

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Ladies Bible Study
Tuesdays 10:00 AM—11:00 AM
at Faith Fellowship
Led by Pastor Becky



Wednesdays
Choir Practice at 5:15 p.m.
Galatians Bible Study at
6:00 p.m.

Sundays
Children's Lunch & Lesson
at 12:15 p.m.—1:15 p.m.

Small Catechism Class
at 12:15 p.m.—1:15 p.m.

We helped
9 families in
June

Sanctuary Repair Capital Campaign ~ Goal
is \$10,000.00 we want to reach our goal by
end of this year! **\$5,000.00** has been
collected so far.

Looking Ahead:

July 3rd—Begins a Sermon Series on the
Freedom of a Christian.

July 4th—Happy 4th, office is closed

July 12—Phoebe Ministry Meeting &
Lunch 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor out of town for Ministry Board
Meeting, July 11-14th.

Angie is out of office on vacation,
Thursday, July 14th & Monday,
July 18th.

July 17—Laura Preaches; Special
Congregational Meeting after Worship
(To discuss the sale of the W. Campus)

July 18-23—Laura out of town for a
wedding.

July 19—Board Meeting at 6:00 pm.

July 21—Bee Loved Support Group
7:00 pm.

Aug. 6—Fellowship with Mike Bradley.

Pastor Mike Bradley to Visit in August

The Service Coordinator for LCMC (if we had a
pope, he would be it), Mike Bradly will be at
Faith Fellowship August 6-7th. Last time we had
a visitor from the association we played a game
of trivia about Augustana District and LCMC.
This time we're going to play trivia from the
Small Catechism over the 10
Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's
Prayer, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. It
worked well the first time, so let's repeat the pro-
cess. Plan to bring a door prize or two (like from
the grocery or Dollar Store) and we'll play trivia.
The losing side will be asked sit close to the front
during worship the following day.



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Becky's Billet Doux

*For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not
use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but
through love become slaves to one another.*

Galatians 5:13

CHRISTIAN FREEDOM

Steve Paulson in *Luther for Armchair Theologians*, says, "...
Scripture's freedom has never
been an isolated, individualistic,
lonely, and ultimately death-
dealing notion like the ones that
capture our imaginations today.
True freedom is being captivated
by
Christ's promise of forgiveness
of sins." Johann Hamann
describes the "the motif of
freedom... By being set free
from sin the human is again
restored... to the freedom and
responsibility granted with the
creation." These views align
with Luther's, "A Christian is a
lord of all, completely free of
everything. A Christian is a
servant of all, completely
attentive to the needs of all."

Christianity, as lived in this
freedom, is not subject to rules
and morality, but celebrated in

salvation and freedom in the
Lord. Gerhard Forde declares, in
Where God Meets Man, that the
purpose of the church is to
"preserve and protect the
message of freedom, to help keep
the possibility of faith and hope
alive." The church's purpose,
then, is not to prescribe behaviors
or thoughts required for
salvation. The Gospel does not
point to man and what man must
or must not do, but to what Jesus
has already done. In the once-
and-for-all sacrifice of Jesus
Christ not only is a believer's
identity made known, but
freedom is realized. Forde
illustrates this freedom in the
following way. Consider a king
who imposes strict laws on his
subjects. The penalty for
violating any law is death.
Should this king give a "charter
of freedom" to a person, the
charter would resemble a law,

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Church Events

- **July 3—Starting Freedom Sermon Series**
- **July 4—Office Closed**
- **July 11—14—Pastor out of town at Ministry Board Meeting.**
- **July 12—Phoebe's Meeting & Lunch**
- **July 14 & 18th—Angie out on Vacation**
- **July 18—23—Laura on vacation to Wedding**
- **July 19—Board Meeting at 6:00pm**
- **July 28—National Intern Day**

Weekly Activities:

Tuesdays: Ladies Bible Study **10:00 a.m.**

Wednesdays: **5:15 p.m.** Choir Rehearsal ;
6:00 p.m. Galatians Bible Study

Sundays: Sunday School at **10:00 a.m.**
and Worship Service at **11:00 a.m.**
Children's Lunch & Lesson at **12:15 p.m.**
Small Catechism Class at
12:15 p.m.

but, in actuality, be the exact opposite. “It is the gift of freedom.” As Paulson says, “Faith means you are not just somewhat free but *perfectly* free.” Being free does not entail being freed from *some* things but freed from everything and everyone. The sinner is now free to live a new life in this world, free to be helpful to the neighbor. This service is not merit-worthy or obligatory but, it is simply God working through people for the benefit of other people.

Freedom is granted by God alone. Freedom is the privilege to live in the world as creature, not abusing creation, nor fearing creation but enjoying life as creature *within* creation. This freedom is offered through the Word, the promise of God.

Pastor Becky

Time to Gather, Celebrate, and Pray

Each summer hundreds of members from Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ come together from across Texas for what we call our Annual Gathering. In a few short weeks on July 29-30, we will once again gather in Victoria to celebrate and pray for our mission, and you are invited to join us! Our theme this year is PRAY EARNESTLY based on Matthew 9:38: “Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Our objective is always to equip and encourage one another in mission for Christ. This year we are focusing on how to faithfully respond to our Lord’s invitation in our theme verse by praying with a missional mindset, discipling and equipping leaders, and working in the harvest.

To learn more and register, visit the Annual Gathering event page at www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering.



Bee Loved had their second meeting at Faith Fellowship on Thursday June 16. We are excited to have the cancer support group join our community as they continue to meet on the third Thursday of every month.

Looking Forward

In early August we will be launching a new Home Bible Study program. We would like everyone to prayerfully consider gathering a group of friends, family, and neighbors to participate in this program. Your group can meet in your home, a local coffee shop, a park or wherever you wish to gather. The group leaders will meet each week with Pastor Becky to go over the upcoming study (beginning with the book of Galatians) and prepare to lead their individual groups.

October 2-5 (Sunday evening through Wednesday morning) is the LCMC national gathering in Minnesota. That may seem far away but thanks to the powers of the Internet you can enjoy the gathering content right here at Faith Fellowship. This year the theme of the gathering is “Discipleship” and there will be a variety of keynote speakers and breakout discussions on the topic. You may even see some familiar faces on the screen. Please consider gathering at the church for this time of fellowship and learning.

Phoebe

Romans 16:1

Bright Cheery Gracious

Radiant Old Young

Married Single Grandmother



Like all the women at Faith Fellowship doing things God has called us to do, Phoebe was a servant of God in his church. The “Phoebe Group” is a new woman’s group that will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am (after Bible Study) for food, fellowship, and service. We’ll choose projects that we can work on together. Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, July 12th at 11:30 am.

Prayer Requests

Ard, Farrell (treatments, healing)
Baker family in loss of Rusty
Bennington, Diane & family (Sherry Shearer’s sister)
Bowman, Michael
Brown, Perry & Bonnie (severe health issues, healing)
Brown, Donna (healing)
Burditt, Larry (Angie Gullett’s brother-in-law, Parkinson’s is worse)
Byerly, Evelyn (healing)
Carr, Billie (Betty Lively’s sister, healing)
Collerd, Tyler
Cox, Wanda (Angie’s sis-in-law, health)
Dudley, Phyllis (health)
Duff, Norma
Eilers, Melvin (healing)
Ervin, Gerald (health)
Estrada, Mary & Bobby
Fowler, Ginnie
Fowler, Jerry
Fuentes, Isaac (RayRay, Lisa’s son) (healing)
Garcia, Jasmine, Gabby & Jordyn (well-being)
Gonzales, Lisa (health)
Graves, Steve (rec. from surgery)
Gullett, Angie (right eye injections, handling of Dad’s house & estate, financial)

Hand family (loss of Robert’s mom, Mary Lou)
Pr. Kaskela, Jerry (healing)
Kurek, Darrell (recovery from surgery)
McCarter, Sarah (healing)
McGee, Helen (healing)
Miller family (loss of Charlene)
Mullins, Ellie (6 yr old, transp. kidney; praise-hit 1 yr mark with Kidney)
Nance, Bodhi (Watson’s grandson)
Nunnelee, Charlie (broken leg)
Otwell, Joyce (health)
Scott family in the loss of Abe
Silhan, Charlie
Simendinger, Bonnie (cancer)
Southard, John (CHF)
Strickland, Gary (salvation)
Taylor, Brenda (Pregnancy & baby)
Vencil, Daniel (Naylan’s grandson)
Vencil, Naylan (health)
Wadley, Linda family (loss of son to suicide and she passed away in sleep one week after son died)
Weaver, Sharlene (health)
West, Kim (healing)
White, Richard (Bill & Betty’s nephew, cancer)
Willis, Carter Wayne (infant, needs healing)
Winkler, Tammy (grief & healing for her cancer)

Prayer of the Month

Holy Lord, as you remind us of the freedoms we celebrate in this country, we remember before you those who suffer at the hands of others, especially those who are persecuted for their faith in you. Grant strength to your children, faith in your promise and presence, and inheritance of eternal life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

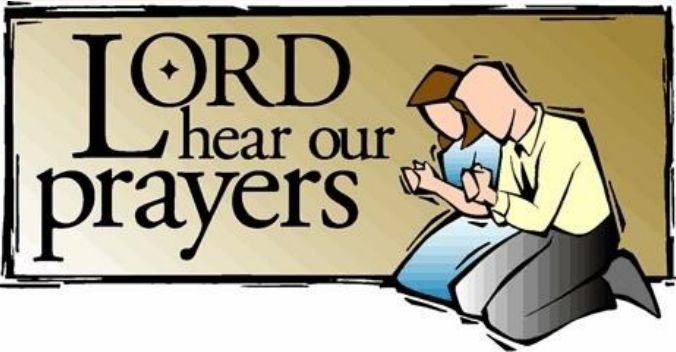
Sympathy—To Charles Miller and family in loss of Charlene; To Robert & Becky Hand in the loss of Robert’s mom, Mary Lou.

Prayers for: our Nation, Government, Ukraine, Shootings in Uvalde, Buffalo.

Homebound—Larry Minor, Phyllis Dudley, Helen McGee, Charles Miller, Barbara Ridge, Dan Womochel, Jo Hafer

Nursing Homes **Parks**: Grover Charsha Rm. 406, Billie Carr (Betty Lively’s sister) Rm. 616, Norma Duff, **Brookdale**: Naylan Vencil Rm. 201 **Sienna**: Ronda Scott (Angie’s cousin) Rm. 303; **Manor Park, Midland**: Freddie Wheeler–Cowden Cottage Rm. 11A.

Merry Gay Mesker (Granbury); Rosemary Browning; Charles & Shirley Garrett (Asst. Living) (Dallas); M’Liss Schneider (Legend Oaks, New Braunfels)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Freedom in Christ Sermon Series begins 10:00 am —Bible Study 11:00 am —Worship 12:15 pm — L & L, & Small Catechism Class.	4 Office Closed	5 10:00 am —Ladies Bible Study	6 5:15 pm —Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm —Galatians Bible Study	7 WORLD CHOCOLATE DAY	8	9 Laura Webb's Birthday
10 10:00 am —Bible Study 11:00 am —Worship Service 12:15 pm —Children's L & L (Lunch & Lesson); Small Catechism Class.	11 Pastor at Ministry Board Meeting in MN	12 10:00 am —Ladies Bible Study 11:30 am —Phoebe Ministry Meeting & Lunch	13 5:15 pm —Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm —Galatians Bible Study	14 Angie on vacation	15	16
17 10:00 am —Bible Study 11:00 am —Worship Service 12:15 pm —Children's L & L (Lunch & Lesson); Small Catechism Class. National Donut Day	18 Angie on vacation	19 10:00 am —Ladies Bible Study 6:00 pm —Board Meeting	20 5:15 pm —Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm —Galatians Bible Study	21 7:00 pm —Bee Loved Group	22	23
24 Parents Day 10:00 am —Bible Study 11:00 am —Worship Service 12:15 pm —Children's L & L (Lunch & Lesson); Small Catechism Class.	25 St. James History Day	26 10:00 am —Ladies Bible Study	27 5:15 pm —Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm —Galatians Bible Study	28 National Intern Day	29	30
31 10:00 am —Bible Study 11:00 am —Worship Service 12:15 pm —Children's L & L (Lunch & Lesson); Small Catechism Class.						

Birthdays

John Shoemaker 7/02

Steve Ross 7/08

Laura Webb 7/09

Billy Tripp 7/15

Billy Petty 7/21

Brian Fawcett 7/22

Judy Jordan 7/22

John Rabenaldt 7/26

Isaac Fuentes 7/28
(Lisa Gonzales' son)

Bobby Watson 7/30

Anniversaries

Charles & Shirley
Garrett 7/01

Don & Judy Jordan

7/24