

## Faith Community Church News

Why do Christians **love the Psalms**? Because we can relate to the distresses, yet hope in God, of the writers. In this evening's service at 6:30 pm Pastor Jeff will lead us in a study of Psalm 69 – *The Savior of the Needy*.

Thank you for your **faithful giving** to the Lord through this local church. By sustaining the local church you uphold the chief witness to the living God in the earth (1 Tim. 3:15).

Meredith Bunting has returned from many years of service as a literacy developer with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Niger, Africa, to take care of her aging mother. She expresses **her gratitude** for our faithful support of her ministry since 1992 and asks prayer for her mother who will have a hip operation on Aug. 14.

Our church bought a new Yamaha guitar and gave it as a **gift** to the International Christian Fellowship Church in Lewisville to assist them in their worship.

**Your help** is needed to take a turn in cleaning the building on Saturdays. Please sign up on the list.

### Upcoming Conferences:

Sept. 25-27 – Founders' Conference at Heritage Baptist in Mansfield, TX

Oct. 16-18 – ACRC in Jacksonville, AR

Faith Community Church- Aug 10, 2008 Light Bearers

### The Gathering

Jesus said: *Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in their midst.* (Matthew 28:18)

#### Affirmation of God's Grace

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

#### Call to Worship

*Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.* Ps. 105:1ff

***One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.*** Ps.27:4

Hymn of Opening Worship 12 – Praise the Lord His Glories Show

Invocation Pastor Jeff Gregory

C-227 Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Chorus-206 When I Look into Your Holiness

### Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon (sit)

*M:* God is light and in him is no darkness. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all unrighteousness. Let us therefore confess our sins before almighty God.

#### *Silent Confession*

*P:* Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways, by forgetting your love. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father, and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Saviour. Amen.

## We Sing Together

*Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!* Psa. 32:11

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Sometimes a Light Surprises

H-329 Walk in the Light

Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness (89 Holy Manna)

I Believe in God Almighty (175 In Babilone)

Prayer

## We Read the Sacred Writings

*"Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell."* Psa. 43:3

O. T. - Deuteronomy 14:1 - 21

N.T. - Acts 11:19 -30

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## We Present Our Prayers and Offerings

*I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.* 1 Tim. 2:8

Prayers of the People

\*Prayer Hymn- Gift of Christ from God Our Father (167 Ar Hyd Y Nos)

Reception of Offering- *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.* Ps 96:8

Presentation Prayer

***We bring our gifts to you, Lord God, with cheerfulness and a joyful heart. Grant that with our gifts we may also offer a ready mind and a willing spirit to show forth in our lives the truth of the gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

Offering Song -Have We Any Gift Worth Giving?

## We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

Scripture Text: Philippians 2:14-18

Sermon - "Shining Stars" by Mark Bahr

Hymn - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (77)

## We Share in the Lord's Supper

*On the first day of the week we came together to break bread.* Acts 20:7

*People will come from east and west and north and south, and*

*will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.* Luke 13:29-30

*What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits toward me?*

***I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.***

*I will pay my vows to the LORD*

*Now in the presence of all His people.* Ps 116:12-14

*Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.* (Ja. 4:8)

**We come, Lord Christ, to fellowship with you in the eating and drinking at this holy table.**

## Invitation

All of you who confess that Jesus Christ is your only hope of salvation from sin, and you are living daily under his Lordship, are heartily invited to join us in this holy meal. You don't have to be perfect, but you do need to know your need of him.

## The Confession of Faith

***Christ is died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!***

## Words of Institution

1 Cor 11:23-26

*For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks...*

## **Prayer of Thanks for the Bread**

### **Breaking & Passing of the Bread**

*he broke it...*

### **Communion Hymn - We Gather at the Holy Sup**

### **The Eating of the Bread**

*...and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."*

### **Prayer of Thanks for the Cup**

### **Drinking of the Cup**

*In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

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### **Concluding Thanksgiving**

**Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you did not despise the shame of the cross  
but for the joy of redeeming your people you endured its suffering and were raised to the Father's right  
hand for our sake.**

**Glory and thanks to you, Lord Christ, now and forever. Amen!**

Closing Hymn- 499 The Master Has Come

Benediction - 2Th. 2:16f Pastor

*Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good word and work. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*

## **Faith Community Church**

**Evening Service, August 10, 2008**

*Praise!* Hymnal & Psalter Hymnal

### **Call to Worship**

*Let the heavens and the earth praise God, along with the seas and everything that swims in them!*

**Amen.** [Psalm 69:34, Psalm 30:4]

*Sing to the LORD, you His faithful ones, and praise His holy name*

Opening Hymn - Praise! 313 Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

**Invocation** - Pastor Mark Bahr

### **Songs of Affirmation and Prayer**

*I will praise God's name with song and exalt Him with thanksgiving*

Read Psalm 69: 1-12

Psalter Hymn 126 Save Me O God

Praise 69B Hear Me, O God, and Hear My Cry

Read Psalm 69: 13- 21

Praise 413 Approach with Awe This Holy Place

Praise 414 At the Cross of Jesus

### **Ministry of the Word**

Scripture Text: Psalm 69

**Sermon** - "Savior of the Needy " by Pastor Jeff Gregory

**Response Hymn** – Praise! 876 God of My Life to You I Call

**Offering**

Dedication Prayer

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession** – congregation

*But as for me, LORD, my prayer to You is for a time of favor. In Your abundant, faithful love, God, answer me with Your sure salvation. Ps. 69:14*

Prayer Hymn – When the Waters Cover Me

**Departure Hymn** – Psalter 129 Thy Lovingkindness, Lord

**Benediction and Doxology** 2 Cor 13:14

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and **the** fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen***

**When the Waters Cover Me**

When the waters cover me save me, O God  
when I look and cannot see,  
when I seek what cannot be,  
when my friends abandon me, save me, O God

You know all my guilty fears, thank you, O God,  
you have heard with open ears,  
you have seen my contrite tears,  
you will bless me all my years, thank you, O God.

Michael Perry 69A Psalms for Today

**Psalm 69 A Psalm of Deliverance**

Save me, O God,, lest I should perish;  
None else can raise me from the mire;  
My only hope for sure salvation  
is that my life is Thy desire.  
My throat is parched as desert sod  
and dimming eyes await my God.

My hope, Thy promise to redeem me  
shall be a shield against despair;  
who can assail me with a vengeance  
if at my side, Thou, Lord art there?  
Make evil fail in its deceit  
swallow its pride in self-defeat.

O could I sing Thy praise forever.  
Offer my thanks to Thee aright:  
More than a sacrifice of riches,  
a grateful heart is Thy delight!  
Let earth and heav'n, as with one voice,  
sound forth Thy glory and rejoice!  
*Michael Morgan*

