

March Newsletter



FAITH
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A Speck on the Timeline

A letter from the Pastor

Mammoths still roamed the earth when the pyramids were being built. Oxford University existed centuries before the Aztec Empire was founded. The guillotine was still in use when Star Wars first came out. And of course, the legendary Cleopatra lived closer to the age of computers than she did to the conquest of Egypt.

On the entire timeline of God's creation, our lives take up such a small speck we would have to zoom in just to see us. But of course to us, that speck is our entire lives, our passing reality. Every day that we go to work, see a friend, go on a trip, or relax at home, we put one more grain of sand in the hourglass of our life.

And on that timeline come struggles, heartaches, pains, and worry for the future of our community.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth who were struggling not to lose heart over the struggles of ministry. While he does not address and fix each of their woes in turn, he helps give them some perspective about life in God's world.

Paul writes, *"¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."* (2 Cor. 4:16-18)

A great comedian once said, "You think you live in America? ZOOM OUT!" We live our lives on a planet God created for us, placed in just the right time of history. It is a daily challenge to adhere ourselves to an eternal perspective over our own worries about what the day will bring. We labor over the changes life presents and the comforts that are removed and yet our God is orchestrating all of history for the benefit of all.

Every morning that the sun rises is a tiny speck of time, but a massive opportunity. For we get to fix our eyes on the unseen work God is doing, which means having full and complete faith that God will accomplish His work. He has promised eternal glory! Do not lose heart! Rejoice!



And now a prayer,

Lord, Yahweh, Elohim, we humble ourselves before your eternal being. Guide us away from the strife of the little things in life and let us rejoice

for what you have already done. You have set history into motion. May we marvel at your sight.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Casey Hodges

From The Council President

"Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Don't be afraid or discouraged, for I, the Lord your God am with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

On His promises we stand as we move forward to accomplish the goal of building His Kingdom for His glory! What an action-packed weekend we have experienced at Faith! Our time and council with Pastor Eric was blessed in every aspect of our meetings up to and including his beautiful message on Sunday as well as the presentation of his assessment and recommendations. If you were not able to attend this presentation, please contact me and I will be sure you receive a link to view it.

We will again have the benefit and blessing of his work with us on Sunday March 16 as he presents a service of Reconciliation. Please put the date on your calendar. He will also be facilitating meetings over the weekend with the council and other members of Faith as we plan and organize our Vision Team and Call Team. During all this activity we received the sad news of Jan Burkhardt, our dear friend, long-term and dedicated members' passing. Jan has gone to be with our Lord and has received her "Crown of Life" promised by our Loving and Grace filled God. Please keep Bob and her family in your prayers. I for one will miss her hugs as I enter the church which she freely and lovingly always provided.

Your council has many recommendations from Eric that we are actively working to accomplish. One of our greatest takeaways is the process of communicating with you, our members. This is a task we take seriously and are working on achieving through multiple strategies. Be on the lookout for news to come as we finalize plans.

Our financial position during the month of January remains stable and the amount of loss for the month was less than the previous month. So, we are moving in the right direction. We did receive a refund from our attorney of the amount of \$1,542.50. As a reminder the minutes and financial reports from the monthly council meeting are posted in the church office for your review.

The Executive Committee and Council are keeping busy with operational improvements to fill in gaps that a lead pastor would have been conducting. Pastor Casey has been a great help and leader. In addition to his Associate Pastor responsibilities! Give him a Hands UP 🙌🙌 next time you see him.

In His service, for His glory.
Bette Warn, Council President
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JESUS
The Way, The Truth, The Life



The Celebration of Life for Jan Burkhardt will be held on Saturday May 24th at 11:00 AM at FLC. Refreshments will be served in the Gathering Place immediately following the service.



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Empathy



We all experience moments when we act out our emotions instead of manage them. Later, we often feel guilty over our outbursts and inadequacy for our inability to control our emotions. Emotions are like weather patterns. Some days are stormy, some are cloudy with a chance of rain and some have abundant sunshine. We can no more control our emotions than we can the weather. We can, however, be consciously aware of probable weather conditions and respond wisely by carrying an umbrella on rainy days or wearing sunglasses on sunny ones. The same is true for our emotions: We can learn to become aware of them and respond wisely. Conscious acceptance is necessary for this occur.

Emotions aren't bad guys; they serve vital purposes in our lives. They are our internal guidance system, our moral navigators and our core system for discerning right from wrong. They tell us when life is off track and nudge us to return to a path of love. We do not need to control them; we need to become acutely aware of them, manage them, listen to their message for returning to our highest values and then learn how to express them more appropriately. Emotions provide a bridge between problem and solution.

If we don't identify our feelings, we will act them out. Children tend to act out feelings. In addition, adults tend to act out feelings by being critical and making judgments. Every time we negate what is happening, we are negating what we are feeling.

Registration for the 2025-26 School Year is now open! Please contact Ms. Jean for more information at preschool@faithcrrco.org or by calling 303-688-3532

InTouch Report

Our Faith Intouch Team works with the Food Pantry to support the recipients with other Castle Rock resources available to them. We have a list of resources we share and we often visit with each other about the best way to support these individuals.

We have 4 people serving Intouch who contact the food pantry recipients who check on their registration forms that they give permission to be contacted. (For security, a separate private text is set up for team members to use.)

We meet at 1:00 PM on Wednesdays for one hour every other week. We need help. We are asking you to consider joining our team. We now are supporting over 150 people and are asking you to pray for us and God's purpose for this mission. Please feel free to visit with Kathy Banister, Stu Bailey, Barb Deheer or Kathy Duncan if you have any questions about becoming a member of Intouch. God bless you!



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**REMEMBER TO
SPRING FORWARD
MARCH 9, 2025**

Stewardship Report



Stewardship: We believe that everything we have is a gift from God including our very breath. Therefore, we are to be responsible stewards of the spiritual, physical, and material gifts given us to. We are also to share these gifts as we demonstrate our caring and welfare for others, the orphan, the widow, and the stranger. In other words, each of us is the personal manager of the time, treasure, and talent with which God has individually gifted us as we demonstrate our love of God, of others, and as we serve our community. (Ex 22:21-22, Acts 2:44-45, Acts 4:32-35)

Offering Counting

Could still use a few more offering counters as we may add three this month. It takes about 30 minutes after the service.

Please assist by inviting anyone who you think may even be slightly interested. It would really help if two more individuals could assist with the offering counting. Please refer them to Diane Iannone at "Dianne@iannone.info" or introduce them to Diane or Steve Williams.

Update: Extra Mile Giving (Matt 5:41)

As of February 11 we have received \$30,766.27 total (last and this fiscal years) and \$10,156.27 towards meeting this (2024 – 25) fiscal years budget shortfall.

"Many hands make light work." In this case "Many donations make less debt."

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Endowment: Nothing to report

- Craig Sundquist

Benevolence For February

Wellspring and HopeKids will be the Benevolence gifts given for February, \$1000 each.

- Laura Stevens

Steve Williams - Stewardship



Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Join us for this solemn service as our Lenten journey begins

Wednesdays of Lent



Lenten Suppers

From March 12 - April 9 we'd love for you to join us every Wednesday at 6:00 PM for some good ol' fashioned fellowship, a Lenten Midweek Dinner and Service. Mark your calendars, plan to join us, and we hope to see you there!

March 12, is Taco night, sign-up sheets available after Sunday Worship.



GriefShare Beginning In March March 4, 2025 @ 6:00 PM



The Spring Session of GriefShare begins Tuesday, March 4th at 6:00 pm in the Church Library. We invite anyone who has lost a loved one to join us for this 13 week class. For over 25 years, GriefShare has helped over 1 million people heal from the pain of grief. It is the prayer of the GriefShare team that GriefShare will help you too. You are not alone on your journey of grief.

Senior Luncheon & BINGO



**March 18, 2025 • 11:30 AM
FLC Gathering Place**

MARCH CALENDAR

March 1, Saturday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM Food Pantry

March 2, Sunday

9:00 AM Worship
10:30 AM ARK
10:30 AM Adult Forum
6:00 PM FLY

March 3, Monday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Women on the Rise
6:00 PM Mon. Men's Bible Study
6:00 PM Preschool Parent Sem.

March 4, Tuesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Grief Share

March 5, Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
9:00 AM Sarah Circle
1:00 PM InTouch
6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Svc

March 6, Thursday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
8:30 AM "Piece Makers" Quilters
6:30 PM Thu. Night Bible Study

March 7, Friday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM REAL Bible Study

March 8, Saturday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM Food Pantry

March 9, Sunday

9:00 AM Worship
10:30 AM ARK
10:30 AM Adult Forum
10:30 AM Ex. Board Mtg
6:00 PM FLY

March 10, Monday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Women on the Rise
6:00 PM Mon. Men's Bible Study
6:00 PM Preschool Parent Sem.
7:30 PM Castle Rock Band

March 11, Tuesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Grief Share

March 12, Wednesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Lenten Supper
7:00 PM Lenten Service
7:45 PM Choir Practice

March 13, Thursday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
8:30 AM "Piece Makers" Quilters
6:30 PM Thu. Night Bible Study

March 14, Friday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM REAL Bible Study

March 15, Saturday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM Food Pantry

March 16, Sunday

9:00 AM Worship
10:30 AM ARK
~~10:30 AM No Adult Forum~~
10:30 AM Congregational Mtg.
6:00 PM FLY

March 17, Monday

NO Preschool SPRING BREAK
7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Women on the Rise
6:00 PM Mon. Men's Bible Study
~~6:00 PM No Preschool Parent Sem.~~

March 18, Tuesday

NO Preschool SPRING BREAK
7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
11:30 AM Senior Lunch & BINGO
6:00 PM Grief Share

March 19, Wednesday

NO Preschool SPRING BREAK
7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Lenten Supper
7:00 PM Lenten Service
7:45 PM Choir Practice

March 20, Thursday

NO Preschool SPRING BREAK
7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
8:30 AM "Piece Makers" Quilters
6:30 PM Thu. Night Bible Study

March 21, Friday

NO Preschool SPRING BREAK
7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM REAL Bible Study
5:00 PM Newsletter Deadline

March 22, Saturday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM Food Pantry

March 23, Sunday

9:00 AM Worship
10:30 AM ARK
10:30 AM Adult Forum
6:00 PM FLY

March 24, Monday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Women on the Rise
6:00 PM Mon. Men's Bible Study
6:00 PM Preschool Parent Sem.
7:30 PM Castle Rock Band

March 25, Tuesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Grief Share

March 26, Wednesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Lenten Supper
7:00 PM Lenten Service
7:45 PM Choir Practice

March 27, Thursday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
8:30 AM "Piece Makers" Quilters
6:30 PM Thu. Night Bible Study

March 28, Friday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM REAL Bible Study

March 29, Saturday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM Food Pantry

March 30, Sunday

9:00 AM Worship
10:30 AM ARK
10:30 AM Adult Forum
6:00 PM FLY

March 31, Monday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Women on the Rise
6:00 PM Mon. Men's Bible Study
6:00 PM Preschool Parent Sem.

Wednesdays of Lent



Lenten Suppers

Sign-up sheets are available after
Sunday Worship services

Menu Line-up

- * March 12, 2025 – Taco Night
- * March 19, 2025 – Build-a-Sub
- * March 26, 2025 – Appetizers & Finger Foods
- * April 2, 2025 – Nacho Bar
- * April 9, 2025 – Hot Dog & Sausage Bar



Happy Birthday!

May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you His peace.'

Numbers 6:24-26

March 07 Ralph Lawson
March 20 Bev Williams
March 22 Kenneth Dow
March 28 Norah Baird

If you or a family member is not on the birthday list, and you would like to be added please contact Daria at dariam@faithcrco.org

Monthly Bible Challenge

Would you like to take on the challenge of reading the entire Bible in the next year? We have a daily reading schedule for you to follow that should only take about 30 minutes of your time each day. Here are the readings for this month. Once you've decided to take the challenge, be sure to tell someone about it and ask them to hold you accountable or even better, read it together! (Print & clip the list, placing it in your bible for easy reference!)

March 1	Deuteronomy 21-23	Psalms 60	March 17	Judges 19-21	Psalms 76
March 2	Deuteronomy 24-27	Psalms 61	March 18	Ruth 1-4	Psalms 77
March 3	Deuteronomy 28-29	Psalms 62	March 19	1 Samuel 1-3	Psalms 78
March 4	Deuteronomy 30-31	Psalms 63	March 20	1 Samuel 4-8	Psalms 79
March 5	Deuteronomy 32-34	Psalms 64	March 21	1 Samuel 9-12	Psalms 80
March 6	Joshua 1-4	Psalms 65	March 22	1 Samuel 13-14	Psalms 81
March 7	Joshua 5-8	Psalms 66	March 23	1 Samuel 15-17	Psalms 82
March 8	Joshua 9-12	Psalms 67	March 24	1 Samuel 18-20	Psalms 83
March 9	Joshua 13-21	Psalms 68	March 25	1 Samuel 21-24	Psalms 84
March 10	Joshua 22-24	Psalms 69	March 26	1 Samuel 25-27	Psalms 85
March 11	Judges 1-3	Psalms 70	March 27	1 Samuel 28-31	Psalms 86
March 12	Judges 4-5	Psalms 71	March 28	2 Samuel 1-3	Psalms 87
March 13	Judges 6-8	Psalms 72	March 29	2 Samuel 4-8	Psalms 88
March 14	Judges 9-12	Psalms 73	March 30	2 Samuel 9-12	Psalms 89
March 15	Judges 13-15	Psalms 74	March 31	2 Samuel 13-15	Psalms 90
March 16	Judges 16-18	Psalms 75			

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