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FaithBytes

May 2025





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Sundays @ 10:45

Sunday, May 18th at 6:00 PM

Q & A Special Business Meeting and member vote to obtain the lot adjacent to the North parking lot.

Information sheets are available at the East Welcome Desk.

Summer Service Time change

May 25th (Memorial Day-Labor Day Weekends)

8:00 AM - First Service

9:15 - 9:45 AM - Fellowship Time

10:00 AM - Second Service

10:00 AM - Faith Kids/Faith Kids JR.

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FaithBytes Issue 5 May 2025

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Submission Deadline for the June 2025 issue is: **Friday, May 23rd**



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Feedback is always welcome.



Worship Schedule through May 18

8:15 AM Worship Service

9:00 AM Fellowship Time in the Gym

9:45 AM Faith Classes for all ages

10:45 AM Worship Service and Livestream

A staffed nursery is available in the West Wing for infants though 2 years.



Calling all kids ... ages 3 YO to 1st grade.

Faith Kids Jr. at 10:45 AM in the Cubbie Room (West Side) Parents, please sign in your child at the West Check-In Desk.

Volunteers are needed for the 10 AM summer service. We need a 3 and 4 year old teacher and other leaders/helpers for K-6th grade. Sign up on the Faithbridge Events page on the web.

FAITH FORCE SENIORS

Seniors are invited to join our monthly potluck on May 19th (a week earlier than usual). We meet at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship, a potluck meal and a short program. We look forward to hearing a presentation from Nancy Newman, Hubbard County Historical Society president. Invite a friend and bring a dish or two to share.

FAITH MISSION CIRCLE

Faith Mission Circle will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, May 19, at 1:00 in the Conference Room (next to the Man Cave). We'll meet to pray and to discuss ways we can serve the missionaries and ministries our church supports. Come and join us!



Thank you for your ongoing support of Summit Ministries Scholarships.

When you purchase the following items, the monies go into the Scholarship Fund. You may also donate by designating on the offering envelope to "Summit Scholarships". Scholarships help send a young person to the Summer Summit Ministry Conference, held in Colorado each year.

Available during the week in the East Foyer: Cards (\$10) Calendars (now \$5)



Connection (H.U.G.) Schedule

May	Welcome Desk	Greeters	Welcome Desk	Greeters
	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
4	Haroldson	Mark & Mari Jo L. Jim & Julie T.	Amber L.	Youth Youth
11	Trottier	Doug & Mary B. Nick T.	Vredenburg	Lynda S. Sandra L.
18	Folkestad	Drew & Sarah M. Ray & Barb K.	Kriens	Don & Sue G. Steve & Debbie A.
1	7:45 AM	7:45 AM	9:45 AM	9:45 AM
25	Lundstrom	Byron & Judy D. Brian & Wendy K.	Diane J.	Pam K. Dan & Pat McG.

May	8:00 Door Openers					
	N1	N2	E1	W1	S1	
4	Becky M.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Steve M.	
11	Dave V.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Ken & Evie O.	
18	Frank S.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Diane S.	
1	7:45 AM	7:45 AM		7:45 AM	7:45 AM	
25	Becky M.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Steve M.	
May	10:30 Door	10:30 Door Openers				
	N1	N2	E1	W1	S1	
4	Youth	Youth		Youth	Youth	
11	Bev S.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Denny S.	
18	Mike R.	Help Needed		Dee R.	Sue P.	
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May	Library
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11	Judy
18	Becky
25	Joyce

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From Pastor Jeff's Desk

Dear Faithbridge Family,

One of my favorite Psalms is Psalm 113 as it calls God's people to give praise and exalt the Lord our God. The opening line is "Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!" What follows are the reasons that the servants of the LORD are called to praise our great God.

First, we are to always praise God and in every space we find ourselves. "From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!" (verse 3).

Second, the Lord is above all governments, rulers, presidents and kings. "... His glory is above the heavens! Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks down on the heavens and the earth?" (verses 4-6). Even though God is high above all other rulers and powers, He is still intimately concerned with His creation. This leads to the third reason we are called to praise our great God.

Third, "He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap" (verse 7). God is not so far removed from His creation that He ignores it or is unconcerned with it. Far from it! He sees you and your need and your struggle and your brokenness. He not only sees it, He does something about it by "raising" and "lifting" the poor and needy. Regardless of your financial success or social position, the truth is that apart from Christ we are all spiritually bankrupt—poor and needy. And our great God sees our need for Him and He lifts us up, which leads to the fourth reason God is worthy of our praise.

Fourthly, God raises the poor and needy "to make them sit with princes, with the princes of His people. He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children" (verses 8-9). It is God's presence and power in our lives that gives us value, a name, a home, an identity beyond being poor and needy. And He has demonstrated this tremendous love for us through sending His one and only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to be our Savior and Lord. Through placing our faith and trust in Christ, we who were once were dead in our sins and transgressions, are made alive together with Christ. This is the beautiful exchange, and it is why the psalmist calls for the praise of the Lord our God in Psalm 113. Won't you give Him praise right now? He alone is worthy!

Grace and peace, Pastor Jeff

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Faith Student Ministry



FSM - students 7th-12th

Sundays - 9:45 AM - Faith Class Wednesday - Summer Schedule begins June 4th



SOS Mission Trip Meetings - will be announced through Pastor Mike

Sat. 5/10 - Sr. Brekki 9 AM at the Cotty in Menahga

Wed. 5/14 - "Passing the Baton" Junior Dinner

Fri. 5/16 - need Youth volunteers for "Kid's Night In"

Check out the Website: www.faithbridgepr.org/events Or join the Facebook Group: FSM UPPER ROOM (Faithbridge Church) for upcoming youth events.



Faith Kids



Friday, May 16th - "Kid's Night In " 6-8 PM

Opportunity for kids to have fun in the gym, do some crafts, and just hang out with each other. Parents are not invited (unless you want to help) so you can go do "boring" things like a date, grocery shopping, sit quietly at

home by yourselves. Cost is \$5 per child, \$20 max per family, includes dinner and snacks and is open to Infants - 6th Grade. Sign-up on Events Page.

Sunday, May 25 - Move-Up Sunday

Faith Kids students will each move up to the next grade. (Current 6th graders will move into the FSM program and new kindergarteners will go into the Kindergarten class.)

10 AM - "Faith Kids Summer" (K-6th Grade) begins (through August 31)



2025 Graduates



Bethany David Thomas Lopez Zachary Davidson Santhu Mcfarlane **Emily Kopkie** Abby Marsden **Brooke Landrus** Raegan Schauer

Mark Your Calendar...VBS August 10-14 5:3-8:00 PM

DEACON OF THE MONTH David Wolff

David has been a part of Faithbridge for 45 years. Many Sunday school teachers have fond memories of him. He married Sharon (Haas) 40 years ago. They have been blessed with seven children, ages

19-37 and 11 grandchildren and the 12th one on the way.

He says, "I grew up in a Christian home where church and God was in a lot of conversations. Learned from my Dad what a Christian man and father should be. Sunday school teachers at Faith Baptist helped me find my way." David and Sharon own the Wolff Transportation Company which has allowed them to travel to many places in the US. Occasionally, they like to trade their trucks for motorcycles and enjoy fresh air rides for short and long trips.

Two of David's life verses are Ephesians 4:26 "In your anger do not sin; Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry" and Matthew 6:34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Board of Deacons

Ken Osterberg - Chr Denny Sleen **Bud Kading**

Mike Ritter

Drew Maninga David Wolff

David Lindquist Seth Holte Charlie Schmidgall



Awana



The T&T boys and girls each had a great time at their overnights in late March. Thank you to everyone who contributed items for the Awana store night, April 16th. We appreciate so much all of the support for this part of AWANA! It is a big motivator to earn points to spend at the store 2x a year.



Next fall we will be looking for a couple of leaders and float listeners, a T&T secretary, and another check-in desk person. It has been a great year of AWANA! Please pray for a season of rest for our volunteers and that they will know and be blessed through their valuable dedication and efforts in this ministry!

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Family of Faith Nurses

Missionary Visit

On April 21, the Missions Ministry Team and the Faith Mission Circle hosted an evening with Nathan and Jen ____, who shared photos highlighting the seminary, school, church, and discipleship that are the focus of their ministry in South Asia. In the midst of stories and snacks, we got better acquainted with this delightful family and gained a greater appreciation of their heart and vision for establishing healthy churches, spreading Good News among the billions living in the land that is their home. They expressed their thankfulness for being supported by Faithbridge Church.

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We have received some feedback about some mission trip opportunities for adults. They will be reviewed at our May missions ministry team meeting. We are also communicating regarding some visits from several of our missionaries later this summer. More information will be coming! Please pray for God's leading for both!

God has given us more opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Let's answer the call.

Be sure to read the latest news from our missionaries - letters are located in the East and West foyer kiosks.





STRESS SICKNESS

YES, there is such a thing as 'Stress Sickness' according to the renowned Cleveland Clinic. This condition can adversely affect the immune system causing, in some cases, a cascading spiral of serious symptoms.

For most of us, stress is just a part of life that can last a few hours occasionally or it can be more problematic and long-term. The question becomes—can stress actually make one sick? Along with some inconvenient and annoying symptoms like eczema, weight gain and nausea, stress can even weaken your immune system to the point where you may begin to have chronic inflammation. The white blood cells that help fight off infection become decreased, which then leaves a person more susceptible to viruses and other diseases. Inflammation and an overworked immune system can progress to arthritis, autoimmune disorders, cardiovascular heart disease, stomach ulcers, Type 2 diabetes, cancer and mental decline.

This information isn't meant to cause you more stress. Instead, it is a reason to prioritize your health and give yourself the time and space to focus on paying attention to stress management techniques. Prayer, meditation and practicing mindfulness can do wonders for reducing stress levels, to name a few. Adjusting your diet, getting plenty of exercise and healthy amounts of sleep are also helpful. Learn what your stressors are and how to tackle them. Talk to your healthcare provider about specific coping tactics you can use to reduce your own stress—your life and health depends on it!



Women's Ministry

"SWEET FELLOWSHIP" Women's Event Friday, May 9th, 6:30-9:00PM ~ Fellowship Hall Bring a dessert to share!



(Teens Invited)



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Don't forget to look in your Church
Directory for the May
Birthdays and Anniversaries

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Library

Library is open on Sunday mornings: 9:15-10:45 and 11:50-12:15



Access to the library is also available during the week when the church office is open. Someone from the office will let you into the library and check out instructions are available.

New Books for May

Deacons: How They Serve and Strengthen the Church - Deacons are essential to a church's health—yet confusion abounds regarding their biblical job description. What's their God-given role in a local congregation and how do they relate to the church's overall mission? Clearing up common misconceptions, Matt Smethurst offers practical guidance for deploying deacons and helping churches to flourish.

Knowing the Spirit: Who He Is, What He Does, and How He Can Transform Your Christian Life -

Using sound interpretation of Scripture, Costi Hinn clarifies who the Holy Spirit is — and who he isn't — and answers some of the most important and most frequently asked questions about him.

Family Driven Faith: Doing What It Takes to Raise Sons and Daughters Who Walk with God - "Family Driven Faith" equips Christian parents with the tools they need to raise children biblically in a post-Christian, antifamily society. Pastor Voddie Baucham, who with his wife has overcome a multigenerational legacy of broken and dysfunctional homes, shows that God has not left us alone in raising godly children.

Safe in the Arms of God: Truth from Heaven About the Death of a Child - "Is my baby in heaven?" What happens to unborn, stillborn, or young children when they die? Can you have hope that you will see them again? Is it possible to let go of your fear and guilt? Can God's love soothe a wound so jagged? Author, John MacArthur examines the breadth of the entire Bible and reveals in this compelling book the Heavenly Father's care for every life.

12 Ways Your Phone Is Changing You - Do you control your phone — or does your phone control you? Even though we have never been more connected, we seem to be growing more distant. We may be more efficient, but we have never been more distracted. Author, Tony Reinke identifies twelve potent ways our smartphones have changed us and calls us to cultivate wise thinking and healthy habits in the digital age.

Searching for Truth: The Illustrated Gospel – Author, Tim Chaffey In a cultural climate that exalts personal preference above all else, here is a dramatic, visually stunning story that addresses issues and concerns of utmost importance as life meets truth. You'll learn, through thought provoking questions, what makes the Bible unique and its account of truth different from all other religious writings.

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The War on Children: Providing Refuge for Your Children in a Hostile World - Pastor John MacArthur

Every day, on a multitude of battlefronts, Satan is deploying weapons of mass corruption against our children. Modern culture has been systematically designed with an agenda that is aggressively anti-God, anti-Christ, and anti-Scripture. We are in the middle of a dangerous ideological conflict with eternity at stake. Christian parents cannot afford to simply float passively along with the drift of our culture.

Risen Motherhood: Gospel Hope for Everyday Moments- Motherhood is hard. In a world of five-step lists and silver-bullet solutions to become perfect parents, mothers are burdened with mixed messages about who they are and what choices they should make. Authors Emily Jensen and Laura Wifler help you understand and apply the gospel to common, everyday issues moms face, so you can connect your Sunday morning faith to the Monday morning tantrum. You too can experience hope, freedom, and joy in every area of motherhood.

For Children

Joni Eareckson Tada: The Girl Who Learned to Follow God in a Wheelchair - In this beautifully illustrated hardback, Author Kristyn Getty shares how God has used Joni in amazing ways to bless others. Children will hear that it is easy to trust Him when healthy and happy, but how about trusting Him when life is hard? Young ones discover about the great things they can do for God, such as being a friend to those with disabilities or when facing difficult situations.

The Prince's Poison Cup -

Dr. R.C. Sproul continues his series of books designed to present deep biblical truths to children on their own level. Richly illustrated, The Prince's Poison Cup will help children appreciate the great love of God for His people and the awful price Jesus had to pay because of sin. A "For Parents" section, provides assistance in unfolding the biblical elements of the story.

Church Elders: How to Shepherd God's People Like Jesus - What does effective church leadership look like?

In this conversational book, Pastor Jeramie Rinne sets forth an easy-to-understand "job description" for elders that is drawn from the Bible's teaching on church leadership. Offering practical guidance for new elders and helping church members better understand and support their spiritual leaders, this succinct volume will encourage elders to embrace their calling with grace, wisdom, and clarity of vision.

Video

The Essential Church - In early 2020, governments used Covid emergency act edicts to restrict the gathering and worship of the Church. In response three pastors who faced the risk of imprisonment, unlimited fines, and their own Churches splitting apart took a courageous stand to re-open in the face of a world that chose to comply. This feature-length documentary explores the struggle between the Church and governments throughout history. This story takes us to many countries and shares how people have sacrificed their lives for what they believe in. Take the journey to rediscover why the Church is essential and how we can prove that our stand remains true from a scientific, legal, and, most importantly, Biblical perspective.



Grief Share



Grief Share is a grief support group for help and healing after the death of a family member or friend.

For information, contact Becky A. directly or by email Grambecky1023@gmail.com or phone 218-252-3500 https://www.griefshare.org/

If you wish to find out more information regarding this group, please contact one of our Faith Nurses,



Faith Prayer Ministry

- Requests can be phoned/emailed to the Church Office or to the Compassion Coordinator, Jan Henderson (732-4522), who will forward them to the Prayer Group or Prayer Chain, as you direct.
- Prayer Warriors: A weekly prayer list, can be delivered to your FBC mailbox or emailed upon request.

"The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should wait quietly..."

Lamentations 3:25, 26a



Faith Military Connections

Josie Carter Chase Lodl Jim Sleesman
Maggie Kay Carter Malachi Martin Davita Taylor
Chasity Bohman Sean McGaffey Owen Van Batavia
Brian Evink Patricia Pfeifer Ryan Vredenburg
Jared Lange Matthew Schommer

Thanks for praying for our servicemen; for their safety and for their families.

We need your help: If the status of any of the following military personnel has changed, please inform the office so we can update this list. Thank you!

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Memories of Events!



Homeschool Spring Choir Concert



Awana Overnights

Girls

Boys



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Faith Mission Circle

On April 14, Faith Mission Circle hosted a birthday party with residents at Heritage Living Center. A great celebration! Plenty of cake and ice cream! Lots of festive music -- singing, piano and guitar! And no shortage of hats! It's a joy to carry on this annual April tradition, and the residents and staff seem to enjoy it, too!





MOMCO (Mom Community)

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Calling all Moms!

Meeting on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Faithbridge at 9:00 AM All Moms are welcome!

May 6th—Brunch Last meeting for the summer. Watch for future play dates.



MOMCO Fundraiser



MOMCO women are selling Hafner flower baskets through May 6.

Cost is \$25 for an 11 inch basket voucher. Call Cora @ 218.252.2652 if you are interested.



Save the Date



Sign-ups and additional information are available in the foyers.

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Community Happenings

LISTINGS BELOW ARE COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS - NOT NECESSARILY FBC ENDORSED

LIVING AT HOME 218 Industrial Park Rd.

The following events are held there.

Caregiving support group - Monthly, 1st Wednesday from 1:30 - 3:00 PM

An Afternoon Out is for those experiencing memory loss and their caretakers. Thursdays, 1-2:30 PM

SOLOS - 1st Monday of month 10:30-Noon

NEW: Parkinson's Caregiver Group meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the Caregiver Activity Room.

Caregiver Closet -Tues./Wed. 1-3pm / Thurs. 10-noon



Eastside Church on Thursdays, 6:30 pm. No advance sign-up necessary.

Celebrate Recovery is a group open for anyone dealing with hurts, hang-ups or habits.

Park Rapids Food Shelf!

308 Pleasant Ave. S, Park Rapids. Food and monetary donations are welcomed, now more than ever.



Menahga High School May 17th, 8 - 10 AM \$25 cash donation Open to everyone.



Looking for Mentors to work with our kids on a one to one basis. Call 732-0058.

The Community Band Concert is intended to be a kick off fundraiser for the Park Rapids Food Shelf building

the Park Rapids Food Shelf building fund. This is a long-term project but much needed for our community.





Faith Missionaries of the Month

Straubel, Paul and Michele Oak Hills Christian College Director of the Center for Indian Ministries

Pray for our new BUILD program location on the Flathead reservation in western Montana. Paul is teaching the second half of his redemptive history class May 19-22. Pray for safe travels and for strong relationships to be built as he continues getting to know the people.



Pray for the CIM team, serving on the Red Lake reservation -- especially our newest missionaries, David and Rachel Anderson. **Pray** for them as they look for a place to live, for their family during this time of transition and for wisdom in leading the churches in Redby and Ponemah.

Swenson, **Greg and Asa** *Japan with WorldVenture Serving in evangelism, discipleship and worship ministries in partner-ship with the church in Japan.*

Praise for a wonderful turnout at our Easter service with over 40 in attendance including children.

Pray as we prepare to travel to the US, July 2, for an extended home assignment for 10½ months until daughter graduates in 2026.

Pray for a smooth transition and offloading of ministry responsibilities at House of Grace in anticipation of our extended absence and **pray** for provision of a supplemental pulpit supply.

Pray for our financial situation, due to support attrition and increased costs, we are experiencing a shortfall.

Beyer, Danielle Red River Youth for Christ Special Projects Coordinator.

Praise for two new staff members, Ben and Natasha. **Pray** for a smooth transition onto the team and that God would use them in great ways.

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Praise for the \$58,701 that was raised during the Giving Hearts Day fundraiser. **Pray** for a good peach crop in CO and GA for our summer fundraising.

Borstad, Mike and Sherry Argentina with Cardón Ministries Leadership development in NW Argentina, especially rural church seminars, mentoring long distance and on-site

Praise God for the productive time of teaching in Bolivia.

Pray for days of preparation before travel to Honduras (April 28 to May 3). Packing and revision of notes for the class as well as help-

ing Sherry get ready to care for the home place while I'm gone and **pray** for safe travel to Honduras.

Pray for the students in Honduras for the Biblical Interpretation course.

Pray for Sherry as she is "holding down the fort" at home.

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