







August 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10:00 am—Ladies Bible Study	3 5:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm—Galatians Bible Study	4  Church Board & Bee Loved Board Training Meeting	5	6 9:00 am—noon Safe Place Seminar 6:00 pm—Fellowship Dinner with Mike Bradley
7 10:00 am—Children & Adult Bible Study 11:00 am—Worship Service 12:15 pm—Small Catechism Class.	8	9 National Book Lovers Day 10:00 am—Ladies Bible Study 11:30 am—Phoebe Ministry Meeting & Lunch	10 1st Day of School Pre-K-6 & 9 5:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal	11 	12  1st Day of School 7-8 & 10-12	13 National Left-Hander's Day National Garage Sale Day
14 10:00 am—Children & Adult Bible Study 11:00 am—Worship Service 12:15 pm—Small Catechism Class.	15	16 10:00 am—Ladies Bible Study 6:00 pm—Board Meeting	17 5:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal	18 National Couples Day 7:00 pm Bee Loved Support Meeting	19 	20
21 10:00 am—Children & Adult Bible Study 11:00 am—Worship Service 12:15 pm—Small Catechism Class.	22 Pastor goes back to school 6-9:00 pm	23 10:00 am—Ladies Bible Study	24 5:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal	25 National Park Service Founders Day	26  Women's Equality Day	27
28 10:00 am—Children and Adult Bible Study 11:00 am—Worship Service 12:15 pm—Small Catechism Class.	29	30  10:00 am—Ladies Bible Study	31 5:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal			



Birthdays

Sherry Shearer
8/13

Ricci Bickle
8/16

George Hennig
8/27

Tracy Dunford
8/28

Tucker Tripp
8/30

Anniversaries

None on record

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

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



Sundays
Children's Sunday School at 10:00 p.m.
Small Catechism Class
at 12:15 p.m.—1:15 p.m.

We helped
8 families in
July

Wednesdays
Choir Practice at 5:15 p.m.



Update on the Phoebe Fellowship
July 12: Official name is: **"Phoebe's"**
Romans 16:1 and our motto is:
Ladies in Service to our Church
and our Community. Current
outreach is Jimmie B and we are
making frozen dinners that will serve
3 for her and her family for her
recovery from surgery July 18 and her
radiation treatments. **Next meeting** is
the second Tuesday of the month, on
August 9th at 11:30 am. Lasagna
will be served.

Looking Forward

Sept. 11 This Week begins our HOME
Bible Study in Galatians. Round up a
group and lead a study in your home.

Sept 24 10:00 Hats and Pearls at St.
James 2212 E. 11th. All women invited.

Sept 25th FF is hosting a tea for Bee
Loved, Cancer Patients and Cancer
center employees. Ask Pat how you
can help!

Sanctuary Repair Capital Campaign ~
Goal is \$10,000.00 we want to reach our
goal by end of this year! **\$6,610.00** has
been collected so far.



Thank you to
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providing us with
Altar Flowers for
Sundays.

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Blvd
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to sell, someone you need to hire
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looking for recommendations,
etc. please fill out a form, or
email Angie at
office@faithfellowshipodessa.org
and we can put it in our next
Newsletter.

Avon Yard Sale
Friday & Saturday, Aug. 5 & 6
8am-Noon
403 E. 43rd St. (corner of 43rd &
McKnight)
For more info, contact Ginnie Fowler

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Faith Matters

Mark Your Calendar

8.4
FF Board & Bee Love Board Training
Meeting at **6:30pm**

8.6
Safe Place Seminar **9:00am—Noon;**
Dinner Fellowship LCMC Update,
small catechism Trivia at **6:00pm**

8.9
Phoebes Ministry Meeting & Lunch at
11:30am.

8.10
1st Day of School Pre-K-6 & 9

8.12
1st Day of School 7-8 & 10-12

8.16
Board Meeting at **6:00pm**

8.18
Bee Loved Support Group **7:00pm**

Weekly Activities:
Tuesdays: Ladies Bible Study **10:00 a.m.**
Wednesdays: **5:15 p.m.** Choir Rehearsal
Sundays: Children & Adult Sunday School
at **10:00 a.m.** and Worship Service at
11:00 a.m.; Small Catechism Class
at **12:15 p.m.**

Martin Luther's "On The Freedom of a Christian"

In November of 1520 Martin Luther wrote an
essay titled "On the Freedom of a Christian." This
essay outlined several revolutionary ideas concerning
Luther's view of the Christian faith with a particular
focus on the relationship between faith and works. The
following is a brief summary of Luther's essay.

Christians are both perfectly free, subject to
none, and perfectly bound servants of all. This
statement may seem contradictory, but the two ideas fit
together well when we consider love. We are freed
from the law but bound to serve our neighbor out of
love.

We, as humans, in our mortal world perform
works daily. Scripture, regarding works, is divided into
two parts. The first is God's commands (also known as
God's law), and the second is God's promises. God's
commandments tell us what actions we should do but
they do not give us the power to do them, and
consequently, cause despair because we can not meet
God's expectations. This point of despair is where God
introduces the promise of faith. The promise found in
the Gospel of Christ is the only thing necessary for
Christian freedom and righteousness. This promise of
Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection is the word
of God. In order to be saved by faith alone, however,
we cannot trust in ourselves, the law, or this world in

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any way. Righteousness comes from trusting God alone, and His word which creates faith in our hearts.

Works cannot glorify God, but if faith is present in the works they can be done in the name of the glory of God. If a Christian thinks that they can become righteous by any good work they lose their faith because in relying on the good work they neglect the fact that Christ has already made them righteous.

There are two parts of humans, the inner self and the outer self. The inner self is where faith lives. This faith can be strong if it is true, and does not allow the falsehoods of law or justification by works to harm it. Works have a place in the life of the outer self because of our interactions with this mortal world. Works are used as a tool to keep the mortal body in check because the body wishes to serve the world. In themselves works are not evil, it is only when one believes that they can be justified through the performance of works that the actions become harmful to the inner self. Good works do not make a person good, but a good person can do good works. The only works that are just in God's eyes are those that are done on behalf of one's neighbor without asking anything in return, or those that are done to keep the earthly body under control. Any works besides these are contrary to faith, and are harmful to a person's faith and salvation.

As Christians we have received the promise of salvation by the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Our salvation is not something we need to earn. It is a free gift from Christ and as Paul says in Galatians 5:1 "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm then and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." We have received freedom in Christ, and are no longer bound to service by the law. The law Justifies no one. It is faith in Christ's gospel promise, granted by the Holy Spirit, that makes us righteous before God.

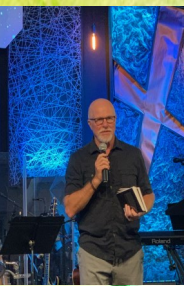
Laura Webb

Update To Directory

Naylan Vencil just has the home phone, not a cell phone, so please mark through that number; Bobby & Marlene Watson have a new address, 4100 E. 50th St. #415 (79762), please change it in your directory.



Bee Loved has their next meeting at Faith Fellowship on Thursday July 18 at 7:00 pm. We are excited to have the cancer support group join our community as they continue to meet on the third Thursday of every month.



Free Safe Place Seminar
Saturday, August 6,
9:00am—12:00pm
Faith Fellowship Lutheran
Church 1603 N. Grandview Ave.
Odessa, TX 79761

Mike Bradley, Service Coordinator from the LCMC and author of the book "Being a Safe Place for the Dangerous Kind". Being a safe place is about learning from the life of Jesus in Scripture how we can relate to people most effectively so they will have the opportunity to be impacted by the love and power of God. In this seminar, we will reflect on how we can experience the work of God in our lives that enables us to live more fully out of the new identity and life in Christ that He has already given us (2 Cor 5:17). And we will reflect on how we can develop an atmosphere in which we can build authentic relationships, struggle without judgment, ask real questions, and get to know Jesus.

Join us later at 6:00 pm for a Fellowship Dinner with Mike Bradley. 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 process. 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. Our meal will be "Authentic" Tex.-Mex Cuisine !!!!! Come share the meal!!! Want to help?? Contact Pat Barrow

Prayer Requests

Ard, Farrell (treatments, healing)
Bennington, Diane & family (Sherry Shearer's sister)
Bowman, Jimmie (health)
Bowman, Michael
Brown, Perry & family in the loss of Bonnie
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
Fawcett, Brian & Robin & family in loss of her mom, M'Liss Schneider.
Fowler, Ginnie
Fowler, Jerry
Fuentes, Isaac (RayRay, Lisa's son) (healing)
Garcia, Jasmine, Gabby & Jordyn (well-being)
Gullett, Angie (right eye injections, handling of Dad's house & estate, financial)
Hand family (loss of Robert's mom, Mary Lou).
Harper, Brecken (upcoming tonsil surgery)
Pr. Kaskela, Jerry (healing)

Kinnett, Bill (Martha's (WTCC cleaner)brother-in-law, stage 4 cancer)
Keurik, Darrell (healing)
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)
Norwood, Kathy (health)
Nunnelee, Charlie (broken leg)
Ottwell, Joyce (health)
Scott family in the loss of Abe Silhan, Charlie
Simendinger, Bonnie (healing)
Southard, John (CHF)
Strickland, Gary (salvation)
Taylor, Brenda (Pregnancy & baby)
Vencil, Daniel (Naylan's grandson)
Vencil, Naylan (health)
Wadley, family (loss of son and mom a week apart)
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)
Worthen Family (Terri's great-nephew, Canyon, for upcoming health procedures)

Prayer of the Month

Holy Lord, we praise you alone, as you alone are worthy to be praised. We seek your will and your blessing as we begin to move into fall. We ask for your guidance and leadership. Create clean hearts within us, and bless us to be benevolent in this community. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Sympathy—To Robin and Brian Fawcett & family in the loss of her mom, M'Liss Schneider.

Prayers for: our Nation, Government, Ukraine, Shootings in Uvalde, Buffalo, other places affected by shootings and violence.

Homebound—Larry Minor, Phyllis Dudley, Helen McGee, 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).

