

FAITH

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Ministry Guide
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our website at:

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Ministry Schedule

Ministry Schedule: A Week At A Glance

Sunday Services: 9 & 10:30am

- Nursery (3 Months - 3 Years Old): Offered Both Services
- FaithKids (Pre-K - 4th grade): Offered Both Services
- Root 56 (5th - 6th Grade): Offered 10:30am Service Only
- Journey Student Ministry (7th - 12th Grade): Offered 10:30am Service Only
- Faith Bible Classes: Offered Both Services

Wednesday Faith Family Night at 6:30pm:

- Journey Student Ministry
- Awana
- Adult Prayer and Bible Study

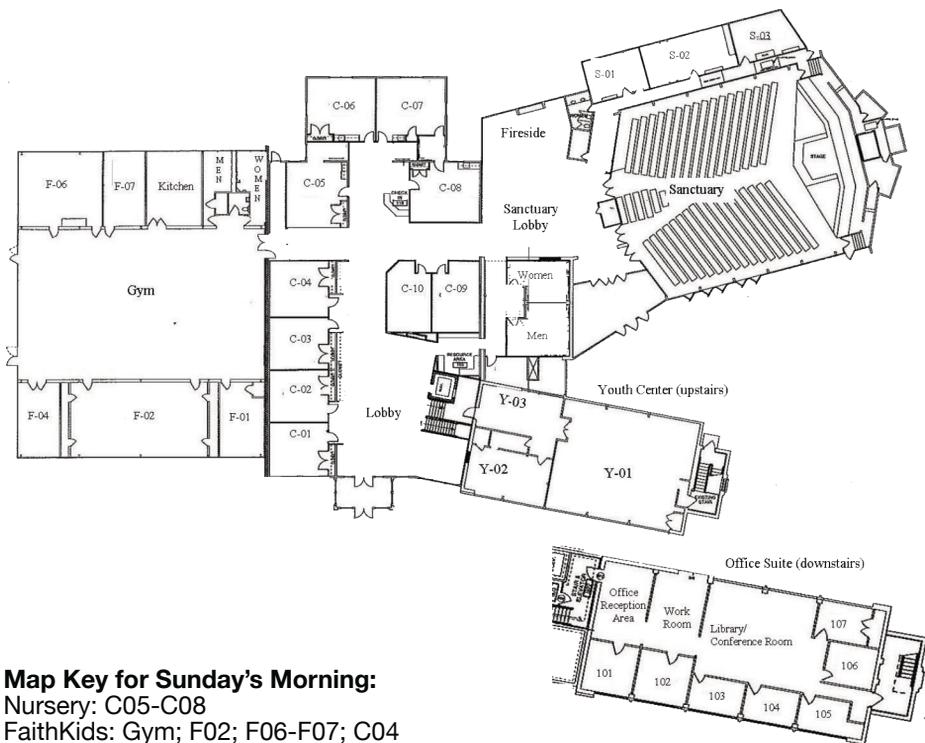
Thursday:

- FaithMoms & FaithKids at 9:15am

Friday:

- Food Pantry at 9am

Finding Your Way



Map Key for Sunday's Morning:

- Nursery: C05-C08
- FaithKids: Gym; F02; F06-F07; C04
- Root 56: S01-S02
- Journey Student Ministry: Y01-Y03
- Faith Bible Classes: C01-C03; C9-C10; S03

Missions Priorities

To Exalt, To Edify, To Evangelize

God's Word communicates His authority over our lives. The biblical essentials of our faith are eternal, transcending culture—we must be faithful! Cultural expressions of our faith are geographical and generational—we must be flexible!

Jesus is Lord! The mission presented by the Lord Jesus is unchanging! Early in his ministry he extended this invitation to his disciples, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). The Lord Jesus concludes his ministry with the Great Commission, "Go and make disciples of all nations . . ." How are we to follow Jesus' model of ministry? What are His mission priorities for us?

Exalt: "Follow me . . ." Our witness for Christ overflows from a walk with Christ. All our servant teams should seek to lead God's people to display and to declare God's glory. "You are witnesses of these things . . ." (Luke 24:48). "Love the Lord your God with all your heart..." (Deut. 6:5).

Edify: "and I will make you . . ." By the power of the Holy Spirit in us, this walk with Christ transforms our lives. Our servant teams seek to edify believers in their walk with God and to equip them to share their faith with the lost. We equip parents to train their children to worship the Lord, to grow in their relationship with God and to share their faith with their friends. We encourage God's people to use their gifts to meet the needs of others with a goal of introducing them to the Savior.

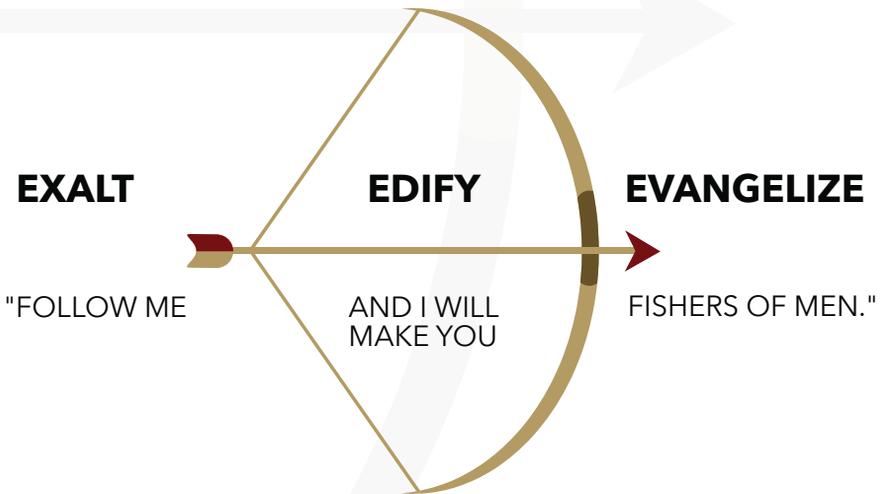
Evangelize: "... fishers of men." The disciples' personal walk with Christ transformed their lives and equipped them to proclaim the Gospel. The Lord's command to evangelize begins with the circles of influence in our daily lives and reaches to the ends of the earth. "Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel..." (Mark 16:15). "Repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations beginning in Jerusalem..." (Luke 24:47).

Annual Report

Our servant teams are called to equip God's people to share the Gospel both locally and globally. "You will be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Notice that this calling is both/and, not either/or.

The mission of Faith is to go and proclaim the Gospel locally (our "Jerusalem"), regionally (our "Judea and Samaria") and globally ("to the ends of the earth"—Acts 1:8). We seek to make disciples who grow in their relationship with God (exalt God), are transformed to be more like Christ (edify one another), and display his character by proclaiming the Good News (evangelize the lost).

MISSION PRIORITIES



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Fellowship

"Fellowship in the church is a process of building bridges, helping people move to a place where they know Jesus better, desire to become more like Him and seek to introduce others to Him."

FAITH SMALL GROUPS

Faith Small Groups are designed to help you build transparent relationships with other believers, while experiencing discipleship, mentorship, encouragement, and instruction in God's Word.

Visit our website for information on groups, times, and locations:
faithcrossroads.org

FAITH BIBLE CLASSES

A variety of classes meet each Sunday to challenge adults to dig into the truths of God's Word and become more like Him in everyday life. This is a great first connection beyond they worship service.

Visit our website for a full listing of our classes:
faithcrossroads.org

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Our Marriage Team is committed to strengthening marriages through interactive classes, retreats, and special events, and by connecting mentor couples who will meet with others and support marriages.



Adult Ministry

YOUNG ADULTS

Join us to build an authentic community of young adults ages 18-30 who are looking to grow in their relationships in the Lord through biblical teaching, fellowship, and ministry to the community. Meet with the group every Sunday at 10:30am.

MEN'S MINISTRY

We run engaging events during the year including weekend retreats, canoe trips, men's breakfast, and serving opportunities. We encourage men to join Life Teams, which are the heart of our men's ministry.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women gather in various events and Bible studies throughout the year to build relationships with other ladies and deepen their relationship with God. Women also gather for "1st Place for Health", a ministry to put Christ at the center of life choices.

FAITHMOMS

FaithMoms realize that we need one another as moms to encourage each other in this journey. We meet weekly to support, love, and pray for one another as well as study God's Word in small groups.

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Adoration

"Worship is our response to God for what he has already done for us. We come together as a family to worship God corporately and to experience His presence. This gathering results in a refreshing time where we can look at what God has done for us and how He has changed our lives."

SERVICES: 9:00 & 10:30

We have two one-hour services that are designed to give God glory through music, offerings, preaching, and other forms of media. It is important for us to be centered in God's Word through these methods of communication.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- A friendly inviting atmosphere with genuine people.
- Worship services that are approximately an hour in length.
- Bible-based practical messages that are relevant to your life.
- Teaching from Senior Pastor Peter Mason or one of our other pastoral staff.
- Worship singing led by Paul Taddeo and team with a contemporary feel while remembering old favorites
- Interactive Bible teaching for children and students.
- Faith Bible classes for adults of all ages.



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Worship Ministry

GETTING INVOLVED

If you feel led to be part of this ministry, there is a simple process to get involved:

1. **Choir:** Our choir sings seasonally (typically at Easter and Christmas). We typically have 3 rehearsals for these occasions. Listen for opportunities to sign up. Singers must be able to match pitch.
2. **Vocal Team:** We have a team of people who sing each Sunday morning either in large groups or small groups. This skilled team must be able to read music and sing parts by ear.
3. **Band Member:** Each Sunday we have a band made up of guitars, keys and drums. Players must be confident and competent with their instrument.
4. **Media:** Our media team consists of people who create graphics, operate the Audio board on Sundays, and operate lyrics on the computer on Sunday morning.

THE PROCESS

- An informal interview, which includes sharing your testimony and a prepared piece of music.
- Attend at least one rehearsal to meet the team and familiarize yourself with the setting.



Missions

GETTING INVOLVED

- Sign up to get missionary prayer updates by emailing office@faithcrossroads.org.
- Receive training in sharing your faith journey with family, friends, and neighbors.
- Be referred to a local ministry or mission organization that can utilize your gifts and talents.
- Use your experience and creativity to educate others in what God is doing throughout the world.
- Request to join our team to be more closely involved in strategic planning, events, and missionary care.

CONTACT

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Impact

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

Phillipians 1:3-5

We are a "Great Commission" church. Jesus commanded, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel!" We have the best news.

Our Lord describes the sphere of outreach to "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost part of the earth." This means we are responsible for local impact and global outreach. Our ministry style is "partnership" (Philippians 1:4-6). We do not serve alone, but in relationships with others who share our mission and vision!

Our family, neighbors, friends and co-workers are our "Jerusalem." Our "Samaria" encompasses our neighboring Schenectady where we partner with the City Mission, City Life, Alpha Pregnancy Center, Hope Prison Ministry and local churches.

However, our mission does not stop there. We are passionate about sharing the Good News around the world with missionary partners in Europe, Africa and Asia. Jesus said, "ALL THE WORLD"!



FaithKids

"We desire to partner with families on this journey, helping to equip and train children to think and act Biblically in all areas of life within a safe and loving environment."

SUNDAY MORNING

NURSERY

Our nurseries serve children ages 3 months to 3 years during both church services. Age appropriate lessons and activities are provided.

PRE-K TO 4TH GRADE

First Service (9:20am-10:15am):

Children's Church for Pre-K to 2nd graders
FaithKids Choir Class for 1st to 6th graders

Second Service (10:15am-11:30am):

Sunday school for Pre-K to 4th graders with a small group Bible lesson, activities, crafts and a large group worship time.

AWANA

Awana programs offer a proven approach for evangelizing and discipling kids in the church and community. Faith is excited to offer these great programs every Wednesday night at 6:30pm to 8:00pm from September to May. Nursery for children 3 months to 2 years old accompanies the adult Bible Study or volunteering with Awana or Journey Student Ministries.

Cubbies - 3 to 4 Year Old Children

Sparks - Kindergarten through 2nd Grade

Truth & Training - 3rd/4th Grade and 5th/6th Grade

Children's Ministry

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A fun, Bible-based week of activities for 1st grade through 6th grade students is held each Summer.

THURSDAY MORNING

FaithKids Thursday accompanies the FaithMoms ministry. Children ages 3 months through kindergarten and homeschoolers are able to attend. Your child is given the opportunity to play, participate in a Bible-based story time, make crafts, sings songs, and have a snack, all under the loving care of our FaithKids staff.



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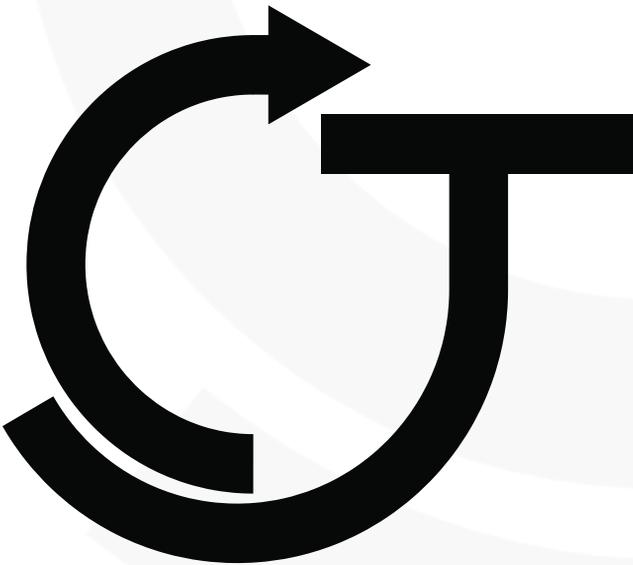
Journey

"Journey Student Ministry exists for one purpose: to make disciples who are fully devoted followers of Christ."

WE DO THIS THROUGH

1. Biblical Teaching
2. Partnering with Parents
3. Discipling Relationships
4. Purposeful Events
5. Ministry Leaders

A calendar of events can be found on our website, as well as in the youth room.



Student Ministry

ROOT 56 (5th-6th GRADE)

Root 56 is a great transition from children's ministry to youth ministry, where our 5th and 6th graders are gathered together for a time of games, snacks, and relevant Bible lessons. Various service events are held throughout the year.

Director: Wendy Kirkham

JOURNEY SUNDAY (7th-12th GRADE)

Join us every Sunday in the youth room for a great time of food, hanging out, and relevant biblical teachings. There is also a time to discuss these teachings in small groups.

JOURNEY WEDNESDAY (7th-12th GRADE)

Join us for a night of combined youth group and Awana. It's always a great night of games, lessons, and small groups.

SLT (7th-12th GRADE)

Every high school student has an opportunity to join the student leadership team. As a part of the SLT, you receive leadership training and a chance to be a part of making Journey Student Ministry amazing and relevant.

PARENT PANEL

Four times a year parents gather for a time of discussion, prayer and encouragement.

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Helps

"A variety of serving opportunities exist right here in our community, offering you a chance to feed the hungry, visit a shut in, or build a relationship with someone struggling to meet basic needs or dealing with devastating loss."

FOOD PANTRY

9am to 12pm
Every Friday

Faith Food Pantry is a local outreach ministry providing food, cleaning products, and personal hygiene items. Anyone in the area is welcome to visit the pantry when they are in need.

HELPING HANDS

This ministry team assesses situations and provides funding to help meet peoples' immediate needs through generous gifts from the congregation.

MANNA MEALS

This volunteer ministry provides meals when there is a hospitalization or other serious need within a family. We also have a team that provides a gathering meal for a family at the time of a funeral.



Support Ministry

VISITATION

This ministry exists to extend care and encouragement to those who are not able to connect as readily and fellowship due to health, age, or special circumstances. This includes special baskets delivered before Christmas time.

GRIEF CARE

Grief Care's goal is to support those who have lost a loved one by providing support, reading materials, and notes of encouragement to family members.

KNITTING/QUILTING/SEWING

This ministry meets to fellowship while using their talents to make items for area ministries and people in need.

CHOSEN

This group supports adoptive and foster families as they answer God's call to help waiting children.

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