

November, 2022

From the Elders



Growing pains: as we grow, we all experience them. There are the physical growing pains we experience in our youth as our bodies grow and our bones stretch, the ones that wake us up in the middle of the night looking for the comfort of our parents. Then there are the emotional growing pains that we experience as we mature. These are often the results of relationships: people hurting us, people breaking our trust, people growing apart. These types of growing pains often occur because we are doing life with people, bumping shoulders with one another, getting our hands dirty together. The more that we do life with one another, the more opportunities there are for growing pains.

Growing pains are a part of life; they are a part of living with our relatives, and they will be part of life within the church. Paul experienced growing pains all throughout his ministry. In 2 Timothy, Paul mentions several people who caused him great pain by leaving him at a time when he needed them the most (2 Timothy 1:15, 4:10, 14). Growing pains should be expected as we continue to grow as a church body and grow closer to one another.

In these moments, we need to persevere and live out the many “one anothers” that we find throughout the scriptures. We are called to love one another (John 13:34), build one another up (Rom. 14:9), bear one another’s burdens (Gal. 6:2), and forgive one another (Eph. 4:2). The list goes on, and in more than one place you will find some commands repeated. As we grow, we will hurt one another and let one another down, but our response in those moments is a great opportunity to live out the gospel towards one another. Our prayer as the elders here at Faith BFC is that we continue to grow in our love for one another, even through difficult times.

-Ricardo Vargas, on behalf of the elders

Coming Up



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| 1– Women’s Group, 10 AM
Life Group, 5 PM | 15– Women’s Group, 10 AM
Life Group, 5 PM |
| 2– Prayer, 11 AM | 16– Prayer, 11 AM |
| 4– Life Group, 6 PM
Youth Group, 7–9 PM | 18– Life Group, 6 PM
Youth Group Babysitting, 7–9 PM |
| 5– Youth Paintball, 12–3 PM | 20– Life Group, 5 PM |
| 6– Life Group, 5 PM | 21– Life Group, 6 PM |
| 7– Life Group, 6 PM
Youth Small Group, 7–9 PM | Youth Small Group, 7–9 PM |
| 8– Election Day, 7 AM–8 PM
Women’s Bible Study, 5 PM | 22– Men’s Bible Study, 5 PM |
| 9– Prayer, 11 AM | 23– Prayer, 11 AM |
| 12– Pilgrim’s Progress Outdoor
Adventure, 3–6 PM | 27– Fellowship Meal, 12 PM |
| 13– Visit from David Gundrum of
Church Extension Ministries | 29– Women’s Group, 10 AM
Life Group, 5 PM |
| | 30– Prayer, 11 AM |

Announcements



- ◆ PARENTS! Enjoy a date night or get a head start on your Christmas shopping! On **Friday, November 18**, the youth will babysit your children at the church from 7 to 9 PM as a fundraiser. Watch the church bulletin for more details, and start planning for your evening out!
- ◆ Interested in serving the church as a newsletter writer? Have feedback about the newsletter that you would like to share? Contact Jean Soyke with comments or for more information.

Getting to Know... the Lathams



Meet Timothy, Rachel, and 9-month-old Ruth! The Lathams have been attending Faith BFC York since June of this year. They say they are still adjusting to their move from Lancaster to York two years ago. The Lathams enjoy spending time with their families and seeing their daughter grow so quickly. Please make the Lathams feel welcome!

Women's Fellowship Groups



Did you know that we have begun two women's fellowship groups this fall? Every other Tuesday morning, one group of women explore Paul Tripp's *Change and Your Relationships*. Once a month, on a Saturday morning, the focus is on Rebekah Merkle's *Eve in Exile*. If you are a woman looking to build closer relationships in the church and grow in your Christian walk, contact Kasha Vargas for more information about joining a women's fellowship group.

Missionaries of the Month



In October, we participated in a sock drive to support the homeless ministry of the BFC church plant in Milford, Delaware. Our own Helen Gemmill recently had the opportunity to visit with church planters Josh and Juli Dupiche. These bullet points update the work God is doing through the Dupiches and their ministry.

- ◆ The church is outgrowing its small space, with more families with children now attending. They only have two very small rooms for children's church (each smaller than the size of one of our main floor restrooms). Pray that they will locate a new building in Milford.
- ◆ Pray for the development of leaders to shoulder some of the church work. Josh asked that we pray particularly for two men who are taking a more active role: Darius who is helping lead worship and G (yes, that is what he goes by) who handles the announcements, Scripture reading, and PowerPoint slides, also playing percussion for worship.
- ◆ Pray for the church as they focus on outreach to the community and opportunities to share the gospel. The area has a large homeless population, and area shelters don't open until temperatures fall below 30 degrees.
- ◆ Pray for the Dupiche family as they continue to mourn the passing of Josh's sister. Josh and Juli are in the process of becoming legal guardians for Grace (12th grade) and Aiden (9th grade). They praise God that when they moved to Milford they bought a four-bedroom house that had more space than they needed then but is now sufficient. The Dupiches also have twin five-year-old daughters (Scarlett and Selah) and a three-year-old son, Josiah.

Please continue to pray for all our BFC church planters as they continue their important work.

