



NEWSLETTER

News & Events

Prayer Gathering

The whole church family is invited to a Prayer Gathering on **Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 6:00pm** in the Family Life Center!

Meet Me at the Park

We invite caregivers and kids to join us for playtime at the park every 1st, 3rd, and 5th (if applicable) Wednesday of the month at 9:30 AM! Visit our website for dates and park locations.

Men's Breakfast

All men are welcome to join us on **Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 8:30 AM** in the Stables for breakfast and a devotion. Please RSVP by emailing mensministry@faithbfc.com.

The Eternal God

When Abraham left his hometown of Ur, he wandered from one place to another. He lived in tents, cooked over a fire, and faced one adversity after another. He never knew what the next day would bring. Abraham's life was filled with uncertainty and insecurity and he longed for something permanent. It was near a well in the town of Beersheba that he found what he was looking for. In Genesis 21:33, God referred to Himself to Abraham as "el Olam" which means eternal or everlasting God. This was greatly encouraging to Abraham. Despite the unstable, unsettled, and transitory nature of his life, the God Abraham knew had been around for eternity. And if we are to really know God, we need to have a better understanding of the elements of His eternity.

A common question that children will often ask is "Where did God come from?" And it is a logical question. For we have been taught to believe that everything comes from some place. Every physical object has a maker. We tell children that God is the ultimate creator and maker of all things. However, they become confused when we say, "No one made God; He always was." The Bible never tries to prove God's existence or explain where He came from. Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning, God." He is just there. He existed before all things and He Himself brought everything else into existence. God is self-existent. He is the only being there is who does not owe His existence to somebody else. And this God who had no beginning and no end has granted those who have trusted in Christ eternal life.

God is also free from the succession of events. One of the basic characteristics of time is past, present, and future. We as human beings are bound to the fleeting succession of present moments. No matter how we break time down, we cannot escape the limitations of time. For convenience we speak of eternity past, present, and future. However, God's eternity is a mode of existence that is not bound by the succession of past, present, and future. God created time, and He can work within it. Yet, God lives in one eternal now. He views our lives and all human history from beginning to end. God does not acquire His knowledge from a succession of events like we do. He knows the end as thoroughly as the

beginning because He has already lived it. He knows our joys and our tragedies. In His providence, God orchestrated every event in life to accomplish our present and future benefit. When we come to realize this, it can help us to face our future with confidence.

-Pastor Greg Uhrich

Vacation Bible School 2021

Vacation Bible School was July 11-15 and we were so excited to have it back after having to cancel last year due to covid restrictions. This year's theme was "Mystery Island", where the kids (Islanders) tracked down the One True God. Each night, they rotated through three different areas. Deep Sea Science and Crafts, where they performed an experiment and completed a craft related to the theme for the evening. They sat in Lighthouse Lessons where their Bible teacher spoke about a different characteristic of God. They also



participated in Ride the Tide Games, where they participated in fun activities, ending that time with a sweet treat at Tropical Treats! During the rotations, each group was asked to find their "buried treasure", where they discovered a fact about God to earn points for their team.



Each evening ended with a drama. Miss Mabry, the resort manager at Buccaneer Bay, and her assistant Dylan, worked to run the resort, assisted siblings in finding their buried treasure, all while keeping a pesky criminal at bay. It was a busy week with about 100 children in attendance each night, 3 of which accepted Christ as their savior! The kids were also encouraged to bring in offering for the missionaries of

the week, D&A. With a goal of \$500, the kids brought in more than \$800 to support the missionaries and their business! Thank you to all the volunteers who invested their time before and during VBS to bring the Word of God to these children!

-Brittany Spangenburg

