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There comes a time in the spiritual life when one of the major things God is up to is to lovingly help us see ourselves more clearly.

ruth haley barton

“SOLITUDE IS NOT AN EMPTY SPACE, A VOID; IT IS AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE GOD WHO LOVES US...”

Faith Youth Spiritual Retreat 2017

4th-12th grade
October 20-22
Lazy F Camp

Life can be hard... School... Friends... Family... Expectations...

Come and take a weekend away and discover a taste of what life is meant to be like. A life in the peace and comfort of God that you'll bring back with you.

Contact [Brendan](#) for all the details.

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy to bear and the burden I give you is light. Matthew 11:28-30

CONNECTION POINTS



Thank you for the many hands that supported the Habitat for Humanity Garage Sale! Faith Church raised over \$30,000.00 for Habitat!

October's Connection Points are still in the planning stages, but look for a hike and a brewery for Oktoberfest! Details will be shared shortly!

ADULT MINISTRY



If you ever wonder "Why am I here?", you might be interested in the Alpha Course. **The Alpha Course** is a fun and easy way to discuss the basics of Christianity and what gives meaning to your life.

The course includes a delicious catered dinner (free), a 30-minute video and some time to discuss the video in a small supportive group setting. No homework! No preparation needed!

The Alpha Course will meet each Wednesday, starting October 4th, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Talbert Building. The course will run through December 6th. The course also includes a special weekend day – Saturday, November 18th.

I hope you and your friends outside of Faith Church will join us. This is a wonderful way to invite friends to explore what Christianity is. Please reach out to [Susan Appleton](#) or call 425-233-9326 to sign up.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Faith Café meets Wednesdays, at 9:30 a.m. in the Talbert kitchen. Bring a friend, and come enjoy great fellowship with bible studies and programs this year!

You are Invited. Join us!

Faith Church's new mom's group, is here! Please sign up for the 2017-2018 year

Register for BBM Today:

https://faithonline.ccbchurch.com/forms_main.php

Like us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/BBMFaithChurch/>

Contact: [Melissa](#)



Starting October 5th, on the first and third Thursday of each month, Building Better Moms will meet in the Lobby to support and encourage moms around questions and topics families are facing today.

Mothers with children newborn to high school will meet to focus on a variety of topics such as:

Discipline — Learn techniques to outsmart, outwit and outplay to survive and thrive during those preschool-age through teenage years.

Building faith as a family — Grow together in developing strong Christian values to establish a solid family foundation.

Peer influences — Gain insights on how to help your child stay grounded and true to themselves and their faith despite what their friends might be doing.

This group meets approximately twice a month during the school year to enjoy food and fellowship, speakers and group discussion, and BBM mission projects.

BBM Missions

Faith Church and In The Beginning Preschool moms will partner together to participate in mission projects throughout the 2017-2018 school year. Our first project will be contributing to Swedish Pediatrics. Please be praying about how this BBM group will serve our local community in a way that reflects our commitment to sharing God's love. Monetary donations can be offered at each meeting.

MISSIONS



**CHILDREN
OF THE NATIONS®**

MEET Ndonga and Alice from Children of the Nations, Sunday, October 29th! We are privileged to have the opportunity to bring two interns from **Children of the Nations (COTN) Malawi Mission** to share how COTN works with programs like **Days for Girls** and the Zimbabwe Orphan Enterprise (ZOE) to provide their students hope for the future.

There will be a brief presentation by COTN during both services on October 29th and our children and youth will spend time with the interns. Following the second service at 11:45 a.m., Faith Church will gather for Christian fellowship and break bread together. Faith Church is actively engaged in international mission's work. Through the Days for Girls project we help girls in Africa with sponsorships of children by Faith Church families and the adult Sunday school class.

We will have the opportunity to learn more about the interns' stories and how God has been present in their lives. **We welcome all of you to attend the fellowship.** You will be touched by what you hear.

THIRD SUNDAY MISSIONS! On Sunday, October 15, Faith Church will be collecting donations for our friends at **Tent City 4**. They need: canned goods, dry goods, gas cards, socks, hats and gloves.



GIVE BLOOD. It's easy, takes only about one hour of your time. Faith Church will again be hosting a blood drive through Bloodworks Northwest, Saturday, November 11th, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (closed 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.) in the Upper/Talbert building at Faith Church. Signup [HERE](#).

IN THE BEGINNING PRESCHOOL

The first several weeks moved as expected and after our short break for the Habitat for Humanity Garage Sale – we are so grateful that our love and hard work getting our little ones (and some sweet parents) adjusted to our preschool routine, returned non-worse for the days off. Yes! It is truly rewarding to see so many smiling faces each day and feel the relationships that are blooming between the children, their teachers and families.

Our hallways are filled with the smells of hot apple pies, cinnamon and, cloves and we know that it won't be long before we wake up to trees with orange, red, purple and yellow leaves to let us know that fall has truly arrived. We look forward to many off campus field trips to local farms to learn more about God's amazing world and who we are in it. The sensory overload on these field trips are nothing short of miraculous! Besides our field trips this month, we will be practicing our smiles for our yearly preschool pictures.

In addition to our daily school routines, we will begin to organize ourselves to support one of our favorite charities: The Christmas Magic Gift Drive, which supports over 70 children from the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank to help make their Christmas special. In just a few short weeks, we will be hosting our annual 'Daddy & Me' pumpkin carving night in the lobby on Tuesday, October 24. This is such a special night we get to share with our Dads and students!

We have a few openings left in our preschool program: If you know of anyone who might be interested, please direct them to our [website](#) or contact us directly at 425-392-0123 x6.

In the Beginning Preschool is hosting a Clothing and Textile Drive!

Help us stuff the truck on:

Wednesday Oct 25 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Oct 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sunday Oct 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Accepted Items: Clothing new and gently used. SHOES paired only. TOWELS, STUFFED ANIMALS, HATS, SHEETS, BLANKETS, QUILTS, BEDSPREADS, DRAPES, PURSES, BELTS...All items must be dry/clean and in a tied plastic bag.

We cannot take glass, breakables, electronics, pet beds, bed pillows, carpeting or throw rugs, uniforms, sewing scraps, hotel linens or items previously for sale at a thrift store.

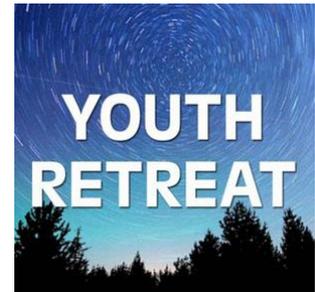
Contact [Kathryn](#) with questions!

To reach our goal, please try to fill a minimum of 3 tall white trash bags!
We will provide the bag for you on Sunday, October 23!

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Children & Youth Fall Retreat!

This will be the first retreat of its kind for the children and youth of Faith Church. This is an amazing opportunity for young participants to step out of their normal rhythms and routines, the busyness and stress, and find space to experience God and God's love in ways that they might never have before.



This retreat will take place from **October 20-22nd**. We will leave from Faith Church after school on Friday and return to the church Sunday afternoon.

Over the course of our time together that weekend, the students will have separate times to explore their relationship with God through teaching, prayer, and classic Christian exercises like meditating on the Bible to deepen their faith and relationship with God.

Youth entering 4th-12th grade may attend on their own and there will be special programming for both 4th-5th graders and 6th-8th graders. High School students in 9th-12th grade are encouraged to participate as Assistant Leaders. There will be separate sleeping accommodations for guys and girls.

The Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center is located on 110 acres of mixed forest in the heart of the Manastash Canon in the Eastern Cascade Mountain Foothills in Washington State. Lazy F Camp offers fun activities for everyone like hikes to the stations of the cross, tubing in the creek, archery, zip lines, a climbing tower, golf, fishing in the pond, crafts and fellowship.

For questions or financial scholarship information, please contact [Brendan](#).



Confirmation: Registration for our fall confirmation class is now open for all students who will be entering 8th grade or above. Class begins Sunday, October 15th at noon in the Talbert/ Annex. See Brendan Cooney for details or send him an [email](#).

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

10/1 Karen Gladhill Karen Bergsvik Ron Cowger Abel Madsen	10/8 Lincoln Rausch Susan Chen	10/19 Greg Dietzel Bill Mincey
10/2 Tatom Metcalf Roger Heeringa	10/9 Larry Artman Lesa Widner	10/20 Isaac Hays Rebecca Krieg Sabrina Brummett Avery Thompson
10/3 Melissa Bortnick Leslie Case	10/10 Matthew Thompson Hunter Thompson	10/24 Adam Riley
10/4 George Engelbeck Ron Kaetzel	10/12 Dean Cannon 10/16 Joy Valera 10/18 Tom McCollough 10/19 Gavinn Box	10/27 Chloe Bortnick 10/31 Lauren Michalek
10/5 John Atherly		

Anniversaries

10/8 Gary & Ginny Bearson
10/10 Greg & Tina Brake
10/19 Dallas & Sue Dyer
10/27 Gordon & Carol King

I am thankful for... September...

Briana	For	Subbing for Pam and welcoming guests.
Emily	For	Sharing her gifts of music.
Pam S	For	The Talent Show!
Pam & Dan	For	Organizing the Talent Show
Grace & Becky	For	Helping with the safety forum!
All those who	Participated	In the talent show for the hurricane relief fund.
Greg D., Jim S. & Rob Y.	For	Their friendship and guidance with professional transition.
Patti H.	For	Sharing her talents and energy with us.
The Missions Team	For	Organizing Hands Against Hunger
Elinor R.	For	Her kindness to members and guests.
Tina B.	For	Her enthusiasm and energy to give voice and action to God's love.
Whoever is filling the tubs in kitchen with ice	As	It makes hospitality work so much easier!!
Tom M.	For	Children of the Nations support.
Pastor Elizabeth	For	This place to worship this morning.
All the scripture readers	For	Sharing the scripture through their voice.
Tom M.	For	Facilitating adult Sunday school.

Upcoming Events

10/4 Building Better Moms
10/7 Salmon Day Parade
10/15 Mission Sunday - Tent City 4
10/19 Building Better Moms
10/20 Youth Retreat @ Lazy F
10/29 COTN Fellowship Luncheon

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SUNDAYS AT FAITH CHURCH

9:00 a.m.

Worship Service

Children's, Middle School, High School, Adult School Sunday School

Child-Care Provided

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship in Lobby

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service

Children's Sunday School

Child-Care Provided