Pastor Dan**

## CHRISTIAN DUTIES:

Does anyone reading this really think we need a commentary on what our Christian duties are? Aren't we all mature enough in our Christian walk that we should even be discussing this? And just read all the contributions in this newsletter! No need to explain duties there----We all know that Christian obligations are as wide reaching and as varied as there are people, but something was overheard recently that prompted this column. The comment, made from a couple having serious personal and health issues was: "you know; only two people (from FFW members) have bothered to call and see how we are." Ok! A phone call. How simple a duty is that? Before I proceed further, let it be said, I never call, Too busy, too lazy, too self conscious, too scared they might really ask me to help and the list goes on. A phone call, we might not know the problem, nor want to, and they might not want to talk about it, but how simple, how loving is a 20 second call to say "I am praying for you?" How do we know if someone needs our support? Take a look at those going forward for prayer at the alter.



Personally, I think it takes great courage to go up there! I won't (well actually went once) and if I do it would be kicking and screaming the whole way, leaving claw marks on the tile. These people who make that long walk are there for a reason so politely notice who is there and call them later, tell them you are praying for them.....(to be continued)

**Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Eccl. 12: 13**

**The second great commandment is like unto the first in that "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Mark 12:31.**

## **YOUTH STUFF:**

**By Lori Hogue**

**25 will be attending Acquire the Fire March 26 and 27th!** What is Acquire the Fire you ask? It is a Two Day, Christ Centered, Message Driven, Music filled, crazy fun time for everyone involved! We always have a great time and have had several of our teens recommit their lives to Christ and several that have given their life to Christ for the first time! It is truly a wonderful event and one they always want to attend! You can feel God's presence the minute you walk in the doors. Keep the group in prayer as we travel to Tulsa for this awesome event

Here are some of the things they will learn over the two day event:

### **Relevant Message:**

- About Christ's life, love, and interaction with his disciples.
- About Christ's sacrifice and what it demands of their lives.
- How to maintain pure relationships (split gender specific session)
- How to make God's word a lifeline for their own life
- How to live their faith with conviction and love
- What it really means to honor their parents

### **ROUND EM UP and HEAD EM OUT**



**Drama:** There will be different drama moments throughout the weekend that give a modern day portrayal of Christ which illustrates His passion for people. Students will realize the cost Jesus paid to bring them into His Kingdom.

**Worship:** Throughout the weekend there will be unforgettable moments of worship which will move every young person's heart to have a deeper passion for Jesus.

**Gathering:** Your teens will see thousands of their peers come together and realize that they are not the only ones taking a stand for their faith

**Bands:** They will experience the top Christian artists playing throughout the weekend. The kids really love the music! [Lori Hogue](#)

### **Drew's Story (As reported by Tery Neish, from Botswana Africa) Dec. 23-2008**

Drew Campbell a man with heart. Drew Campbell understands more than most the importance of not just caring but doing. Drew Campbell doesn't have a job. Drew actually has no form of income. Yet when he hears that I am going to Africa he has a garage sale to raise money for me to take to Africa to help orphans. Drew raises \$97 mostly in one dollar bills. Drew is 7 years old and wants to help kids in Africa. So there I sat in Africa with the most valuable \$97 in my hands. I start asking questions through out the PSI office about orphanages. I get no where. Actually I am surprised at the lack knowledge and understanding. Several weeks go by; I fire many more shots in the dark. Then one day in a meeting with my PSI Boss I mention half heartedly my attempt to find an orphanage. Pay dirt!!! It turns out this man is the Godfather of Social Welfare in Botswana. Ben has spent countless hours volunteering for projects that focus on orphan welfare. Ben has done it all from Christmas parties to building a house for a woman who has taken in a dozen orphans. When I tell Ben Drew's story he springs into action and organizes a Christmas party for 68 orphans. I match Drew's contribution and the party is on...and on...and on. Money is left over---for another party! Ben organizes another Christmas party for 35 additional orphans. One 9 year sells his toys and over one hundred orphans have a Christmas party. No act of kindness is too small to make a difference. No reason is too big to not help others. So I ask myself, "What could I do if I gave up some of my toys to help someone?"

**FAITH IN THE KITCHEN:**

**By Cindy Cox**



God gives us all a talent & I am so blessed to have the talent of cooking. God has blessed me so much by opening the kitchen door at Faith Freewill Baptist Church. Sense I have been in the kitchen there have been a few changes. Some of the changes are as follows; we no longer have to use paper plate or fake silverware, there may be a lot more dish washing but in the long run there will be many dollars saved to be spent elsewhere. As you have noticed we no longer serve from the kitchen window. Our church has grown so much that we felt it would be better to serve in the eating area so the line can move faster & smoother. This has defiantly helped clear out the doorway so more people can come in.

We have a hot dog cooker donated by Mr. & Mrs. Pratt. This will come in real handy when we have children or youth nights. We now have 2 new ceiling fans put in to help with the hot days in the kitchen thanks to Bro. Rex. We have hot serving trays to help keep food hot for dinners. This is such a big thing to me since cold food should be cold & hot food hot. We have been adding to our cooking utensils too, we have 4 roasters which come in real handy for Thanksgiving, we have a real nice food processor donated by one of the lady's in the church. To most people these things are just things but to a cook these things are Heaven sent gifts. Some of the goals for the kitchen is to have a 4 well steam table. This will in the long run be a money saver too, and to get a wagon. This will help when things need to be carried in from cars. But these are things that I know will come in time and I am so grateful for what is all ready in the kitchen. There is never a shortage of help when it comes time to clean up & believe me the help is a blessing. So many other church's never have help but our church is one big family & everyone pitches in. God bless each of you .

I guess if there were a wish list the number one thing I would put on it would be to have our gym back so that when we do funeral or weddings or any other meal we could set it up earlier & not have to rush. but again God will provide that in His time and until then I will just do with what we have & be blessed that we have what we do.

Some up coming event that will be going on in the Faith Kitchen will be our Easter Sunrise breakfast on April 12, Our 4th of July cook out celebration, and of course our Thanksgiving dinner. I am sure there will be other dinners too and we will keep you informed. **Cindy--**

**PS.** God does indeed work in mysterious ways! Cindy had asked for a wagon to help bring food into the kitchen; guess what, she is now the proud owner of a shopping cart provided by one of the local stores.

**"Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, amd bring it to me to eat..."**  
**Genesis 27: 4**

**K. P. DUTY:**

**BANANA NUT BREAD:**

from kitchen of: **Virginia Sprague**

Makes 5; S.Loaf pans

- 1 1/2 C. Sugar
- 1/2 C. Oleo
- 1/2 C. Oil
- 2 Eggs
- 3 - 4 Large Bananas
- 1 Tsp. Vanilla
- Mix Well and Add
- 2 C Flour
- 1 Tsp Soda
- 1/2 Tsp Salt
- 1 Tsp Cinnamon
- 1/2 Tsp Allspice
- 1 C Nuts

Bake at 350 deg. for 30 to 45 min. (toothpick test)



**CHEESE GARLIC BISQUITS:**

from kitchen of: **Cindy Cox**

- 2 C Bisquick
- 2/3 C. milk
- 1/2 C. grated cheddar cheese
- 1/2 C melted butter, garlic powder, parsley flakes,
- 1 pk of Italian season.

Mix Bisquick, milk and cheddar until a soft ball forms. Beat vigorously for 30 seconds. Drop by balls onto an ungreased baking sheet and bake at 450 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes. Mix butter,garlic, parsley flakes & Italian season keep this mixture hot and brush on rolls while still on the pan and hot.

**Cindy's Tip for the day :**

**When you go to the store to get the things you need for a recipe make sure to take the recipe with you it will keep you from making a trip back to the store to get things you forgot.**

**AS REPORTED FROM THE GRAPEVINE:**

**Recently seen in the Tri-County-Tech parking lot:** a gang of motorcycles and our own Susan Ford was one of them!

This quiet woman from Gene Brooks Bible study and the lady in the east section of pews is becoming a "biker babe!" Look out Martin! Next comes the tatoos! Actually, Susan is getting her motorcycle license endorsement from a class at Tri-Co. and will be "street legal" when finished. That means, after the cops stop her for popping wheelies on Frank Phillips Blvd. she will have the right license to show them. FFW has a large gang, er group of bikers and it's fun to see the diverse assortment of riders. We say "good for you Susan!" God bless you and all the other riders with miles and miles of fun and safety.

**Question: "What is a Christian?"**

**Answer:** Webster's Dictionary defines a Christian as "a person professing belief in Jesus as the Christ or in the religion based on the teaching of Jesus."

While this is a good starting point in understanding what a Christian is, like many secular definitions, it falls somewhat short of really communicating the biblical truth of what it means to be a Christian

The word Christian is used three times in New Testament ([Acts 11:26](#); [Acts 26:28](#); [1 Peter 4:16](#)). Followers of Jesus Christ were first called "Christians" in Antioch ([Acts 11:26](#)) because their behavior, activity, and speech were like Christ. It was originally used by the unsaved people of Antioch as a kind of contemptuous nickname used to make fun of the Christians. It literally means, "belonging to the party of Christ" or an "adherent or follower of Christ," which is very similar to the way Webster's Dictionary defines it.

Unfortunately over time, the word "Christian" has lost a great deal of its significance and is often used of someone who is religious or has high moral values instead of a true born again follower of Jesus Christ. Many people who don't believe and trust in Jesus Christ consider themselves Christians simply because they go to church or they live in a "Christian" nation. But going to church, serving those less fortunate than you, or being a good person does not make you a Christian. As one evangelist once said, "Going to church doesn't make one a Christian anymore than going to a garage makes one an automobile." Being a member of a church, attending services regularly, and giving to the work of the church cannot make you a Christian.

[Titus 3:5](#) tells us that "he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy

**STUFF: (TO BUY, TO SELL, TO DONATE)**  
**ATTENTION SHOPPERS!!**

**March 28th. from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

***Benefit garage sale;*** for Steve and Melissa Campbell. Due to insurance changes and bureaucracy (our government is the best in the world until you have to deal with it) Steve and Milissa are wanting to have a sale to help ease things up until Steve can get back to work. As most of you know, Steve was seriously injured in an auto accident and won't return to work for another 6 weeks.

The sale will take place at 4971 Princeton in Bartlesville, which will make it a central location and easy to get to. You know the drill: go through all the stuff you bought at your last garage sale and then drop it by or call and we sll be glad to pick it up!! This is a great opportunity to unload some things you have "been meaning to get rid of" or load up on stuff you could "really use." I already know there is going to be a glass topped table for sale so come by and check us out. Please call Melissa at 918-214-2468, Gretchen Sharpton 918-335-2198 & 918-440-0432. oe Lori Hogue 918-327-9850 for our NO HASSLE pick up service. Milissa, Lori and Tery Neish have been instrumental in establishing and supporting our youth group. Lets show that wonderful FAITH FREE WILL love we have seen demonstrated by helping donate sale items and know that your donations go for a deserving Christian family!! Driving instructions to find the house; go north on Madison past the Middle School to the top of the hill. Turn left onto Princeton and it is the 7th house on the left side of the street..



**NO JOB SHORTAGE HERE**

**THE CHILDRENS CORNER:**

**By Louise Fox**

**Living The Golden Rule**

A mother overheard a group of little girls excitedly concocting a scheme of revenge against another little girl, who apparently had done something "very mean". The mother was surprised to find her own child among the chief conspirators. "My dear," she said, to her little girl. It seems your going to do to this little girl what you don't want her to do to you! I don't think this is the golden rule. "Well mama" said the child. The golden Rule is all right for Sunday, but for everyday I'd rather have "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth"

A lot of people including Christians, live by that thought. What happens in Church , stays in Church! Our duty as leaders and teachers, is to guide our children to live the Golden Rule Everyday!

Our world, when we were children, pale in comparison to what our children face today. From the moment they wake up until the time they turn off their I-pods at night they are bombarded with messages from a culture that tells them that material things and self gratification brings happiness. To many The Golden Rule, just doesn't apply anymore.

As the body of Christ it is our duty to teach our children that life is a series of choices and when they choose to stop and listen they will hear the voice of GOD. God will always guide us toward the RIGHT CHOICES.

The Golden Rule still applies more than ever in our lives. What a wonderful world this would be, if everyone lived by THE GOLDEN RULE!!!!

Some up coming events:

March 8th Daylight savings time begins. we will also start collecting Easter Candy, to fill Easter eggs. We DO NOT need eggs, just candy.

**We still need a teacher for Pre K & Kindergarten class, for Sunday School 6 month rotationh**

**Happy Birthday`s for March --**

<b>Taylor Bregstrom</b>	<b>March 4th</b>
<b>Nikki Conner</b>	<b>March 3rd</b>
<b>Bradley Billings</b>	<b>March 3rd</b>

**Thought for the month:**

**Let us be the first to give a friendly sign, to nod first, smile first, speak first, and if such a thing is necessary-forgiving first.**

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**The Holy Quran**

**Translated by Abdullah Yusuf Ali**

**Sura 4. Chapter WOMEN**

**4:141 O People of the Book! (Christians), Commit no excesses in your religion: Nor say of God aught but the truth. Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) an apostle of God, Say not "Trinity" desist: it will be better for you: for God is one God: Glory be to Him: (far exalted is He) above having a son. To Him belong all things in the heavens and on earth.**

The above excerpt is taken from the Quran, the bible of over 1.5 Billion Muslims, or followers of Mohammad. This is but one verse of among many in conflict with the teachings of our Holy Bible.

ADDRESS HERE.....

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This was written by an 83-year-old woman to her friend.

***\*The last line says it all. \****

Dear Bertha,

I'm reading more and dusting less. I'm sitting in the yard and admiring the view without fussing about the weeds in the garden. I'm spending more time with my family and friends and less time working.

Whenever possible, life should be a pattern of experiences to savor, not to endure. I'm trying to recognize these moments now and cherish them.

I'm not "saving" anything; we use our good china and crystal for every special event such as losing a pound, getting the sink unstopped, or the first Amaryllis blossom.

I wear my good blazer to the market. My theory is if I look prosperous, I can shell out \$28.49 for one small bag of groceries. I'm not saving my good perfume for special parties, but wearing it for clerks in the hardware store and tellers at the bank.

"Someday" and "one of these days" are losing their grip on my vocabulary. If it's worth seeing or hearing or doing, I want to see and hear and do it now

I'm not sure what others would've done had they known they wouldn't be here for the tomorrow that we all take for granted. I think they would have called family members and a few close friends. They might have called a few former friends to apologize and mend fences for past squabbles. I like to think they would have gone out for a Chinese dinner or for whatever their favorite food was.

I'm guessing; I'll never know.

It's those little things left undone that would make me angry if I knew my hours were limited. Angry because I hadn't written certain letters that I intended to write one of these days. Angry and sorry that I didn't tell my husband and parents often enough how much I truly love them. I'm trying very hard not to put off, hold back, or save anything that would add laughter and luster to our lives. And every morning when I open my eyes, tell myself that it is special.

**Every day, every minute, every breath truly is a gift from God**