



THE AWESOME POWER OF FAITH

Take the leap
Hebrews 11:6

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What Faith Is

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see... And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:1, 6

In Hebrews there is an element which is regarded as essential to the Christian life, and that is faith. It is what makes the Christian different from the non-Christian. Henry David Thoreau, once said, "If I seem to walk out of step with others, it is because I am listening to another drum beat. That is an exact description of faith: Christians walk as though listening to another drum beat.

This chapter centers on what faith is. Faith is greatly misunderstood and there are many

Upcoming Events

October 31st 6-9PM

Harvest Festival Community Outreach

The Month of November

ECHO Tushies and Toes Drive

November 2nd 6:30PM

New Life Center for Family Preservation

Annual Banquet and Auction

November 4th 8AM

Mens Breakfast

November 5th Both AM Services

Home Missions/Church Planters

Christmas Offering

November 7th 7PM

Womens Coffee and Chocolate

November 8th 7PM

November Chill

November 10th 6:30PM

Harvest Veterans Dinner

November 10th-12th

Royal Rangers Round Up

peculiar ideas of what it is. Faith is not positive thinking. Faith is not a hunch that is followed. Faith is not hoping for the best, hoping that everything will turn out alright. Faith is not a feeling of optimism. Faith is none of these things, though all of them have been identified as faith.

What is faith then? Faith begins with "things hoped for," that is, it starts with a sense of discontent. You can never have much faith unless you are dissatisfied with the way you are now, and are longing for something better. That is why, all through the Bible, the great enemy of faith is a complacent spirit, an attitude of self-satisfaction with the status quo. But if you are dissatisfied, if you are looking for something better, then you are in a position to exercise faith.

Then comes "the conviction of things not seen" - not only a desire for something better, but an awareness of something else: That is faith. It means we become aware that we are surrounded by an invisible kingdom, that which is seen is not the whole explanation of life, there are realities which cannot be seen or touched, and yet which are as real and as vital as anything we can see. This is so beautifully seen in the words and teachings of our Lord Jesus. He speaks of God the Father as though he were standing right there. He does not see the universe as an impersonal machine, grinding and clanking along, as science so frequently does, but he sees it as an invisible, but very real, spiritual kingdom.

Again Verse 6 says the same: "He that comes to God must believe that he is, that God exists." There are some who say, "That's the hard part." No, it is not. The easiest thing in the world to do is to believe that God exists. It requires effort to disbelieve. Everyone starts out believing God exists. It is only when they are carefully trained to disbelieve that any come to the place of declaring God does not

Harvest Community Festival



Tuesday, October 31st 6-9 PM

We are so excited about our upcoming Halloween Outreach. We will provide a safe and family friendly Halloween alternative. We are asking that our church family begin to start purchasing individually wrapped bags of candy and place them in the designated bins in the church foyer. If you would like to volunteer for this awesome outreach please contact Pastor Robbie.

ECHO'S Tushies and Toes Drive



The Month of November

exist. Light from God is streaming in on every side and all we need to do is open our eyes to see it. That is why children have no problem with this. The concept of God ought to be one of the most difficult ideas for children to grasp, since God cannot be seen. But children have no difficulty at all in believing that God exists.

Are you a person of faith? Is there a hunger for something better in your life? Is there a conviction that God is ready to answer your cry? In fact, he has already answered it, in Christ. Are you ready then to commit yourself to obey what he says, to accept his verdict, his viewpoint, as the true one despite the clamant cries that will pour into your ear from every side, saying this is wrong? That is what faith is, and if you are that kind of person you can join this parade of faith.

Are you hopeful for that which you hunger for -- your not-yet-completed maturity in Christ in your life? Will you rest in the indwelling Christ to work out His life in your salvation, bringing what He has promised to completion? 'The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.' -- 1 Thes. 5:25 (NIV)

Father, thank you for this revelation of what faith is today. How I feel the need of it, as I live in the midst of a confused and bewildered society. Grant me the simple faith of a child. Teach me to live according to it, though it be through difficulties, trials, heartache and tears.

Devotion by RayStedman.org

Womens Ministry Coffee and Chocolate

The month of November is recognized as National Adoption Month and to celebrate we are hosting a collection of diapers, underwear and socks to provide foster care and adoptive families that are in need. Please place all items in the designated bins in the foyer.

New Life Center for Family Preservation Annual Banquet and Silent Auction



**Thursday, November 2nd at
6:30 PM**

Join the New Lifer Center on Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30 pm for their annual banquet and silent auction. There will be live music, childcare and an uplifting message. There is no cost to attend. Please R.S.V.P. at the Information Desk by October



Tuesday, November 7th, 7 PM

Ladies please join us for this months Coffee and Chocolate for a great time of fun and fellowship. Please bring a dessert to share and a friend. If you have any questions please contact Judi Cotignola at judicotignola@yahoo.com.

Harvest Veterans Dinner



Friday, November 10th 6:30PM

All of our Harvest Veterans and their spouses are invited to this appreciation dinner. Please sign up at the Information Desk if you plan to attend. For more information contact Steve or Jen Kovacevic at harvestveterans@gmail.com.

Harvest Giving App

For IOS and Android Phones

We are happy to announce that we have a quick and secure tool that is available to us

Mens Breakfast



**Saturday, November 4th at
8:00 AM**

All of our Harvest Men are invited to attend this months mens breakfast. Come and enjoy food and fellowship and a great time in God's Word. **There will be a Mens work day immediately following the breakfast. We would love all of your help.**

Home Missions/Church Planters Christmas Offering



**Sunday, November 5th, AM
Services**

On Sunday, November 5th all of our Missions Offering will be going toward our Church Planters

now for Giving. All you need to do is go to your App store on your phone and type in Harvest Assembly of God Lakeland, and download it for free right to your smart phone.

and their spouses for Christmas. This is a great way to bless these Pastors for Christmas. Please be in prayer as to how your family can be a blessing this year.

Service Times

Saturday

7 pm Adult Worship

7 pm Embrace Children's Church

Sunday

9 am Early Morning Worship

9 am Christian Education

11 am Mid Morning Worship

11 am Harvest Kids Church

11 am Special Needs Church

6 pm Evening Worship

6 pm Student Ministries

Wednesday

7 pm Adult Worship

7 pm Girls Ministries and Royal Rangers

We look forward to seeing you!

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