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## our leaders

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Jeff Lawson

### Deacons

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## our *mission*

Our mission at Faith is to grow fully devoted followers of Jesus. In order to accomplish this mission, we seek to build a community grounded in weekly worship, small group Bible study, prayer groups, and service to others.

# Meeting the Messiah in the Mess



FAITH CHURCH  
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ch. 12. 6.  
Ps. 52. 8.  
Jer. 11. 16.  
Zech. 4. 3.  
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# worship *celebration*

February 18, 2024

# sermon *notes*

## **Announcements**

## **Call to Worship**

## **Song of Praise**

*"Our God"*

## **Prayer of Invocation**

## **Time of Greeting**

## **Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon**

## **Worship in Song**

*"Your Grace Is Enough"*

*"Come As You Are"*

## **Prayer and Offering**

Place any tithe contributions and connect cards in the plate as it comes by.

## **Scripture Reading**

Hosea 11:1-9

## **Reception of New Members**

## **Children's Moment**

Children ages 4 — 1st grade are invited to meet at the back door for Kids' Praise in Room 104.

## **Preaching of the Word**

**"Loving Lavishly"**

Luke 7:36-50

Pastor Keith Ledford

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

## **Response to the Word**

*"Living Hope"*

## **Benediction**

# prayer requests

- Pray for our President, Vice-President, and Administration that they will have the necessary wisdom to lead our country well.
- Pray for the Lord's strength and protection for the persecuted Church all over the world.
- Pray for Israel and the many innocents suffering there. Pray for their strength and resolve against the many who would do them harm.
- Pray for wisdom and unity for our church leadership and staff.
- Pray that we will have wisdom in discerning God's plan for Faith Church in 2024 and the will to fully embrace His plan for us.
- Pray for Carol Gonas' upcoming hip surgery on February 26. Pray that there would be no health hindrances to delay the surgery and that it would be successful in relieving her pain.
- Pray that Shirley Lane will recover quickly and completely from her most recent health challenges. Please remember to pray for strength and direction for Shirley's grandson, Brian Leach.
- Pray for Lloyd Carlinsky's overall health and that he will be able to receive comfort and relief for several medical issues.
- Praise God that Joyce Loria has recovered from some recent health issues. Pray that God will keep her safe from other health challenges and will continue to comfort and protect her.
- Pray for Margaret Beaulieu as she continues to deal with breathing difficulties. Praises that she is seeing some improvement and has recently been able to join us for worship service.
- Pray that Brenda Castleyoung's recent back procedure will provide relief from her pain as well as increase her balance and stability. Brenda is also recovering from a recent lung procedure. Please pray that she sees improvement also in her lung function.
- Pray for Debbie Hull, Geri Paolini's sister, who continues to deal with the effects of lymphoma, for her comfort and healing.
- Pray for our families who are unable to join us due to their health: Jane Conlon, Linda Donato, Chuck Fisher, Lyn English, and the Del Favero Family.

# sunday schedule

8:45-9:00 am	Prayer	Prayer Chapel
9:30-10:15 am	Christian Education Classes	Classrooms
	Adults: Fruit of the Spirit	Room 103
	Westminster Shorter Catechism Study	Room 105
	Spiritual Gifts Assessment	Room 106
	Pre K — 1st grade	Room 104
	2nd—5th grades	Room 102
	Nursery, ages infant thru 3 years	Room 101
	YOUTH Sunday School	Youth Loft
10:30-11:45 am	Worship Celebration	Sanctuary
11:00-11:45am	Kids' Praise (ages 4 year olds– 1st grade)	Room 104
5:00-7:00 pm	BLAZE Youth	Youth Loft

# weekly events

## Monday, February 19

## Tuesday, February 20

## Wednesday, February 21

10:00 am	"Bad Girls of the Bible"	Room 106
6:00 pm	Dinner	Gym
7:00 pm	BLAZE Youth	Youth Loft
7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study	Room 105
7:00 pm	Sisters in Prayer	Fellowship Corner

## Thursday, February 22

10:00 am	Thurs. Ladies Bible Study	Room 106
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## Friday, February 23

## Saturday, February 24

7:30 am	Men's Morning Bible Study	Room 105
8:00 pm	Youth Ice Skating Night	Ellenton Ice Rink

## Sunday, February 25

9:30 am	Sunday School Classes	Classrooms
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	BLAZE Youth	Youth Loft



# upcoming events

Please visit [www.faithsarasota.org](http://www.faithsarasota.org) for information about our church/events/recent sermons.

- Connect with us through our **Faith Connect Cards** and **Church Center App**: <https://faithchurchpca.churchcenter.com>. Church Center is a mobile app and web experience where our congregation can explore, engage, and get involved throughout the week. Download the App now and start connecting.
- **Please plan to JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL next week (and beyond!) at 9:30am** – Mike Hamel continues to lead his class in a study of the “Fruit of the Spirit”, in Room 103. Elder Jeff Lawson continues to lead a study of the Westminster Shorter Catechism in Room 105. Elder Randy Coryell leads our Spiritual Gifts Assessments class in Room 106. Youth meet in the Loft; Pre-K through 1st grade meet in Room 104; 2nd through 5th grades meet in Room 102.
- **Our WEDNESDAY LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY “Bad Girls of the Bible”** will resume this week, February 21st, at 10:00 am in Room 106.
- **MID-WEEK DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY**– .Join us THIS Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00pm in the Gym for spaghetti and meatballs, bread, salad, and dessert. Please stop by the Welcome Desk to sign up for dinner. Small group meetings and activities for all ages follow at 7:00pm. Our Bible Study meets in Room 105; our Sisters in Prayer meet in the Fellowship Corner.
- Our **THURSDAY LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Thursday, February 22nd from 10-11:30am in Room 106. Please join us for a time of fellowship, learning, and prayer!
- Our **MEN’S BIBLE STUDY** now meets each Saturday, from 7:30-9:00am in Room 105, led by Lewis Rosove. We hope you’ll join us on the 24th!
- For longer-term planning, our **EASTER SEASON** is a bit earlier than usual this year, with Easter falling on March 31st. We are planning services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, as well as a Sunrise Service Easter morning, an Easter breakfast, and worship service Easter morning. We hope you’ll plan to join us for as many of these events as possible!
- We will hold a short **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** on Sunday, March 24th (Palm Sunday), immediately after our worship service, for the election of our new Deacon candidate, Frank Ketschek. Please plan to attend if possible.

# ministry spotlight

Opportunities to Serve our Community AND our Faith Family — Looking ahead, we have a couple of **SUPER SERVICE SATURDAY** opportunities in March, so mark your calendars! On March 2nd, we’ll be providing services to **SELAH FREEDOM**, an organization for those victimized by human trafficking. On March 23rd, we’ll take part in **ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK’s** food distribution event at Van Wezel. Sign-up sheets are now available at the Welcome Desk for these events. Additionally, you should have received an email recently describing a need within our Faith Family for help with service hours in qualifying for a house with the **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** organization. This helping opportunity window began last week and extends through June and involves house-building work at current Habitat for Humanity construction sites. The email contains instructions for obtaining more information as well as guidance in signing up to volunteer. If you have questions, please see Pastor Keith or Dreama Fumia.

# stewardship thoughts

## Our Sacrifices Please God

*“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”*

Hebrews 13:16

How important is it to give up something you want in order to give more for God’s work? Yes, God is pleased with those who make sacrifices to be generous givers!