



faith church

W I L L I S T O N

MONTHLY NEWS

december 2025

pastor's note

A shoot will come for the stump of Jesse;
From his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him-
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding
The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and fear of the LORD-
He will delight in the fear of the LORD.

Isaiah 11:1-3

Advent is here and now is the time of preparation and celebration. We prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, knowing that His return is nearer than ever, and we celebrate is birth and incarnation. God came to us slicing through space and time and our relationship with the living God is intimate and experiential.

This Jesus shares all that we aspire to wisdom, understanding, counsel and might. Most of all, he is the flesh and blood example of the fear of the LORD. He shows us what true reverence and love means. He leads us to the places we do not easily go. He is our savior and our friend but more than that is friend of God. The obedient son that changes the world.

Let us delight with Him! God comes to us!

Pastor Ross

christmas memorials

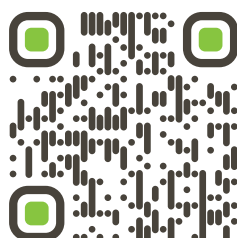
Christmas decorating at Faith Church is not complete until the Poinsettias appear. Each year, donations are made in memory or in honor of loved ones. Because the poinsettias we use are silk, the donations are used for a special project.

The Christmas memorials/honorariums 2025 will go toward Sunday School classroom renovation.

Memorials and honorariums given to the church will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. To be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin, the memorials/honorariums need to be in the church office by Monday, December 22.

Thank you for your gifts.

Get in Touch



Sunday Worship Times

9:30 am - Sunday School

9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30 am - Worship

Announcements

out in faith & g.i.f.t.

We are truly grateful for everyone who assisted with the Thanksgiving meal!! 619 meals were served on November 22 at the GIFT meal. The holiday season is special to everyone, but often times it can be a difficult time when one is struggling in life. Each week people are assistance both physically and spiritually. Many have received coats and gloves from the ministry. This fall, about 205 coats were given to people in need of a warm coat. We are able to be generous because you are generous as well as our supporters. Thank you for helping us meet the needs as they arise at Faith Church through Out In Faith and the GIFT service and meal.

The GIFT meal is served as a drive through meal. We serve the meal between 5-6:15 pm each Saturday. We will not be serving a meal on December 27. If you would like to assist with a meal, please contact the church office or come to the Church by 4:15pm on Saturday evenings, or call the church office.

We are always looking for people to make bars, brownies, cakes or cookies.

Thank you for your part in Out In Faith!

christmas buckets

Each December, Out in Faith gives "Christmas Buckets" to all who attend the GIFT meal on Saturday nights. The buckets are gender and age appropriate. Each bucket will include tooth brush, tooth paste, brush or comb, wash cloth, soap, shampoo, hat, gloves, and new socks. In the men's buckets, we add a razor, shaving cream and deodorant. For women, we add deodorant and lotion. In youth and children's buckets, we add crayons or colored pencils, small age appropriate toy, drawing paper or notebook, game/puzzle and maybe a stuffed animal.

If you would like to assist with the Christmas Buckets, bring monetary or physical gifts to Faith Church by December 8.

If you would like to help pack the buckets, please come to church on Wednesday, December 10 at 10 am.

christian education

Our annual Christmas Program is coming up quickly.

This year's program will be Sunday, December 14 during the 10:30 am worship service. It will be followed by an all church potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite entrée, side dish, salad or dessert to share.

We will be having a special visitor at our potluck who will deliver a Christmas bag to each child.

We have four practices left! Attendance is so important.
Saturday, December 6 at 10 am
Sunday, December 7 during Sunday school
Saturday, December 13 at 10 am
Sunday, December 14 during Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School on December 28th or January 4th for Christmas break.

We wish you all a blessed and very Merry Christmas.

Debbie Brown
Christian Education Director

scholarships

College scholarships are available for members and participants at Faith Methodist Church.

The applicant must have graduated from high school or GED.

Those interested in applying for a scholarship, please come to the church office for an application.

Deadline is January 1, 2026.

women of grace

Women of Grace is a time for women of all ages to gather and learn more about God and fellowship together. Our first meeting will be Sunday, 12 from 3-5 pm. We will have a time of fellowship, food and faith building. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

cookie exchange

We are having a cookie exchange on Friday, December 12 at 11:00 am.

The cookies will be used for baskets for shut-ins and others in our church.

If you would like to participate, please bring 8 dozen of cookies. We are meeting in the Fireside Room.

home communion

Home Communion: If you would like communion, but do not feel comfortable gathering with others during this time of COVID or are limited in your ability to leave your home, please let us know at the church office and we will arrange a home visit with communion for you.

a time of celebration

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all who have been celebrating in December and will be celebrating in January

God bless you!



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MONTHLY CALENDAR

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 9:30 am MomCo 11 am Bible Study Noon Staff Meeting | 3 5:30 pm AA 7:30 pm 345 Multiply Bible Study | 4 1 pm Faith Quilters 7 pm Scouts | 5 5 pm Recital | 6 10 am Program Practice 5 pm GIFT meal |
| 7 Communion Sunday 11:35 am Administrative Council 5:30 pm Alliance Church | 8 2:15 pm Homeschoolers 6 pm Cub Scouts | 9 11 am Bible Study 7 pm 4-H | 10 10 am Pack Christmas Buckets 5:30 pm AA 7:30 pm 345 Multiply Bible Study | 11 1 pm Faith Quilters 7 pm Eastern Star 7 pm Scouts | 12 11 am Cookie exchange Scout Lock-in | 13 10 am Program Practice 5 pm GIFT meal |
| 14 Church Christmas Program & Potluck 5:30 pm Alliance Church | 15 2:15 pm Homeschoolers 6 pm Cub Scouts | 16 11 am Bible Study | 17 5:30 pm AA 7:30 pm 345 Multiply Bible Study | 18 11 am Fall Bazaar Meeting 6:30 pm Recital 7 pm Scouts | 19 | 20 5 pm GIFT meal |
| 21 11:35 High School Confirmation 5:30 pm Alliance Church | 22 2:15 pm Homeschoolers | 23 11 am Bible Study | 24 3 pm Christmas Eve Service | 25 Merry Christmas! | 26 | 27 No GIFT meal |
| 28 No Sunday School 5:30 pm Alliance Church | 29 | 30 | 31 5:30 pm AA 7:30 pm 345 Multiply Bible Study | | | |

Merry Christmas!

