## FAITH NEWSLETTER



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GOOD NEWS INSIDE THIS ISSUE: From The Pastor's Desk Champions News Celebrate Recovery Turning Point

## Note From Pastor Haley Akers

"Therefore encourage and comfort one another and build up one another, just as you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

At the end of the school year kids have the opportunity to participate in Field Day activities. This is when there is a day set aside usually during the last week of school where obstacle courses are set up outside and if you're lucky...water balloons are involved. To be honest...I dreaded Field Day. I was not very athletic in Elementary School and I didn't like the attention of being in front of everyone competing in different activities. The one thing I liked about Field Day is you were able to be part of a team. During the various activities your team would cheer you on and encourage you to push harder. Those shouts of inspiration and motivation made the dread and uneasiness of Field Day less awkward and more enjoyable.

The apostle Paul tells us that we are to encourage and comfort one another and build each other up. I am so thankful for the encouragement, comfort and building up of one another we share at Faith Church. Recently when there was a need for help cleaning the church while one of our sisters was recovering from a surgical procedure so many of you came to the rescue and brought comfort and encouragement. Many of you have also been offering your help with the upkeep of Vesper Hills. One thing's for sure... an encouraging and an uplifting spirit is contagious and God shows His favor to those that share their time, talents and treasures where there is need. Proverbs 11:25 promises "A generous person will prosper, whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

Look what love does- Pastor Haley

Hello All: Thank you so much for your donations to our Lenten/Easter Offering this year!

The offerings are going to the Salvation Army Food Pantry and the Champions Network. A total of \$384 will be divided up between the two, with an extra \$25 designated to the Salvation Army. Scoood \$192 will go to the Champions and \$217 to the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Again Thank YOU EVERYONE!!

Recently we have had a few large expenditures and purchases. From the Memorial Fund we were able to pay for the new stone wall behind the pulpit for \$3,040. We also bought a Wireless Handheld Microphone System for \$1,039 for Worship, a new laptop Computer for the Church Office & \$800 and a Eaptismal for \$375. We also had to pay for the Bell Tower repair and tuck pointing \$10,620 and Elevator Repairs at \$539.

If you have any questions please see me, Jeff Spung or Pastor Haley. Thank you to everyone that is supporting our Church with their financial gifts! - Cheryl

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## MINISTRIES ABOUND

Celebrate Recovery Note - On any Tuesday night there may be a miracle being worked! There are certainly testimonies being shared of how God has brought healing, victory, and hope. We never know how God is working, but we are certain He is. If you struggle with any obsessive or compulsive behavior then CR is for you. We have people there who are in recovery for many different issues. Celebrate Recovery is for everyone, so if you need some hope, then join us on Tuesday night! I encourage you to check CR out if you have never attended. - Trey Freeman

Turning Point Note - June is going to be an exciting month for Turning Point. We have two events scheduled. A Summer Kick-off cookout on June 2nd with outdoor games beginning at 4:30 followed by our normal service at 5. Then June 23rd we will be welcoming the Christian Hip-hop group Team Redeemed to the Faith Church back Parking Lot. We will be providing food and outdoor games that night at 5 with the concert at 6. We would love to see the place packed both of these nights, so please attend if you can! Blessings, Trey Freeman

Licking County Champions Network Note - First and foremost we want to thank God for all that He is doing through this group of amazing people! There is a new anointing of His Holy Spirit in Newark and Licking County, refreshing and bringing freedom to this region.

The Champions workforce has been busy helping Faith Church with some chores, and working in the community on different projects. This amazing team led by Chris Roberts added IO more workers to the team, they worked a total of II6 hours in April! We transported 2 more individuals to treatment, as of the first of April 65% of the men and 71% of the women that we work with are sustaining their sobriety and learning how to lean on the Holy Spirit day-by-day. In April we served over 206 meals and delivered 600 lbs of produce to 2I families in need. In April, we spotlighted Karla Redman, who began attending Champions in January of 2021 after she was delivered from substance abuse. Karla recertified herself as a Licensed CDCA consultant and Licensed Social Worker. She is currently working with women, providing one-on-one peer support. Karla also transports women in the group to various appointments and treatment state-wide. We thank you Karla for all that you do for this awesome Champions family! We want to thank Faith Church for becoming a beacon of light in Newark and helping so many and we pray that God richly blesses you!