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FaithBytes

January 2026





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Note to Faith Family:

- Faithbridge members and attendees: Be sure to turn in the "Directory Update Insert" from the bulletin to the office to be included in the 2026 Address Directory.
- ✓ Annual Reports from Staff, Committees and Ministries of Faith are due by email to the office by January 13th.
- ✓ Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 25th at 9:30 am in the Family Life Center Gym during Fellowship Time. Don't miss this time of Praise for what the Lord has done in 2025.

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Feedback is always welcome.



The weekly bulletin and monthly FaithBytes can be viewed online at www.faithbridgepr.org/resources



All Church Information

Sundays @ 10:30

LIVESTREAM

www.faithbridgepr.org

Worship Schedule

8:00 AM Worship Service

9:15 AM Fellowship Time in the Gym

9:30 AM Faith Classes

10:30 AM Faith Kids JR

10:30 AM Worship Service and Livestream

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



Faith Kids JR (3 Yr-1st grade) will meet in the Cubbies Room during the 10:30 AM Service. Be sure to sign-in your chil-FAITHW dren at the West Check-In Desk and pick up your children at the Cubbies Room immediately after the second service.

FAITH FORCE SENIORS

Seniors are invited to our Monthy Potluck on Monday, January 26 at 11:45 AM. We look forward to a great time of fellowship and good food. Debbie Anderson will address Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) that affects many of us during the northern winters and what we can do about it. Invite a friend and bring a dish or two to share. We look forward to seeing you.

FAITH MISSION CIRCLE

Faith Mission Circle will gather for our monthly meeting on January 19 at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will pray together and consider ways to encourage those who are sharing God's love around the world. All ladies are welcome to 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 & Calendars (\$10) Notepad (\$3)

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Connection (H.U.G.) Schedule

Jan.	Welcome Desk	Greeters	Welcome Desk	Greeters	
	7:45 AM	7:45 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	
4	Trottier	Doug & Mary B. Jim & Julie T.	Vredenburg	Youth Steve & Deb A.	
11	Haroldson	Charlie & Judy P. Brian & Wendy K.	Amber L.	Lynda S. Sandra L.	
18	Lundstrom	Ray K. Barb K.	Diane J.	Sandy C. Don & Sue G.	
25	Henderson	Drew M Sarah M.	Kriens	Pam K. Dan & Pat McG.	

Jan.	7:45 Door Openers					
	N1	N2	E1	W1	S1	
4	Becky M.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Steve M.	
11	Dave V.	Help Needed		Help Needed		
18	Frank S.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Diane S.	
25	Becky M.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Steve M.	
Jan.	10:15 Door Openers					
	N1	N2	E1	W1	S1	
4	Youth	Youth		Youth	Youth	
11	Munson Family	Munson Family		Munson Family	Sue P.	
18	Bev. S	Help Needed		Help Needed	Denny S.	
25	_	Help Needed		Help Needed		

	Jan. Library
4	Judy Abby
11	Diane
18	Arianna Emerson
25	Debbie

7	Jan.	7:45	9:15	10:15	FaithKids Jr
	4	Liz A.	Amber L.	Lahana L. Karen L.	Sabina T. Kristen B.
NURSERY	11	Bev S.	Liz A. Amber L.	Lahana L.	Sabina T. Kelly Y.
NUR	18	Sue P.		Lahana L. Rita B.	Kelly Y. Charlie/Cathy S.
	25	Sarah M.	Ava & Phillip R.	Lahana L. Tammy P.	Jennifer O. Laura B.

New Year Devotional

The 3 Things We Can Give to God This Year

Authored by Greg Laurie

As we enter into a new year, here is something to remember: When it's all said and done, we have three things we can offer God—our treasure, our talent, and our time. Each of these is given to us by God, and each of them should be given back in generous portions.

First, there is our **treasure**. I urge you to commit yourself to give faithfully and generously to the Lord in this coming year. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21 NKJV). Whenever we put our money into something, we develop a vested interest in it. It makes sense to us

that we would place our treasures where our hearts are. If we love reading books, or being entertained, or the latest technology, we spend our treasure on those things. And if our heart's desires change, that changes where we put our treasure.

But it works the other way too: Where we put our treasures, our heart will follow. Do you want your heart to be in the things of God? Then put your treasures in the things of God! Develop a vested interest in God's kingdom.

The second thing we can give to God is our talent. God has gifted each believer in different ways. Everyone has something to offer for the work of the kingdom. Romans 12 says, "Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a



special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of his one body, and each of us different work to do" (NLT).



Finally, there is our **time**. Let's say that one day your phone rang and it was the president of the bank that you use. He told you that an anonymous donor who loved you very much had decided to deposit 86,400 pennies into your bank account each and every

morning. At first, maybe that didn't seem like a lot. But then you figured out that it was \$864 a day. At seven days a week and 52 weeks a year, those pennies add up to almost \$315,000 each year! But the bank presi-

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Christmas Devotional Continued

dent added one thing: "The anonymous giver said you must spend all of the money on the day you receive it! No balance will be carried over to the next day. Each evening the bank must cancel whatever sum you failed to use! Remember, what you don't spend is lost."

That may sound like fantasy, but here's the reality: Every morning, Someone who loves you very much deposits into your "bank of time" 86,400 seconds, which represent 1,440 minutes, which of course equals 24 hours each and every day. God gives you that much to use each day. Nothing is ever carried over on credit to the next day. There is no such thing as a 27-

hour day. It's called time, and you can't escape it. Time is ticking away right now. The Bible tells us to "redeem the time"—to make sacred and wise use of every opportunity.

Offer God your treasure, your talent, and your time. Live this next year as if it were your last, because it could be. Make those minutes count!

GOD GAVE YOU A
GIFT OF 86,400
SECONDS TODAY.
HAVE YOU USED
ONE TO SAY
'THANK YOU?'



Adult Faith Classes—Beginning January 11th

Baptism Class (Jan. 11 & 18)

Fireside Room Facilitator: Pastor Jeff

Note: Although a prerequisite for baptism, you may also attend to learn more about baptism.

Our Discipleship Journey

Man Cave Facilitator: Barry Munson

"Every Thought Captive: How Renewing Your Mind

Can Change Your Life" by Kyle Idleman

South Room Facilitator: TBD

Prayer Warriors

Lower Room Facilitator: John Parks



Faith Student Ministry



FSM - students 7th-12th

Upper Room Sunday's - 9:30 AM Wednesday's - 7:00 PM





DEETS:

JAN. 23RD-25TH
@ FAITHBRIDGE

Cost: \$30 per Student Includes - Super Fun Stuff -Detroit Mountain (sledding) Food - Ice Skating - Friends S'mores - Devos & MORE...

RESERVE YOUR SPOT & PAY IN THE OFFICE WITH TRACEE



Loss of a Spouse





Join Us for this Encouraging Seminar

Saturday, January 10, 2026 Faithbridge Church Chapel 10 am - Noon



FAITHM®MS



Our December Christmas gathering was full of focusing on our families and Jesus at Christmas.

We also decorated cookies with the kiddoes and enjoyed a delicious brunch.







We had a wonderful time sledding at the Sleen's

In January, we will be looking at what God's Word says about health and how we can be healthy moms—spiritually, mentally and physically.

Moms of any age—you are welcome to come and join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 9:15 AM. Fun and Fellowship Gym Days are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.

(Please note: no Gym Day on January 6th)

"My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart forever; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you."

Proverbs 6:20-22

Thank you for the financial offerings that you have given as general offerings to Faithbridge Church. A percentage of these offerings enables us to maintain the monthly commitments we make each year to our supported missionaries. We were able to meet all of our monthly support commitments for 2025, and the end of year financial status of the church was good, enabling us to give some additional one-time gifts to those who needed them. We also were able to help with travel expenses for those of our missionaries who visited our church in 2025. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving!



Pray for the following team members preparing to go:

Mark, Miri, Naomi and Leah Larson, Becky Maninga, Pat and Dan McGuire, Ken and Evie Osterberg, Dennis, Teresa and Kalli Rockensock and Patti Schrader.

Prayer requests: Good health and safe travels (some are flying, others driving). Also, for flexibility, humility, wisdom, patience, love and trust in God's plan as they work with people from another culture and with the larger team. (There are about 20-30 others joining from S MN, lowa and S Dakota). They plan to work on remodeling of the children's housing and also will be doing crafts, crocheting, sewing and playing games with the kids.

From Pastor Steve: "Yes, work on projects at the orphanage, BUT also and more importantly, go to the desert to meet with God." They will be asked to walk the perimeter of the property, talking and listening to God.

The Faithbridge Team's goal is to be a blessing to the staff, workers and residents of the Casa de Gemas Orphanage, across the border from Tapestries of Life Ministries in Texas.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	UARY)26	Ministry Team Chairpersons and Staff! Email your Annual Reports to the office by January 13th		Happy New Year 6 PM Papi Fut	2 Office Closed 12 PM Gym use	1 PM Gym use
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11 8:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 AM Nursery/Preschool Team Mtg-Man Cave 9:30 AM Faith Classes 10:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Livestream	12 Homeschool use 3:30 PM Gym use 5:30 PM Finance Mtg 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Trustee Brd Mtg		1 PM Release Time 3:30 PM Gym use 5 PM Conference Room use 5:30 PM Chapel use 6:55 PM AWANA	15 9 AM Gym use 10 AM BSF 10:30 AM Pickleball 1 PM Gym use 6 PM Praise Team 6 PM Papi Fut	16 Office Closed Arctic Blast (7th-12	17 10 AM GriefShare 2th) - Camp Lebanon
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Don't forget to look in your Church
Directory for the January
Birthdays and Anniversaries



H.U.G Ministry Needs

The Host—Usher—Greeter Team is looking for volunteers willing to welcome our visitors by becoming Door Greeters, Ushers and Welcome Desk Hosts. Contact Tracee in the Office.

DEACON OF THE MONTH Dave Lindquist

Dave and Tracee Lindquist have attended Faithbridge for 26 years. They are parents to three children; Alisha (Anthony), Kevin (Neka) and Amanda (Stephen) and five wonderful grand-

children. David grew up in Bemidji and has been employed by the Menahga Public Schools as their Technology Coordinator since 1997.

As a young boy, "I overheard my parents leading my older brother to the Lord and secretly prayed the same prayer. A few days later I told my parents about this, not knowing if I would be in trouble or not. They explained in more detail to me what this decision meant, and that they were by no means "upset". I was about 7 when this happened. Within a year or so, I was baptized in a lake around the Guthrie, MN area. When I was a teenager, I re-committed my life to Christ at camp and have been trying to serve Him to the best of my abilities since. Thankfully, God brought Tracee into my life and our 30+ years of marriage have been a joyous gift from God. He has indeed blessed me with a loving spouse, parents, children and grandchildren."

One of my life verses is Romans 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. "

Board of Deacons

Ken Osterberg - Chr Denny Sleen Bud Kading

Matt Munson

Drew Maninga David Wolff

David Lindquist Charlie Schmidgall Steve Criswell



Nursery and Preschool Team Meeting

Sunday, January 11th 8:00 AM in the Man Cave

We need your presence at this important meeting.

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Thank you

A very special "THANK YOU" to Paige Rockensock and the crew of volunteer helpers who decorated our campus so beautifully for December. It was outstanding!





A memorable Christmas Eve.







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 or phone 218-252-3500 https:// griefshare.org/



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.

Philippines 4:19

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."



Faith Military Connections

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

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!



Library

Library is open on Sunday mornings: 9:15-10:30 and 11:45-12:15.



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.

Visit the Faithbridge Library and see the exciting books, movies and resource books that are waiting to be read and watched.

New Year's Resolution Ideas for Bibliophiles

- 1. Never leave home without a book (even on a short trip)
- 2. Return books on time.
- 3. Read to/with a child.
- 4. When possible, read a book outside.
- 5. Learn your librarian's name.
- 6. Finish each book you start (unless you abandon it on purpose.)
- 7. Explore new subjects and genres.
- 8. Always be ready with the next read.
- 9. Start a "reading journal" of the favorite quotes you read.
- 10. Keep a record of the books you finish.
- 11. Don't skip ahead.
- 12. Give a book as a gift.

We have just the book for you!

Romance, Mystery, History, Biography,

Autobiography, Travels, Thrillers, First Readers,

Children's and Early Teen Books, Bible Resources,

Doctrine, Christian Living, Parenting, Grief, Poetry,

Missions, Health, Cancer, Fiction, Non-Fiction,

Governing, End Times, Prophecy, Apologetics...

Check out the Library Bulletin Board for more story details!



Family of Faith Nurses

PNEUMONIA

A potentially serious and common illness in older adults and very young children is pneumonia.

Pneumonia isn't always serious; it may be mild to the point that you may mistake it for a cold— sometimes referred to as 'walking pneumonia'. However, it can also develop into a dangerous infection that may require hospitalization for treatment. It can lead to signs and symptoms such as fever, chills, difficulty or pain with breathing, fatigue, or coughing.

5 COMMON TYPES

- ~Typical bacterial the biggest culprit is *Streptococcus* which often occurs after you've had a cold or influenza .
- ~Atypical bacterial this type may be caused by *Mycoplasma*, *Legionella*, or secondary to viruses such as flu.
- ~Fungal this one is more likely if you have a weakened immune system or live in the Mississippi and Ohio River valleys where it may be present in animal droppings or soil.
- ~Viral pneumonia— caused by cold and flu viruses. These are usually mild, but can become very serious.
- ~Aspiration pneumonia— this occurs when stomach contents, saliva or food get into the lungs. Problems swallowing, poor cough reflex, seizures and a stroke raise the risk.
- ~Although not as common, RSV and Bordetella can be added to this list.

5 HELPFUL TREATMENTS

- ~Rest, stay hydrated and don't forget to take medications as instructed
- ~Hospitalization may be required if breathing becomes compromised, you are confused or kidney function declines.
- ~Antibiotics are used to treat bacterial pneumonia. Antivirals and antifungal medications are used for some types.
- ~Cough medicine that is recommended by your healthcare provider may help you to sleep. Coughing can actually be a good thing, as it helps to remove mucus from your airway.
- ~Fever reducers such as Advil and Tylenol (ibuprofen and acetaminophen) may be taken as needed for fever and comfort.

Most importantly take steps to prevent pneumonia by taking care of your health. Maintain a healthy immune system by getting enough sleep, staying active, exercising consistently, and eating nutritiously. Stay hydrated and up-to-date on your vaccines. Remember to maintain proper hygiene practices such as frequent handwashing and avoid having close contact with those who have an obvious respiratory illness.

Remember— our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and we are under obligation to do the best we can to take care of them. (1 Corinthians 6:19,20)



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

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



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

Park Rapids Food Shelf!

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



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.



Awana

Please pray for our volunteers as we continue into January. The risk of growing weary in well-doing is all-too-real in the middle of the year and during the cold months of winter. Pray also for our clubbers, that they would "hear" the Word of the Lord in a special place in their hearts to help them throughout life!

A NEED:

We have a few weeks in the 2nd half of the year that a large group time speaker is needed. This is a 10-12 minute time slot for both the T&T and Sparks groups separately to hear someone teach Truths from the Bible and how to apply it to our lives on a kid level. If this is something you'd love to do, please contact Amy Isaacson.



Faith Missionaries

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

- -Praise for the camp and house near Red Lake that was given to CIM. May it be used to reach more children on the reservation for Christ. Pray for encouragement to and supplying the needs of the CIM missionaries working there.
- -Praise for the BUILD classes that were held at Flathead, MT. Pray for those attending to continue searching the Scriptures.
- -Pray for wisdom for Paul (entering his 22nd yr of native ministry) as he leads the CIM Team and seeks direction for our mission.

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

- -Praise that we were able to purchase a car that will give us safe traveling when visiting supporting churches.
- -Praise that our financial status has improved slightly through generous giving.
- -Pray that God would raise up a new generation of young people willing to serve in missions.
- -Pray that we would be good stewards of our home assignment time.
- -Pray that we would make good progress in putting our home on the market.

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

- -Praise that a leadership change at a middle school has opened the door to continue ministry there.
- -Praise that one of our teen moms got her own apartment and is doing well.
- -Because of a volunteer shortage, there are more open doors than we can currently walk through. Pray for volunteers that have a heart for Christ and teens.
- -Pray for a generous outpouring at our February fundraiser to help us expand our ministry to Red River Teens.

, David and Rita Southeast Asia with Wycliffe Management of Bible translation programs.

- -Praise for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas with our four daughters.
- -Pray as we have a role in the start of 70 new Bible translation proiects in S.E. Asia.
- -It has been a busy and productive year in Bible translation. We are thankful that David's seven trans-oceanic trips in 2025 are behind us.
- -Pray with us for the year ahead, to be listening to God and obeying Him in all things.



