

FOCUS

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Focus on New Families at Faith

As we continue focusing on new families here at Faith, we take the opportunity to meet some of our newest members, Mark and Beth Tredo and their children, who were received into membership in August.

Where did you two grow up?

Mark is from Waukesha, WI, a suburb of Milwaukee. Beth is from West Point, GA.

How did you two meet?

We met at an apartment complex pool, the day after I got out of the Navy.

Any funny or interesting relationship stories?

I always love telling about our wedding with all the yankees from Wisconsin mixing with the southerners from Georgia. The best part was the guys from my wedding party trying to teach the blues band how to play the chicken dance song.

What do you do for a living?

Mark is a construction manager. Beth is a speech pathologist (but currently focusing on her health food business).

Tell us about your kids.

Three boys: Zachry (10), Collin (8) and William (4). The older two attend Kedron Elementary in Peachtree City and Will is at Faith Lutheran preschool. They are all playing baseball now and love to draw, read, and play video games.

What kinds of things do you like to do? Any hobbies?

Beth likes horses, Mark likes golf, flying, and music (drummer). Beth cooks the best pecan pies anywhere and Mark likes to make migas (breakfast tacos) and chili with homemade smoked jalapeno salsa and other secret ingredients.

How did you end up here in Georgia, and especially here at Faith?

We moved to Georgia to be near Beth's mother due to health issues and also to make sure our boys grew up knowing how to say yes ma'am and pick up other great southern traditions. The weather may have played a minor part in our decision. Peachtree City's great schools and proximity to the airport (and Beth's cousin) is why we chose this area. We came from a WELS church in Milwaukee so Faith was a pleasant surprise as we didn't know it was here.



Devotion Time—Mark 5:24b-34

A large crowd followed and pressed around [Jesus]. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?” “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’” But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

What a whirlwind of emotion this woman must have gone through! For twelve years she suffered with hemorrhaging – not just from the ailment itself, but also from all the barbaric treatments doctors in those days would have put her through to try to heal her, which in some cases probably just made the situation worse. At this point she was willing to do anything to find a cure, but for all intents and purposes, the world had failed her. There was only one possibility left for her – the man they called Jesus, whom some said was a miracle-worker, and some said was even more than that.

She squeezed her way through the crowd, finally catching a glimpse of him, and then moving closer and closer. Her heart beats faster as she gets her hopes up; this could be it! She reaches out and touches the Healer’s cloak – and in an instant, she was freed from all her suffering. But Jesus stops and the crowd gasps and goes silent as he asks, “Who touched me?” There’s a tangible tension in the air, and no one’s sure how to take it. “Uh-oh... we’ve upset him! What happens now?” So the crowd goes on damage control and throws this woman under the bus. Everyone points to her and pushes her toward the front of the crowd, thinking Jesus is going to make an example out of her. “This is your fault! You should have thought before you did that!”

We can only imagine what was going through this woman’s head as she laid there trembling with fear before the Son of God. “What have I done?” What did she expect to hear? What did the crowd expect to hear? Jesus could have scowled and growled, “Do you dare to touch me? Do you presume to take advantage of my goodness and power?” What happened, though, reminded me of an excerpt from *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis:

"If there's anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking, they're either braver than me or else just silly."

"Then he isn't safe?" asked Lucy.

"Safe?" said Mr. Beaver.

"Don't you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

It’s so cool how this story from the Bible illustrates so clearly the difference between Christianity and every other religion in the world, the difference between our God and theirs.

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Across the board, God is recognized as someone before whom we sinners rightly fall and tremble – someone who has the power to crush us, someone whom we should not presume to take advantage of. But only Christians’ know a Savior-God whose goodness overshadows all else, who reaches down to pick us up with a warm smile, speaks to us as his own beloved children, and showers us with blessings at every opportunity. “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.” Jesus wasn’t upset with her – he was delighted at her boldness, because he knew it meant that she trusted him to save her when all else had failed. She didn’t need to be afraid, because her physical and spiritual welfare were in good hands with Jesus. She had come to the right place for the help she needed. Christian, know that what that woman learned that day is also for you. Our God loves it when you pray to him boldly, and he loves to bless you and help you. Jesus has the power to get you through whatever you’re suffering; he cares for you and will do what’s best for you, even if he only ends your suffering by taking you home to heaven. So be at peace, because you couldn’t be in better hands.

Vicar Reichert

The Great Georgia Airshow

October 8th and 9th, 2011 — Peachtree City Falcon Field

The members of Faith have another opportunity to host a food booth at the Great Georgia Airshow.

We have the fried food booth and will serve:

Fried Fish, Chicken, Curly Fries, Funnel Cakes & Brats

We are looking for —

- People to help provide needed supplies
- Many teenage and adult volunteers to work at our booth

If you would like to help, sign-up sheets are in the gathering area or speak to Scott Buth, Travis Heinz, or Stuart Duncan.

Please join us in this unique way to serve our community and have fun!



Preschool News

October is a really wonderful month at the preschool.

The children are well adjusted to the routine of school by this time, and the teachers are getting to introduce lots of new concepts. We are starting to see the children grow in both learning and development. The fire truck will visit, and class pictures will be taken.

But the most anticipated event will be the costume parties at the end of the month. The children will get to wear their costumes to school, go on a hay ride, and have a fun lunch together.

Holly Buth, Director



Faith Lutheran Church's Fall Festival

Sunday, November 6, 2011

It's time for **Fall Festival 2011** at Faith Lutheran Church! The festival is completely free and the whole community is invited, so we'd love to have you join us at Faith for a day of relevant, meaningful worship, great food, and family fun.

When: Sunday, November 6, 2010
Worship @ 10:30 AM
Lunch @ 12:00 PM
Games until 2:00 PM

What: Food, Bounce House, Crafts, Face Painting, Cornhole, and More!

Bring: Lawn chairs and your family and friends!

We hope to see you there!

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October–November Volunteer Schedules

Sunday

Sunday	Acolyte	Friendship Register		Nursery	Video Taping
Oct 2	Caleb Christopher	Arianna Everhart	Sydney Bakken	Watkins	Caleb Christopher
Oct 9	Kayla Nichols	Garrett Madden	Grant Madden	Hill	Keith Schroeder
Oct 16	Jimmy Countryman	Elizabeth Bloy	Olivia Bloy	Peggy Covey / Sherry Kangas	Andrew Bjornas
Oct 23	Jessica Pfliger	Eric Pfeifer	Sam Pfliger	Jenny Schroeder	Joshua Buth
Oct. 30	Tyler Madden	Siena Ford	Maddie Green	Buth	
Nov 6	Ashley Kangas	Daniel Buth	Nicholas Johnston	Bonnette	Katherine Curtis
Nov 13	Noah Kvidt	Julia Norcross	Alyssa Countryman	Buckley	Anna Curtis
Nov 20	Katie Watkins	Henry Adams	Clayton Gibson	Quinn Madelyn/ Terri Ricker	Cole Johnson
Nov 27	Keith Schroeder	Elise Harris	Stephanie Holldorf	Pfeifer	Caleb Christopher

During the Week

Week of	Lawn Mowing		Church Cleaning	
	Lawn A	Lawn B	Family 1	Family 2
Oct 3	Buth	Wulf	D& H Johnson	L & K Green
Oct 10	Giles	Collins	Hill	Covey
Oct 17	Hoth	Deschamps	Crowe	Buckley
Oct 24	We have reached the end of the lawn mowing season. Thank you to everyone who helps keep the lawn at God's house looking nice and the lawn mowers working!		Curtis	Christopher
Oct. 31			Springstroh	Foster
Nov 7			Peterson	Bjornas
Nov 14			Kangas	Koepke
Nov 21	If you have any questions about the lawn mowing schedule, please speak to Scott Buth.		Quinn/Ricker	Duncan
Nov 28			Madden	McDevitt

Ushering Teams

October			
Wulf	Dick	Green	Chad
Christopher	Jim	Hoth	John
Curtis	Ron	Morgan	Robbie
Everhart	Jason	Nichols	Tim
Ford	Jay	Pfeifer	Jonathan
Giles	Blake	Tredo	Mark
Green	Lee		

November			
Morgan	Greg	Kangas	Tim
Bjornas	Richard	Lanier	Mike
Chapman	Pascal	Lass	David
Gibson	Scot	Lindemann	Nathan
Green	Lee	Norcross	Chris
Heitshusen	Gary	Quinn	Jack
Johnson	Doug	Redmon	Rex

October Birthdays

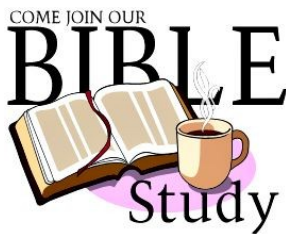
Gary Heitshusen	10/1	Nicholas Johnston	10/16
Henry Adams	10/1	Rob Morgan	10/16
Joan Carter	10/2	Megan Eberle	10/17
Rex Redmon	10/2	Tim Hold	10/19
Lauren Curtis	10/3	Emily Fiscus	10/20
Troy Holldorf	10/3	Karen Seitz	10/20
Dawn Amodeo	10/4	Tim Kangas	10/22
Ron Curtis	10/4	Mark Reichert	10/22
Richard Bjornas	10/5	Grant Bakken	10/24
Hannah Buckley	10/5	Shawn Green	10/24
Art Crowe	10/6	David Lass	10/24
Doug Johnson	10/6	Ethan Gehl	10/25
Michael Schroeder	10/6	Valerie Hughes	10/26
Joshua Buth	10/10	Grazio Roberts	10/26
Max McDevitt	10/11	Siara Ford	10/27
Kristene Foster	10/12	Mike Schroeder	10/31
Mike Moro	10/15		

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**If you have information for the newsletter,
 please submit it to
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 by the 25th of each month. Thank you.**

Women's Bible Study Starts Wednesday, October 12



The Women's Bible Study that we just finished was fabulous!

Our next Bible Study will start October 12th at 7:00pm We would love to see you there as we study a book of the Bible: Luke. The study is called :Physician's Prescription for the Soul" This is an in depth look at the book of Luke.

Join us every Wednesday evening from 7 - 8 p.m. starting October 12th!

Sunday Morning Refreshments

If there is enough interest, we would like to serve refreshments after church on the first Sunday of each month. This involves bringing enough donuts or baked goods for about 200-220 people. We have coffee and water available to drink at the church. You could also provide some juice is desired.



The Fayetteville Connect group will be providing snacks this coming Sunday, Oct 2nd. If a you, a small group, or your connect group is interested in providing refreshments for specific month, please sign up on the sheet located at the refreshment table.

It is really simple for connect groups to do together and divide up amongst families. If you have any questions about refreshments, please email Dawn at faithadmin@gmail.com. If you have questions about your connect group, please email Judy Christopher at jajuch@charter.net.