

# Faith Family News

Sunday, December 3, 2023



## Guest Information

Thank you for coming. We're glad you're here! Our typical order of service is worship through music and prayer, worship through God's Word (sermon), worship through giving, and closing prayer. Communion elements are gluten free.

Free coffee is available in the Journey Room behind the Worship Center; other food and beverage items are also for sale. Assistive Listening devices are available; let an usher know if you would like use them.

Our 10 am service is live streamed on our Facebook page and at faith-family.org. Infants through pre-k children meet in their classrooms during the entire 10 am service. Kindergarten through 5th grade students stay with their families until they are dismissed, at about 10:30 am.

On our website, [www.faith-family.org](http://www.faith-family.org), you can find information about who we are, what we believe, archives of past sermons, online giving, a digital sermon guide, sign up for emails, and more.

## Christmas Cares Offering December 3 and December 10

Faith Family's annual "Christmas Cares" offering continues today. The funds collected will be shared with those in our congregation who would be blessed by having an unexpected gift of love from their church family during the Christmas season.

## Fayette Food Pantry Packing and Distribution

Packing: Tuesday, Dec 5 and Tuesday, Dec 19, 7 pm

Distribution: Thurs, Dec 7, and Thurs, Dec 21, 1 pm

If you would be willing to help serve in this ministry to our neighbors, please sign up in the lobby. Thank you! For more information, contact Barbara Nelson, Food Pantry Coordinator at [barbara@socket.net](mailto:barbara@socket.net) or call/text 573-808-3655.

The Food Pantry is located at the Keller Building in Fayette, at the junction of Highway 5 and State Route E (Cleveland & W. Davis). Enter at the loading dock at the back of the building on Williams Street.

**The Fayette Food Pantry also needs some volunteers who would be available occasionally throughout the week at various times.** Contact Barbara Nelson if you would be interested in serving.

**Reminder – Our Winter Weather Policy:** When Fayette dismisses school early due to weather, evening activities at Faith Family will be cancelled. A notice will be posted on our Facebook page, emailed to those who have signed up for CCB (Church Community Builder), and provided to Columbia TV stations when possible. Every attempt will be made to publicize cancellation notices, but it is recommended that you use discretion and the Lord's wisdom, as road conditions can change quickly and be rather unpredictable during winter weather.

## Summit Student Family Feast: After 10 am service today

Students in grades 6-12 and their families are invited to join us as we look forward to sharing 2023 highlights and some exciting plans for 2024.

## Adult Christmas Dinner: Saturday, December 9

Appetizers at 5 pm; dinner at 5:30 pm

Tickets are \$10 each; first ten college student tickets are \$5 each. Sign up in the lobby if you'd like to bring an appetizer or dessert, or decorate a table (or two) for the dinner.

## Christmas Service: *The Simple Gospel of Christmas* Sunday, December 17, 10 am

10 am service only on Dec 17, Dec 24, and Dec 31

Christmas Eve Service: December 24, 7 pm

## Families of Faith

**Dinner: 5:15 – 6:15 pm; suggested donation, \$3.**

If you would like to occasionally serve as a kitchen volunteer, please see Mary McCord for more information.

## Classes for all ages, Wednesday evenings, 6:45 - 8 pm

Children's Ministry for infants through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

HQ @ The Summit from 4 - 8 pm for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

## Adult Bible Studies, November 8 - December 6:

**Prayer Team invites you to pray on Wed. nights during Families of Faith.** If you have a prayer request or praise report, ask an usher for a card, and place it in the silver box at the back of the worship center. See Constance Crump for more information.

**Man-2-Man Bible Study: Matthew** connects the Old and New Testaments and introduces a king, the Lord Jesus, and His people, the church. Study Guide, \$10. See Matt Volkmann or Byron Jones for more information.

## No SALT Ladies Bible Study meeting on December 6.

**Winter Wednesdays: January 17, 24 and 31**

**Families of Faith will resume February 7**

## Celebrate Recovery

**Monday evenings, 6:30 – 8 pm; Dinner at 6 pm**

*Find healing and freedom from life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits*

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered 12-step community of people helping one another recover from painful life experiences. By applying Biblical principles, we begin to grow spiritually and become free from addictive, compulsive, and dysfunctional behaviors. This freedom creates peace, serenity, joy, and most importantly, a stronger relationship with God and often others. We discover our personal, loving, forgiving Higher Power – Jesus Christ. Meetings are open to anyone who desires change; anonymity and confidentiality are basic requirements. Newcomers are always welcome! More information in the lobby.

**Matthew 2:1-18**

Herod reacted in \_\_\_\_\_ . (Matthew 2:1-6)

Herod responded with \_\_\_\_\_ . (Matthew 2:7-8)

- Hebrews 3:13 (deceit hardens the heart)

Herod resorted to \_\_\_\_\_ . (Matthew 2:16-18)

- *“The Slaughter of the Innocents.”*

*Christmas reminds us there is only one King, and we're not him.  
Jesus came for the throne of our lives and He will not share it with another.*

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**Friday Focus:** For a look ahead about the Sunday morning teaching topic, visit [faith-family.org/focus-friday/](http://faith-family.org/focus-friday/) and select the date. Scroll to the bottom of the page and provide your email address to receive it in your inbox each Friday.

**Should an “active shooter” situation occur** at Faith Family, remember HOPE: Hit the floor; Observe the lockdown (Children’s classrooms are locked when classes are meeting); Pay attention to verbal commands; and Exit the building in an orderly manner when told to do so.

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**It is our mission to invite the seeker to salvation and to disciple the believer to maturity  
so that each may become a fully-devoted follower of Jesus Christ.**

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